

The Pragmatic Constitutionalist

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Will You Stand?

I'm still in rural Wisconsin. I've got to be back in North Carolina this week, but I don't want to go. My current location is as close to Nirvana as I'm going to experience in this lifetime and is probably as far from the hell of '20/'21 as I can hide. My close friend who owns this property told me, just last week, this is the place whereupon he hopes to draw his last breath. It is as fine a place for that final ambition as any I've personally visited.

My work on the 'Scamdemic Book' has hit somewhat of a deepening bog in this past couple weeks, simply because of the daily avalanche of new data and escalating political power plays. To say this crisis "has no end" is literally finding its way into the book title. (I'm not kidding.) Then, Biden delivered his vax mandate speech on Thursday afternoon, and everything changed, once again. (Judging from the content of my DMs, most of you get it, too.)

The day of Biden's speech, I was working on a long article regarding the ongoing grudge match between Drs. Fauci and Paul. Unless you've only watched the tightly edited MSNBC videos of their Senate sparring sessions, you know that Sen. Rand Paul has owned the COVID Carnival Huckster every single time. Going all the way back to the early days of the pandemic, Rand would press Fauci on "natural immunity" questions, only to have the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases deny the applicability of decades worth of research into viruses and immunology to COVID-19. Bookend those early contests with the more recent vindication of Rand's having caught Fauci in blatant perjury over "gain of function" funding, and it's "Game, Set, Match" to the good Senator.

Unless, of course, you're a MSM mind-numbed leftist who still doesn't know that ALL the latest natural immunity studies are coming to the defense of Rand's earliest assertions, and the latest FOIA discoveries by The Intercept have totally vindicated Rand in his accusations against Fauci being the most lying-ass liar of all who've been lying about COVID-19 from day one.

And THAT was not even close to the underlying context of where I was headed with that story. Literally, in the middle of an article in which I'd already committed 1,200 words or so, I stopped to watch Biden's speech . . . and I've been paralyzed, since. Oh, sure, I popped off an initial "shocked" response for my Locals and FB followers, but that's all I've been able to generate since Thursday evening.

Do we even come close to realizing the staggering, historical, American political landscape-altering import of Biden's speech? I think I do. I think I see it for exactly what it is, and I think I got the message the instant these two sentences proceeded from his mouth:

"If they'll not help, if these governors won't help us beat the pandemic, I'll use my power as president to get them out of the way."

And . . .

"This is not about freedom or personal choice. It's about protecting yourself and those around you." Never mind the unconstitutional aspect of directing the Department of Labor to require this vaccine mandate on small businesses with more than 100 employees. The Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches all trample our Constitution and circumvent original intent every day, so we have to win this battle at the state level . . . and that is exactly why Biden preemptively fired a warning shot across the bow of America's Republican governors in Thursday's speech. The question is . . . what EXACTLY is that "power" he claims to have as president to "get them out of the way?"

In the case of Illinois Governor Rod Blagojevich, he was charged with a federal crime for attempting to sell Barack Obama's vacant Senate seat . . . but where is the federal crime in a state governor defending his own constituents' right to operate their businesses free of arbitrary, punitive federal mandates? Will Biden's lawyers attempt to create some kind of criminal nexus in these gubernatorial oppositions? President Eisenhower may also have made some move against Arkansas Governor Orval Faubus if he'd not backed down in his opposition to the integration of Little Rock's Central High School. Even then, I don't know what "crime" Faubus was committing that would allow for any kind of presidential order of removal. There's simply no such Constitutional power given to the president. If a governor commits a federal crime, the Justice Department can file charges and arrest the governor, but then it remains up to that state and its own laws on "if and how" they choose to remove the governor from office. There's simply no such power granted by the Constitution to the President. But, that THREAT now hangs in the air, and it should chill the spine of every American not currently in mass psychotic trance. Then, there's the other comment:

"This is not about freedom or personal choice. It's about protecting yourself and those around you." This one flies in the face of both the emerging vaccine data and the very undergirding spirit of American liberty. The current data is nearly irrefutable in two regards. First, the vaccines most definitely lower your risk of more severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. (In perspective . . . if your risk of death is 0.3%, the vax may lower that risk to 0.1%. If you're in a much higher risk group, of say . . . 3% . . . you may greatly benefit, and the vax may lower your risk of death to less than 1%.) Second, what the vax DOES NOT do as well as promised, is keep you from getting infected or reinfected, AND, if you are vaccinated and infected, you are as EQUALLY infectious as an unvaccinated person carrying the disease.

LISTEN TO ME CLOSELY:

If you are vaccinated, you are as protected from someone who is unvaccinated as you are from the vaccinated. Put another way . . . if you are vaccinated, you are equally at risk from someone who is vaccinated and carrying COVID-19 as you are from someone who is unvaccinated and carrying COVID-19. There is NO scientifically justifiable basis for Biden's additional assertion: "We're going to protect vaccinated workers from unvaccinated co-workers." There is only the desire for tyrannical control over the behavior of Americans' individual lives, and the ongoing effort to soften Americans to

the next level of surrender they will require. (“Gun violence is a national healthcare emergency,” says the CDC. Hmmm?)

This IS NOT about "protecting yourself and those around you." This is about centralized control of all aspects of our economy, and protecting us “from ourselves” and “from each other” is the lie Americans are buying to allow this next step toward that end. American small business is the last remaining vestige of pure capitalism in this country. Our massive multinational corporations and publicly traded behemoths have already traded their souls for privilege and protection in the developing fascistic state, but even they do not comprise the largest portion of our nation's workforce. That power still belongs to America's small businesses, so the next step is to take all remaining autonomy away from those companies employing more than 100 workers. Then, it's just a matter of picking off the remaining smallest employers by virtue of the impracticability of their ability to fight the overwhelming power of the federal government's command and control over even the smallest portions of local economies. What is the legal precedent Biden intends to invoke to take over this portion of the American economy in order to “protect yourself and those around you?” According to the NY Times, "White House officials believe the emergency authority provided by Congress under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 is a legitimate and legal way to combat the coronavirus pandemic." Almost two dozen state governors believe otherwise, and many of recent history's thinkers have warned us this day would come.

H.L. Mencken said, "The urge to save humanity is almost always a false front for the urge to rule." Going all the way back to 1961, Ronald Reagan warned us by saying, "One of the traditional methods of imposing statism or socialism on a people has been by way of medicine. It's very easy to disguise a medical program as a humanitarian project."

C.S. Lewis may have said it best: “Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive."

Back to my originally intended story about Rand vs. Fauci . . .

The same bureaucratic lies that have driven all manner of ineffective, unscientific mask mandates and lockdown orders since March of 2020 are now behind Biden's violation of his own December 2020 false promise not to impose vaccine mandates. Fauci's ability to get by with his own falsehoods, the MSM's protection of Fauci, and the American people's lemming-like acceptance of those lies have given the administration the Green Light to proceed full speed ahead. Fauci lied about everything from masks, to natural immunity, to his own department's gain of function funding at the Wuhan lab. But, even more frustrating than reading the comment threads of the Fooled Fauci Faithful — whom we expect to be incapable of accepting truth when it hits them over the head — are the comments I'm reading from Libertarian pages regarding Rand's recent vindication. I mean, seriously . . . many Libertarian Party members REALLY hate Rand Paul. Some of the examples I've read over the past few days are stunning.

First, long threads accusing Rand of having gotten his medical degree from “LensCrafters.” Obviously people who don’t know the difference between an optometrist and an ophthalmologist. Fact is, he received his MD from Duke University, (the third highest ranked medical school in the country), and is a licensed eye surgeon in the state of Kentucky. (License #29638 Exp. 2/28/2022) Some are even so petty as to criticize his charitable work — donating free eye surgeries to poor people — in both Kentucky and abroad. (That’s some really lowlife criticism right there.)

There are the accusations from LP members that Rand is a “sell out” and a “Trump butt-boy.” It would be interesting to see how many of Rand’s actual Senate votes these detractors agree with. 90%? 95%? I always ask them, “What level of perfection must Rand vote, so as to not be labeled a ‘sell out?’ 100%?” They NEVER answer. Truth is, the actual measure of their disdain is simply based upon the fact Rand doesn’t play on their team. They can point out a half-dozen or so Senate votes with which they disagree, (as can I), but they ignore the hundreds with which they do agree.

These “Libertarians” denigrating Rand Paul on social media would cum all over themselves if he suddenly pulled a Justin Amash, left the GOP, and declared himself a member of the LP. But, because he carries an “R” after his name, it matters not that he’s gotten more done in the cause for liberty and done more charity work than ANY of those sideline-squatting LP critics. He can do those things because he’s actually “in the game.” And . . . they’re not. Rand has taken the lead in combating the lies of the medical bureaucracy during the final months of the Trump administration and during this first year of the Biden administration, and the emerging data has proven him correct each and every time. Despite this fact, those who should be standing with Rand in this fight on Capitol Hill — his most natural allies in liberty — are some of his most outspoken critics based on wanton ignorance and petty tribalism.

If [L]ibertarians, [L]ibertarians, classical liberals, and conservatives of all stripes do not end the petty hostilities and join together, NOW, we are going to lose EVERYTHING. I use the Rand Paul hatred as a single underlying example of the kind of tribal division that will ultimately leave us stripped of anything remotely resembling a Bill of Rights if we do not come together in this fight against our common enemy. An enemy that has successfully used progressive incrementalism to dismantle the Constitution for over a hundred years, and has now accelerated that agenda at an alarming pace in the last year and half.

Is it not apparent the war is already at the very doorstep of millions of Americans? It’s at my doorstep, today. My very livelihood is being taken from me, one small piece at a time, and if Biden wins this battle, I will likely lose everything. My career of over 40 years will be taken from me, simply because I believe in the individual right of every American to choose what is best for their own healthcare in the face of a disease that is 99.7% survivable, and for which medical science has already provided the means of protection for anyone who chooses to be vaccinated. Even the CDC has released a statement that 80% of Americans now have some sort of immunity against this virus. (I suspect I’m among that 80%, even not having taken the jab.)

While I am a risk to no one — medically — I am most definitely "at risk" from the tyrannical spirit and coming actions of this current presidential administration. But, I will resist. I will not comply. I will not "show my papers" in order to access a venue, watch a movie, buy groceries, or keep my job. There may be a myriad of workarounds in the short term, and we may beat this current assault back. Even the UK has announced the temporary suspension of their own vaccine passport program . . . while "holding it in reserve, should it be needed at a future time." I suspect they've discovered how difficult it is to administer, even with currently available digital technologies, and the hardships it places on small businesses. (Or, maybe they've come to the common sense conclusion about the science as I've explained it above?)

Either way, I'm prepared to fight. I'm going to stand. Will you stand with me? I know I'm not alone, but we need more who are willing to make the necessary sacrifices. For most of us, this is but the first real test of our lifetimes. "Live free or die" may not yet be on the table, but for millions of us, "Live free and lose our livelihoods" is already happening.

On March 12th of 2020, when there had only been 40 deaths attributed to COVID-19 in the United States, I'd already faced two cancellations of events that pay my bills. 15 months of being declared "non-essential" and the subsequent losses followed. Two weeks ago, I reported to you that the new round of losses were already happening, including the first cancellation because I refused to declare the vaccination status of my individual band members to a large corporate buyer. If Biden wins this opening battle — and yes, this is now a war for our basic freedoms — the dominos will begin to cascade for millions of us.

Will you put aside those petty differences and stand with us? Will you stand with Rand and the Republican governors who are engaged in this first major battle? We need you. We need you, now.

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