

If you're among those folks who occasionally jump on an airplane for a get away to some tropical paradise or have had life long dreams of visiting far away wonders you may want to get on that sooner than later. There are questions brewing and if not asked the days of air travel may once again only be available to the "elite" class and the rest of the basket of deplorable's could be permanently locked down to whatever continent you are on.

As we speak, Pilot shortages and increasing travel demand are causing backups at major airports <https://www.businessinsider.com/airlines-fly-bigger-planes-as-pilot-shortage-congestion-continues-2023-4>

Airlines are complaining the Biden Administration is not engaging and it will lead to another summer of travel chaos. While the world wonders if "Mayor Pete" is a 'b budget' an actor, an activist posing as a responsible representative, or a diversity "clone trooper" reading what he's told while leading America to an agenda far more diabolical you be the judge. Not only are questions and dark clouds of a certain Ohio train wreck" following him but, something we seem to have forgotten about is that he is also responsible for the skies. Easy to forget in part because of his ineptitude but mostly due to the never ending "in your face" assaults to the senses and logic, like breaking anti-trust laws.

Flashback to June 2020, Covid mandates, Airline capacity as of early April 2020 was down roughly 75 percent. 10's of thousands of airline staff were paid handsome packages to leave, the remnants either coerced, bribed or blackmailed into trading "jobs for jobs".

<https://www.dallasnews.com/business/airlines/2020/04/10/nearly-13500-american-airlines-pilots-and-flight-attendants-agree-to-voluntary-leave-or-early-retirement/>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-united-arlIns-idUSKBN23O0IX>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2021/08/20/airlines-carbon-emissions/>

Then From May - August 2021 Airline "news" was all about Carbon Tax, (social 'dogoodery' tax credits) vaccine passports and ESG... the great reset and climate change :

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2021/08/20/airlines-carbon-emissions/>

<https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/travel-logistics-and-infrastructure/our-insights/how-airlines-can-chart-a-path-to-zero-carbon-flying>

One of the genuine services the U.S. government provides the economy is air-traffic control. **Mr. Buttigieg, is a former McKinsey consultant,..**

With capacity already down 75 percent and half of industry growth coming from Asia, including China, India, and Southeast Asia decarbonization can work only if airlines from those nations are on board.

When Southwestern crashed on October 9th, 2021 the spin campaign began, claims were made, excuses given, lies told and the entire industry has been in shambles since. The collapse of thousands of flights was initially blamed on a vaccine mandate walk out, the truth was quite different. A letter from Jacksonville Aviation Authority COO Tony Cugno to the Board of Directors refuted the rumor of an organized walkout by controllers regarding the vaccination mandate and instead showed a staff shortage from potential adverse events FROM the injections! The latest information on FAA air traffic facilities affected by COVID-19 is on the map linked below, it was last updated 02/24/2022

<https://www.faa.gov/coronavirus/map>

Hope this email finds you well.....

A rumor is circulating in traditional and social media outlets stating JAX Center located in Hilliard was closed due to an organized walkout late Friday by controllers in response to the FAA's mandate that all employees get vaccinated for COVID....

A contact at FAA confirmed, they did have some staffing issues at JAX center late Friday, however those staffing issues were due to the following:

- Normal approved leave
- Controllers who received either their first or second dose of the vaccine and by policy are required to stay at home for (48) hours to self-monitor for side effects.....thus creating some staffing issues

The FAA has multiple layers of operational redundancy in place to ensure the stability and reliable of the national airspace system.....i.e. enroute air traffic control.

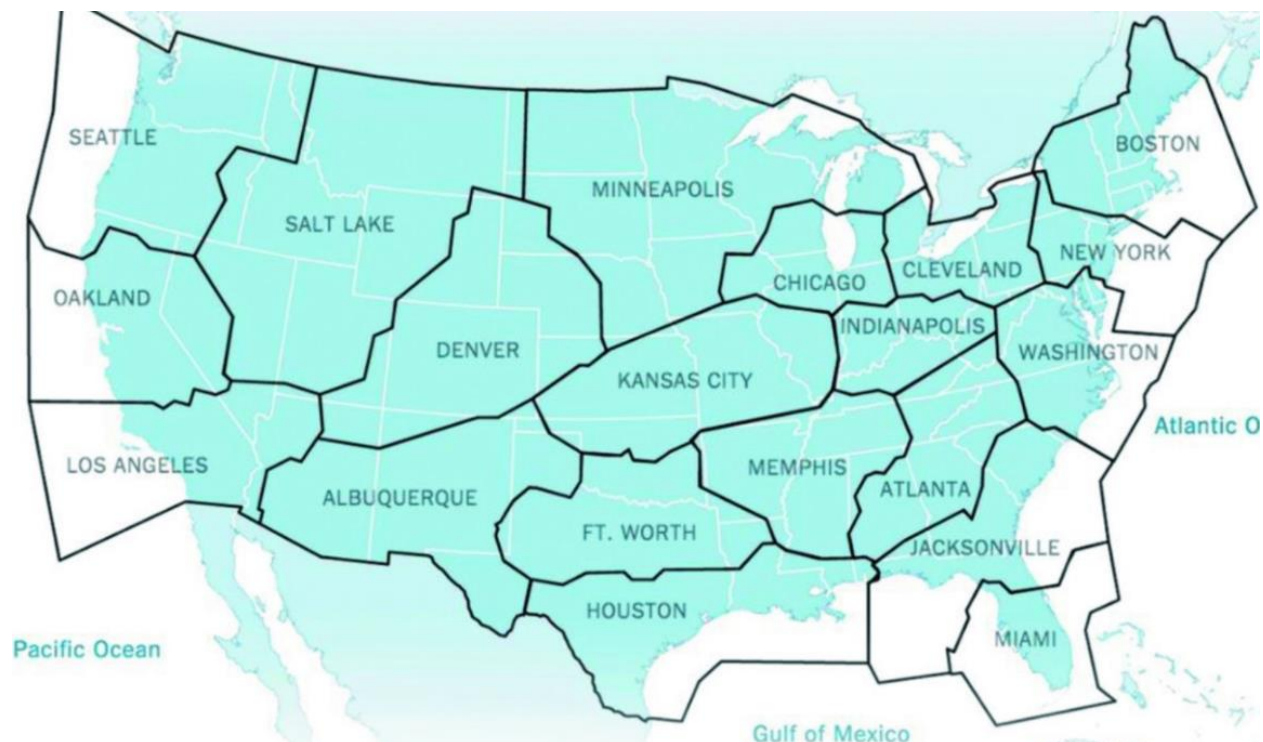
At no time was JAX operationally compromised, nor were we required to activate any irregular operational contingency plans.

<https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/trending/southwest-cancels-hundreds-more-flights/OV52XNRUFJCKRAGQDZOE75SZUE/>

<https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/duval-county/flight-delays-blamed-limited-staffing-jacksonville-air-traffic-control-center-weather/OHOVJKKIHNHOHBNKHVVBZA34YI/>

Where does all of this leave folks today? If you have not done it, you may never have the chance again. American, Delta, and United have collectively dropped 74 US airports since 2020 <https://www.businessinsider.com/see-full-list-of-airports-us-airlines-dropped-since-2020-2022-9> Some of the airports are in the Essential Air Service program, a federal program that was established to ensure certain communities do not lose their connection to the national air network by subsidizing airlines to operate routes to the protected cities and are now served by a new airline. See the growing list here: <https://www.businessinsider.com/see-full-list-of-airports-us-airlines-dropped-since-2020-2022-9>

While the FAA is warning of “staff shortages”, remember the January debacle that shut down the entire continental flight grid? Mayor Pete is asking airlines to run fewer flights while using larger planes and to be transparent about the potential for disruptions. The country is divided into air traffic control regions and some are more affected by staffing shortages than others. A staffing shortage in one sector can have dramatic effects across the whole system. But the FAA did recently come clean on staffing problems where as an example its New York-area traffic center is routinely left scrounging up 54% of its needed workers but has been (at least since 02/22) stymied for more than a year by Sen. Chuck Schumer and held off by organized labor since 2007.



<https://www.newsday.com/long-island/transportation/faa-air-traffic-controllers-westbury-tracon-relocate-philadelphia-iaif5i4f>

https://www.reddit.com/r/ATC/comments/112cnoj/newsday_article_about_n90_decombing/

Oh but there is good news! As of March 22/2023 “Mayor Pete” has a new plan to stem the aviation woes. ***It’s an anti trust law breaker*** but that’s just a minor inconvenience for the ruling powers. On a proposed JetBlue and Spirit Airlines merger, the Justice Department has intervened, suing to block the deal https://www.wsj.com/articles/justice-department-files-antitrust-lawsuit-to-block-jetblue-purchase-of-spirit-airlines-8496b514?mod=article_inline —unlike Florida, which reached an agreement with the two carriers despite having the most to lose if the deal were really as anticompetitive as the federal government says. So yes, the Biden administration is committing the antitrust crime it accuses JetBlue and Spirit of.

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/mayor-pete-plans-higher-fares-air-traffic-control-faa-unions-jetblue-spirit-merger-antitrust-d5d92034> https://www.faa.gov/sites/faa.gov/files/NYC%20Operational%20Integrity%20Waiver%20for%20Summer%202023%20FR%20Notice_Final%20For%20Signature.pdf

Is he telling Americans the truth? The FAA is still rudder less, Washington’s nominee having resigned after less than intense questions were raised about his utter void of airline knowledge of anything, yet.. Mayor Pete stated: **“The partisan attacks and procedural obstruction he has faced are undeserved The FAA needs a confirmed Administrator, and Phil Washington’s transportation & military experience made him an excellent nominee.”** <https://edition.cnn.com/2023/03/25/politics/faa-nominee-phil-washington-withdrawing/index.html>

Today In America they would have us believe “The next generation of customers are saying, ‘Look, I want to travel on a sustainable airline,’ ” DeLuca said. The narrative the industry is “selling the consumer” is called “upgauging”. *Bigger planes, more passengers per plane, less service to smaller markets, higher ticket costs.* “The way we continue to grow our model and grow the business is to upgauge our flights,” - Rodney Cox, United Airlines' vice president of airport operations. “Not every gate is equal,” Cox told CNBC. “You can't put a wide-body [airplane] on every single gate.” The next evolution will surely be automated replacement of air traffic controllers all together as in the case of London. <https://www.nats.aero/news/london-city-is-first-major-airport-controlled-by-remote-digital-tower/> while it seems the faith in Mayor Pete to have a meaningful impact is waning: https://www.wsj.com/articles/can-mayor-pete-fix-the-faa-air-traffic-control-corporatization-privitization-transportation-software-gore-11674590918?mod=article_inline

Factor in skyrocketing inflation, OPEC cutting production, the collapsing dollars and banks, de-dollarizing nations, BRICS and being on the brink of WWII... you are likely not alone and like the rest of us left or right wing wondering... **Which tail is actually “wagging the dog” here?**

Other interesting travel notes include "stay away" campaigns like in Amsterdam <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/news/amsterdam-new-rules-overtourism-red-light-district> Google's AirTag-like location tracking devices <https://www.lifewire.com/google-airtag-news-and-rumors-7371492> convenience restrictions to your selected airfare <https://www.newyorker.com/humor/daily-shouts/restrictions-to-your-selected-airfare> or the universal Deutschlandticket that lets you take all forms of public transportation throughout all of Germany, but of course... there is some fine print. According to the Business Insider, the pilot shortage is slowly easing — but isn't going away anytime soon and autonomous planes could fill the gap. Some airlines are quietly relaxing pilot enrolment programs at the same time as a series of crashes sprinkle the headlines, crashes due to inexperienced or unqualified pilots flying planes they would not be flying under normal conditions. Comforting right? <https://www.businessinsider.com/pilot-shortage-autonomous-aviation-self-flying-planes-2023-2#:~:text=The%20pilot%20shortage%20is%20estimated,a%20piloted%20urban%20mobility%20flight.>

Remember the “Donuts for Jobs” campaign? How about the “travel discounts for signing up for the convenience of the digital Identification campaign? Not yet? You will when you see them for your Digital Passport, that is their destination with this charade of incompetence and manufactured chaos is all about. Problem-Reaction-Solution and we wake up with CBDC's, Digital ID's, Digital Passports and a new social construct to manage us all.

Additional sources:

<https://edition.cnn.com/travel/article/faa-air-traffic-control-delays-florida/index.html>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/transportation/2023/04/01/faa-summer-delays-new-york/>

<https://www.nats.aero/news/london-city-is-first-major-airport-controlled-by-remote-digital-tower/>

<https://www.wsj.com/market-data/quotes/LUV>

If you want to keep on top of delayed flights you may want to visit or bookmark the "Flight Delay Information Map" at this link <https://nasstatus.faa.gov/>