

Stopping Job Vaxism

A year ago, President Biden signed executive orders forcing COVID-19 vaccines on most people within the United States. His executive orders provided only the most limited exceptions. These orders presumed the ability of the President to dictate medical choices, enforced by losing your job and career. Whether you agree with the covid vaccine or not, the loss of autonomy in medical choice violates human rights. The executive orders have been in various court challenges for almost a year. Of the rulings issued so far, most of the orders have been found unconstitutional and illegal. The orders pertaining to federal employees and to the military still are awaiting court hearings and both have, as of this writing, injunctions against their enforcement. Mandates affecting health care workers are still in force.

The fight hasn't been solely in the courts. When the orders were issued, those with opposition to the covid vaccine, or just opposed to revealing their vaccination status, faced unemployment, loss of careers, and challenges feeding their families. The expansive nature of the mandates gave a stark and hopeless outlook, eliminating many of the places federal employees could go. All of them were alone in facing these decisions. Near the Dahlgren Navy Base, a small group got together to weigh their options. They decided to fight the mandates and support each other. By word of mouth, the group quickly grew over the next several months. People volunteered their time, ideas, and organized meetings to share information and socialize. They organized under the name We Hold Rights, as they refused to surrender their right to medical freedom. Members discovered that information was hard to track on court cases, mandates, and vaccine efficacy. Volunteers developed a website, weholdrights.com, to put the best information together on legal rights, court actions, and information for and against the vaccines. They formed protests to be heard by their management and to show their co-workers they were not alone. Reactions to protests from military and civilians started negatively, including flipping the bird and curses. Eventually the reactions became positive and isolated unvaccinated people who saw us realized they were not alone. Many showed their gratitude for standing up to the mandates and joined the cause.

Mandate induced stress was compounded by discrimination, both official and unofficial. This discrimination is continuing, even after the court injunctions. Officially, those who are unvaccinated have been required to test for COVID on regular intervals, often while being publicly shamed. Early on, only the unvaccinated were required to mask up in buildings, making it obvious who had submitted a religious or medical accommodation, which is private information. Travel is forbidden for unvaccinated, often without consideration for mission completion or test requirements. Travel has also been used to strip the unvaccinated from their positions, forcing them to train their replacements who had the vaccine. Unofficially, those without the vaccine have been subjected to verbal ridicule, insults, and "counselling sessions" by superiors, which amount to being harassed for not taking the vaccine due to their religious and/or medical objections. It is known that directions on how to implement vaccine restrictions is being passed verbally to avoid any trace of the orders. To give you an idea of the official attitude, VADM Galinis sent an all hands email stating:

"My message today is directed toward those of you who are eligible but have not yet made the decision to get vaccinated. ... Frankly, if you are not vaccinated, you will not

work for the U.S. Navy.” VADM Galinis, All Hands Email Oct. 14, 2021

VADM Galinis’s email made it clear that no one would be allowed to refuse the vaccine, and used emotional coercion (“Do it for your career and your loved ones.”) to make his point. His email, however, ignored Federal law that allows for religious and medical objections to medical procedures. He pressured the use of Emergency Use Authorized (EUA) vaccines, which is likely a violation of US Code 21 Sec. 360bbb-3. The attitude of various commands has been to ignore objections and to blindly press ahead with the mandates until the courts ordered an injunction. Those same commands continued discriminatory measures, some of which are still in place. Anyone providing a challenge to the discriminatory measures is either ignored or disparaged as if it isn’t “a big deal.”

Mandate induced stresses and discrimination on federal employees, and anyone also under mandates from other authorities, can be debilitating, disheartening, and occasionally leads to medical issues. It’s a major deal for most, many of whom are experts in their fields. An early survey of the We Hold Rights group found that those refusing the vaccine had an average of 15 years of government experience, often in fields that are not found in non-federal workforce. The impacts to them and their families are their major concern, especially when it comes from the same employer they have patriotically served. The personal stories follow similar themes, all from vaccine-based discrimination. A sole breadwinner with small children, who is religiously opposed to the vaccine, stresses over feeding their family. A worker with auto-immune condition refuses the vaccine due to the risk, and is forbidden from traveling. As a result of not being able to travel, they can no longer fulfill their job and are required to train their replacement. An unvaccinated expert in their field is required to test for covid twice a week without any symptoms, in front of their vaccinated peers, who have the privilege of testing in private. They are forbidden from traveling and are threatened with losing their career for being unable to perform their duties, though it is the employer who is prohibiting their duties. They are often told to just get the vaccine and it all goes away. Even with a temporary pause on enforcing the vaccine mandates, any of these situations can lead to stress related medical conditions. In all of these cases, it was the mandate and the discriminatory implementation that caused the damage. Is this treatment of people with ethical and medical concerns related to the Covid vaccine right? This question, among others, have been raised to their superiors, and they were ignored, mocked, or questions deflected, serving to further disenfranchise those asking by silencing them.

The impact of the mandates and the discrimination isn’t going away anytime soon. It is known that losing those opposed would likely reduce about 10% of the workforce on average. For Dahlgren, that would equate to around 500 federal employees and about 7,500 years of experience. The US Army has already removed 57,000 Reserve and National Guard soldiers, who refused the vaccine, reducing the Army reserve forces by 8%. Preserving military readiness is used to justify these mandates in the DoD, but far more DoD individuals have been lost by removal than were ever lost due to COVID. Overall, the impact of government personnel losses would be DoD weapons program schedule slips, increased costs, and reduced capability. Employee losses would reduce availability of services like welfare and Medicare. It would hamper efforts at patrolling the border and supporting policing efforts. Adding to these

concerns is evidence of the government ignoring existing federal laws in pursuit of the mandate. Recent news articles have discussed an illegal cover-up at the Department of Defense Inspector General's office in order to silence and disenfranchise the unvaccinated. Morale has plummeted, and the mandate restrictions have shattered trust in government organizations and the medical establishment. The politicization and coercion used to further the mandates has fragmented friends and families, which will take time to heal, if it ever does.

Nations that were previously tyrannical about enforcing vaccine mandates, like France and Canada, have dropped travel mandates and, in some cases, nationally. Other nations, like Denmark and UK, have stopped giving COVID vaccines to people under certain age limits. Meanwhile, US Courts continue to find covid mandates to be illegal. Major US cities, like New York, are rescinding their own mandates. The pandemic is over for pretty much everyone. Yet, President Biden still has not rescinded the remaining executive orders. A recent email from another command shows an expansion of this discrimination, extending travel bans to those without a flu vaccine. There is no flu pandemic, but job vaxism continues to spread.

Vaxism is discrimination based on vaccine status. It ignores the legitimate choices of others, ultimately discriminating against their rights. Vaxism needs to be stopped and the person's civil rights respected, especially in the realm of their livelihood. The battle for medical freedom is ongoing, and you can get involved. Contact your Delegate and Senator to encourage them to pass legislation forbidding mandates and vaxism in Virginia. Contact your US Representative and Senators to ban vaxism in the federal workforce and defund efforts to enforce a vaccine mandate. You can even contact the President and encourage the removal of the executive orders. Perhaps more importantly, help those who are facing job vaxism and speak up. This is the civil rights fight of our age- medical freedom. Stop Job Vaxism!