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Vermont Will Interrogate Students, Penalize Families Who Violate Thanksgiving Regs

On the heels of Oregon governor Kate Brown encouraging people to call the police on neighbors who violate her Thanksgiving prohibitions comes another snitch-seeking measure 3,000 miles away:

Vermont governor Phil Scott wants his state's schools to interrogate students about their Thanksgiving activities when classes resume after holiday break.

"According to Scott, students or parents who admit to violating the state's holiday travel and gathering rules will be forced to participate in online school for two weeks, he announced via Twitter [below] on Tuesday," [reports](#) the Federalist. "The penalty will be reduced to one week if the students in question take a COVID-19 test."



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Unfortunately, we know some will still get together and schools have asked for help. [@VTEducation](#) will direct schools to ask students or parents if they were part of multi-family gatherings and if the answer is yes, they'll need to go remote for 14 days or 7 days and a test. 9/

— Governor Phil Scott (@GovPhilScott) [November 24, 2020](#)

The governor wasn't done yet, either. He further tweeted:

And the VPA is aware (based on current data) that we must unfortunately postpone the start of school sports until further notice (we'll review weekly). I hope adults realize the need to sacrifice to give our kids these experiences and keep them in school as much as possible. 11/

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As with other statist politicians — who either have an agenda or don't know what the heck they're doing (or both) — Scott made an oft-heard promise: COVID salvation lies right around the corner, with just the next sacrifice, really, truly (tweet below).

I know asking you to sacrifice yet again is frustrating. But there is light at the end of the tunnel and we'll get there. The sacrifices we make today and in the next few weeks will ensure we get to the end faster, stronger and in a better position than any other state. 13/

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Where is the end of this tunnel, in 2031? Or does the tunnel grow like Pinocchio's nose with every politician's lie?

People aren't just frustrated, but fed up. They should be, too, given officials' ever-morphing prescriptions. Remember that restrictions were first supposed to be in place just for about two weeks, to "flatten the curve."

Yet when it was clear the healthcare system wouldn't be overwhelmed — and that models showing it would be were flawed, even those factoring in mitigation efforts — we heard Justification B. To wit: We can't "reopen" until we have 14 straight days of declining infections.

It still wasn't good enough when this was achieved, though, which gave us Justification C: We can't reopen until there's a vaccine.

But Scott's tunnel light aside, even this has now been revised. Despite a 90-plus-percent-effective vaccine poised for introduction next month, we have Justification D: We can never return to normal. Why? Oh, just because...

It's a COVID con, the Nigerian-prince e-mail version of an epidemiological strategy.

Unsurprisingly, while some Twitter respondents praised Scott's leadership, others took none too kindly to his meddling (examples below).

North Korea does this when they want to find out if the families have a Bible. Evidently your governor's mentor is Kim Jong-un.

— moira (@megabtodaro) [November 25, 2020](#)

Exactly. Somebody needs to meet this Governor out in one of your town squares and learn him a few things about manners, privacy, and American history when it comes to tyranny and rebellion.

— ATR (@ATR19) [November 26, 2020](#)

And Mao's youth. Let's not forget, all the collectivist seek to control the kids first.

— President-Elect (@dresluco) [November 25, 2020](#)

But even then just a little more fascism, just in case

— Babu Frik (@LibertyFrik) [November 25, 2020](#)

Another respondent, replying to a Governor Scott acolyte, illustrated an inconvenient (to Big Brother) correlation:

Mask compliance is at all time highs. Just face the fact they don't work.

pic.twitter.com/vhsgY58yiw

— Ingleberg humperdink (@InglebergH) [November 25, 2020](#)



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Yet another tweeter also tried to lend some perspective:

TXMX MEMEs @TXMX_MEMEs

So will you also give a NAME to all the other deaths in VT from Non Covid reasons, as well? Car crashes, intoxication, suicide, heart attacks, depression, stroke, abortion...or is this just a political stunt? #pandering #followrealscience #notforvermonters

It's not surprising that a respiratory disease would spike during "flu" season, and we are seeing a rise in China virus cases in most of the world. Yet is the panic warranted? As I've pointed out repeatedly, it's not infection rate that matters, but the *hospitalization and mortality rates*.

And according to statistics [here](#), Vermont had 85 new COVID cases, with 18 hospitalized and three in ICUs as of November 23. Moreover, this presupposes that they're all China virus patients, even though it's known that flu cases are often lumped in with them.

We also might ask: What does it profit a nation to gain the world but to lose its soul? Is it really worth atomizing ourselves, sacrificing our culture and time spent with loved ones, destroying businesses and lives, and causing lockdown-related death over a virus whose [survival rate](#) for those 69 and younger is 99.5 to 99.997 percent?

Many of our leaders obviously don't think so. After all, [so many](#) violate [their own preaching](#). The latest is Denver mayor Michael Hancock, who [flew to Mississippi](#) not an hour after warning city residents to "avoid travel, if you can."

So it's no wonder many people are getting fed up and are currently sending imperious politicians a message: It's not a good idea being a big government turkey on Thanksgiving.



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