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## Citizens Rally to “Shut Down the Shutdown” in Dallas

DALLAS — About 150 demonstrators braved the edict against mass gatherings in Dallas, many of them carrying home-made signs saying things such as “Free the People,” “Constitutional Rights Matter,” “The Shutdown Is Not legal,” to “Work Not Welfare” as they marched around the south end of Dealey Plaza with the Reverend Stephen Broden leading them and carrying a megaphone chanting, “Shut down the shutdown — elected officials work for us.”



The demonstration was organized just a few days earlier when Lisa Luby Ryan sent an e-mail to some friends. The message then spread by word of mouth from friend to friend.

The protestors spoke out against not only the shutdown, but against any orders requiring citizens to accede to Track and Trace technology, universal vaccinations, or carrying a mandatory medical ID card indicating they were not infected with the coronavirus. Numerous speakers, most of them impromptu, spoke from the heart. There were many references to the U.S. Constitution, and how it wasn't being obeyed. Reverend Broden quoted the Founding Fathers, using the words of the Declaration of Independence, and emphasized that governments are instituted among men for the purpose of protecting our rights and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed.

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*The New American* interviewed several of the participants. Among the crowd was an entrepreneur whose transport business is suffering due to the politician-imposed closures. One of her customers came with her to the demonstration.

Another member of the crowd was Michelle Smith, the admin for a Facebook group called FreeTexas, a group that is only six days old and is growing by leaps and bounds. At noon, the group had 35,967 members. Approximately 6,000 people per day are joining this group, according to Smith. Other participating groups included Citizens Matter, Dallas Eagle Forum, and American Liberty Forum.

These people are off to a good start. Let's hope they don't get targeted by neutralizers or false friends who worm their way into good groups and then make them ineffective, by misleading them, fracturing them, or getting them to follow tangential issues. Hopefully, these groups seek the advice of time-tested, constitutionalist organizations such as the [The John Birch Society](#).

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