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Just Refuse to Comply

In 2020, many Americans were gripped by a fear so great it seemed to break their will and spirit. The Covid fever took hold in a way so powerful it was difficult to understand.

One wonders if in the 1950s, 1960s, or 1970s people would have so eagerly bought into the lies that were set upon us during the “pandemic,” such as believing that visiting a public beach was a deadly venture. Or that going home for Thanksgiving might kill grandma. Or that singing in church was dangerous and must be stopped in order to save people.



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Regardless of whether such lies would have worked in the past, people did believe them in 2020; they were afraid — so afraid that they complied with strict obedience to every Covid mandate and publicly shamed those who refused to do so. As a result, America changed, simply because most people complied.

The impact of the past three years is mind-boggling, and so many questions remain: What happened to people? Is the current of the movement to end America so strong that people did not think twice about forfeiting their freedoms to evildoers? Are these the end times?

And while we can and *should* examine these questions deeply, the truth is that the destruction of American liberties was happening long before the Covid lockdowns.

To end the cycle of fear, freedom-loving Americans must exert enormous effort and time — time that is running out if we want to save this country from totalitarianism — and declare an end to the madness, committing to truth and following the facts.

A meme recently gone viral and sparking strong reactions on social media read, “And then the people said, ‘no.’ The End.” But are Americans finally waking up? Action more than words is critical, as threats of another lockdown are imminent, with both red *and* blue states already beginning to impose moronic masking and vaccination policies as well as discussing strategies for closing schools and health facilities to combat the “dangerous” emerging variants of the China-born virus.

“#We will not comply” is trending on Twitter — now known as X — as more and more hospitals nationwide impose mask mandates and outrageous rules that restrict family members from visiting loved ones receiving care.

And high-profile figures urging Americans to resist government control over their bodies and to refuse to accept by “blind faith” health guidance not backed by clinical evidence range from Florida Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo to former president Donald Trump to America’s Frontline Doctor Simone Gold, and ordinary people determined not to allow the government to take control of their freedoms.



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Prepared to Fight

In late August, when signs that masking was making a comeback in Los Angeles (Lionsgate Media), Silver Springs, Maryland (Rosemary Hills Elementary School), and Atlanta (Morris Brown College), Dr. Ladapo fired off this tweet, confirming Florida's stance against masking and lockdowns: "What do you call re-imposing mask policies that have been proven ineffective or restarting lockdowns that are known to cause harm? You don't call it sanity. These terrible policies only work with your cooperation. How about refusing to participate...."

Days later, Donald Trump took to social media to stir his supporters, posting: "COVID Tyrants want to take away our Freedom. Hear my words — WE WILL NOT COMPLY." In a video garnering more than four million views, Trump warned of an attempt by "left-wing lunatics" to bring back the mandates and lockdowns in an attempt to rig the 2024 presidential election.

"They want to restart the covid hysteria so they can justify more lockdowns, more censorship, more illegal dropboxes, more mail-in ballots ... heading into the 2024 election," exclaimed Trump. "These are bad people, these are sick people we're dealing with. But to every covid tyrant who wants to take away our freedoms, hear these words — WE WILL NOT COMPLY." Trump condemned the closing of schools and masking/vaccination mandates, and urged Americans to not let it happen.

"When I am back in the White House, I will use every available authority to cut federal funding to any school, college, airline, or any public transportation system that imposes a mask mandate or a vaccine mandate," he promised.

But Trump alone cannot get us out of this situation (indeed, he did not do so as president in 2020); it will take the people to stop it.

So where are the resisting parents of the students at the Rosemary Hills school, where the administration recently posted a letter stating that KN95 masks were provided to students and teachers and rapid test kits were sent home?

According to an *Epoch Times* report, Principal Rebecca Irwin Kennedy wrote in a letter dated September 5 that "additional KN95 masks have been distributed and students and staff in identified classes or activities will be required to mask while in school for the next 10 days, except while eating or drinking."

The mandates are needed, said Kennedy, "to keep our school environment as safe as possible for in-person teaching and learning, and to prevent further transmission of COVID-19 in this group."

Kennedy should know that to date not one scientifically controlled trial with a conclusive outcome has proven the advantage of wearing a mask versus not wearing a mask when it comes to preventing infectious viral illness.



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Joseph Ladapo (AP Images)

Dr. Joseph Mercola has been informing his readers of this fact for years, enlightening them in a recent interview with Denis Rancourt, a researcher at the Ontario Civil Liberties Association (OCLA) and former physics professor at the University of Ottawa.

“I looked into the biology and physics of how these diseases are transmitted,” said Rancourt. “And what I found is the establishment desperately wants to convince us to wear masks because personally wearing a mask, psychologically cements in the person this idea that we live in a world where there are dangerous viral pathogens that cause respiratory diseases that are extraordinary, and that the only way you can be protected is that the state is going to control your life and is going to give you vaccines. So this is the thing. It’s fear-based. It’s a frenzy. It’s like a call to war, and it’s irrational.”

Questioning the irrational has not been acceptable since the Covid hysteria began, but even the fearmongering Dr. Anthony Fauci has flip-flopped more than once on masking.

Fauci voiced concern in a recent interview with CNN that Americans would resist the reimposition of mask mandates. “I am concerned that people will not abide by recommendations,” he said during a segment in which he was asked to respond to an exhaustive new study that showed masks did not work. And yes, the public’s confidence in the U.S. healthcare system continues to decline. A new Gallup poll shows only 33 percent of Americans would comply with new mandates, down from 44 percent in 2022.

Even the leftist *New York Times* acknowledged the aforementioned study, conducted by a British independent research organization considered to be the gold standard for reviewing healthcare data. The group’s research, headed by Oxford epidemiologist Tom Jefferson, included “the most rigorous and comprehensive analysis of scientific studies conducted on the efficacy of masks for reducing the spread of respiratory illnesses — including Covid-19,” explained *Times* opinion columnist Bret Stephens in his article *The Mask Mandates Did Nothing, Will Any Lessons Be Learned?*

“There is just no evidence that they” — masks — “make any difference. Full stop,” Jefferson told journalist Maryanne Demasi. Stephens, in a rare move, had to admit that “those skeptics who were furiously mocked as cranks and occasionally censored as ‘misinformers’ for opposing mandates were right.”

Still, Fauci hoped a “reasonably high” volume of “dangerous” cases would instill enough fear that the public would adhere to masking recommendations.



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The good news is that it isn't likely that a new federal masking mandate will go into effect after the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a 2022 Biden administration vaccination and testing requirement for large employers. The 6-3 conservative majority decision ruled that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration exceeded its authority, forcing the agency to nix the requirement on January 26, 2022.



Simone Gold (AP Images)

"Most Americans already know that masking everyone is superstition," wrote America's Frontline Doctors founder Simone Gold in a blog post reprint of a heavily edited *USA Today* op-ed she submitted back in 2020. "But unlike privately carrying a lucky charm, mandating facial coverings requires the consent of the governed.... The disinformation about both Covid-19 and the Constitution has caused us to turn a medical issue into a legal crisis."

Recall that starting in 2020, it was Dr. Fauci who all but decreed that federal agencies and state and local governments impose mask mandates for airplanes, schools, public transit, restaurants, churches, and workplaces. As the *New York Post* aptly reported, as recently as this May, the former director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said that unvaccinated children still should mask up when playing with friends.

"The mask has become the most visible symbol of #socialconditioning to Americans determined to preserve individual freedom," wrote Dr. Gold. "Thus far most Americans have continued to give their consent to be governed. But you are trying our patience."

Looking Back

Indeed, the 2020 mandates created a host of legal and personal crises. Millions of Americans experienced "paralyzing" work environments, where discrimination against the unvaccinated became commonplace. Employees who refused to get the jab were singled out and confronted in front of other staff, who reminded them they would not be allowed in company facilities if they did not comply by the deadline. Needing to make a living, many nurses and healthcare workers asked themselves, "Do I not get the shot and give up my dream?"

Nationwide, people wrestled with the decision to vaccinate or not to vaccinate, and how they would cope with the ramifications of their choices. Many who chose to not get the jab sought medical and religious exemptions; others filed lawsuits, and still others stood up and peacefully protested. As



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America's Frontline Doctor Jeff Barke reminded us, "If we are not willing to sacrifice now, we will sacrifice everything later on."

Many police officers, firefighters, healthcare workers, and parents who refused to tolerate the tyranny back then must stand up and refuse to accept it now. Moreover, patriots who are too comfortable, thinking the battle is not coming to their doors, must wake up. The war is real, and Americans must stand to defend liberty.

A few brave pastors set a tone of resistance, especially in California. By not shuttering his church, Pastor Mike McClure of Calvary Chapel San Jose refused to play the game the way the government wanted him to play it. He stood on biblical grounds, resisted tyrants, and upheld his constitutional rights, even though he was facing millions of dollars in fines for keeping his church open. He continues to be involved in multiple lawsuits because he steadfastly refused to comply.

"We're in state court, and federal court, we're waiting to hear back from our lawyer Bob Tyler and his team at Advocates for Faith and Freedom, who have done a wonderful job," McClure told author and historian David Barton in an interview in 2020. "The philosophy of the state has been to wear the lawyers out. The state has an endless flow of cash and amount of funds and resources. The church, as much as it's been difficult, I think it's really grown. We're over 3,000 people."

McClure and others like him who have boldly preached against the tyrannical overreach of the state since resuming church services during the 2020 lockdowns have since filed cross-complaints against both the county and the state, arguing that the 2020 health orders violated God-given, constitutionally protected liberties.

The Fight Is Far From Over

There is no shame in protecting personal freedoms and exercising our rights as Americans. This is the message Dr. Ladapo sent to Floridians in August, a message that all Americans should heed. He has also warned strongly against taking the new mRNA Covid boosters.

In a memo through the Florida Department of Health, Dr. Ladapo advised Floridians (specifically those 65 and older) not to take the mRNA shots, stating the absence of "booster-specific clinical trial data" had failed the American people's confidence in the "vaccines'" safety and efficacy.

The document posted to the social-media platform X listed troubling concerns regarding the mRNA Covid-19 shots, including "negative effectiveness after 4-6 months, the increased risks of infection, myocarditis, and other cardiovascular conditions, as well as elevated levels of the spike protein inherent in the jabs that carry myriad health risks."

To protect against all illnesses this flu season, Ladapo encouraged Floridians to use common sense:

- Stay physically active
- Minimize processed foods
- Maximize vegetables and healthy fats
- Spend time outside to support necessary vitamin D levels

Dr. Ladapo took aim at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Biden White House, tweeting: "CDC & FDA continue to push COVID



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vaccines that are not backed by clinical evidence, but blind faith alone with ZERO regard for widespread immunity. The American people deserve the truth, but the Biden admin only wants to control your behavior.”

The politicization of Covid is apparent, with most Democrats likely to accept the moronic mandates and arbitrary rules touted to benefit the greater good. Yet Republicans, while more likely to push back on the restrictions, have also allowed certain policies to stand.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis’ claim to fame has been his handling of the Covid mandates. While at the outset of Covid the Sunshine State locked down, along with every other state in the Union, it reopened faster than all the rest and saw a boom in its economy as well as a record number of people moving to the state.

The U.S. Census Bureau reports that Florida was the fastest-growing state in 2022, with its population of 22 million increasing by 1.9 percent. Between 2020-2021, the state gained roughly 320,000 new residents, according to a Census report.

Refuse to Comply

When the Covid fever started, Americans sought a cure in all the wrong places. Common sense and critical thinking were replaced with blind obedience and trust in medical experts whose advice flip-flopped depending on the need to control the moment. People already conditioned to comply ditched their critical thinking skills and allowed their lives to be changed forever. Why? Because the people complied. New Yorkers, who would normally balk at being told what to do, were suddenly as obedient as slaves to a master, embracing eagerly “the pause” and dictates of the almighty governor, the now-disgraced Andrew Cuomo. Fear was palpable. The healthy quarantined and believed the hysteria that it would help to “stop the spread.” The “brave” few on the empty subways and vacant Manhattan streets were masked up to their eyeballs, their faces downcast. Tens of thousands of businesses closed. The few that did not strictly enforced “social distancing.” The city that never sleeps transformed into a dystopian hell enveloped in a haze of coma-like confusion.

It was impossible to move freely, and, rather than being isolated in their apartments, many fled the city to start over in less-oppressive states.

This was life in America because the people complied.

The scourge of Covid fear that swept up the sheep of the nation in 2020 and shockingly endured for years has resurfaced to test not only the will of the American people, but also their ability to resist government and media control over their God-given liberties.

Will there be an end to the mandates? Only when the people say it is over, will it be over.

This is a “genuine revolution in which we find ourselves,” writes Dr. Naomi Wolf in her upcoming book *Facing the Beast*, “and the heroes and heroines fighting it ... [are uncovering] the greatest crime against humanity ever.”

We must resist the encroaching tyranny of the state in whatever form and not let the government or corporations hold our bodies or jobs for ransom ever again. We must fight this evil every single day or embrace the next step: totalitarianism.



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