NYC Employees Against Public Health Fanaticism and Medical Tyranny

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As tens of thousands of residents fled NYC in fear of the pandemic, city workers stayed at their jobs to serve the public. The city functioned and we were deemed heroes—until now. Now, we're supposedly pariahs because we refuse de Blasio's compulsory unilateral order to submit to blood poisoning from COVID-19 vaccines.

The CDC had always touted its support for the principle of "informed consent." That was true until free citizens wished to *withhold* consent for vaccines.

For example, parents used to be allowed to decide what enters their children's bloodstream, until 1989 when government officials told us "no shots, no school." Now de Blasio tells us "no shots, no job."

So for over 3 decades, government wouldn't educate our kids and would accuse us of child neglect if we didn't subject them to blood poisoning. Today, we're threatened with termination, thereby leading to our families being impoverished, if we (adults) don't submit to blood poisoning. As an added benefit, government is spreading the lie that unvaccinated people are spreading disease and death. But Democrats insist that government is our friend and it knows what's best for us!

For 4 decades, school officials in NYS used to grant devoutly religious parents exemption from vaccination for their children in school. But for the first time since 1913, Democrats captured all 3 branches of the state's government in November 2018. Once Democrats held that "trifecta" power in Albany, they wasted no time in repealing that law in 2019. Thereafter, parents were only allowed to exercise their religious beliefs by relocating to another state. Democrats think they know what's best for our children more than we do!

Now, de Blasio tells us we must be vaccinated to enter only restaurants and fitness clubs, because de Blasio thinks that viruses never attack people in supermarkets and grocery stores. De Blasio knows best—what appears to be low hanging fruit, politically. Restauranteurs, who have less political power, lost their businesses and life savings as they were forced to permanently close.

Nation-wide, Democrats weren't finished "helping" us. Forty percent of all small businesses permanently closed thanks to the rank stupidity of economic lockdowns. With government revenue plummeted, we now have a mounting national debt, inflation and looming recession from Democrat profligate spending to rescue people from eviction and foreclosure—whom they placed at risk of eviction and foreclosure in the first place! To date, Democrats want to spend an additional \$3.5 trillion in COVID relief—that is, relief from foolish government policies dealing with a fraudulent pandemic (explained later).

Union members will fight back. If workers are not extended opt-out provisions, or free COVID testing options and the like, union dues will be withheld. De Blasio may force us to submit to blood poisoning in order to feed, cloth and shelter our families. So he may own us today. But we will never vote for a Democrat again. Any Democrat who claims to support freedom is in the wrong party. We will work to turn NYS "red" and free from medical tyranny. Thank you, de Blasio. It took an authoritarian Sandonista to open our eyes.

And the fanaticism continues. On August 31, 2021, Democrat State Senator Brad Hoylman introduced Senate Bill S7320, giving the Health Commissioner the authority to order children to get the COVID shot. The bill description reads, "Relates to the definition of administration with respect to immunization to prevent COVID-19 for children between the ages of 2 and 18 years of age." Specifically, S7320 authorizes a doctor or nurse practitioner to administer a flu or COVID vaccine to the child *without parental consent*. It even goes on to authorize treatment for anaphylaxis if there's a reaction from the vaccine! No right to informed consent, yet you would be burdened for the rest of your life with the results of the medical decisions of government bureaucrats who don't even know your child.

Assemblymember Jeffrey Dinowitz (D-Bronx) announced he will be introducing an identical bill in the Assembly. Hoylman and Dinowitz were the authors of the bill that repealed the religious exemption from vaccine mandates to attend school in NYS in 2019, and they're also the authors of a bill that would mandate annual flu shots for all preschool and K-12 students. They're among the largest recipients of big pharma money.

My policies are in line with the science. —Bill de Blasio Science is the belief in the ignorance of the experts. —Richard Feynman, Nobel Laureate

In exhibiting more hubris than Hoylman and Dinowitz, President Biden delivered a speech to the nation on September 9.

Oblivious to the costly prolonged, destructive lockdown of a \$37 trillion economy and squandering an entire year of schooling for the nation's children, Biden complained condescendingly, (speaking to those who refuse to get vaccinated): "We've been patient, but our patience is wearing thin, and your refusal has cost all of us. So please, do the right thing." "Or else I will stomp out your career," is what he didn't say, but what his executive order intends to do.

In betraying his campaign promise to unite Americans, instead he turned American against American by claiming, "We're going to protect vaccinated workers from unvaccinated co-workers," who he claims are responsible for this pandemic.

Finally, he lashed out at Americans who have refused to comply with unproven and unprecedented pandemic-era rules. He announced a doubling of TSA fines for people who don't endorse the efficacy of wearing face masks: "If you break the rules, be prepared to pay. **And by the way, show some respect!**"

He was referring to a kind of respect which has never been extended to dissidents who conscientiously object to vaccination.

In the belief that there is only one medical opinion—that of his administration—he claims that the COVID vaccines are totally safe. He extends the political demagoguery to COVID, by using the same playbook used during battles over adult stem cells vs. embryonic stem cells; HIV=AIDS; fluoridation, and climate change, to wit, "we're the party of science," or "my mandates are justified because I'm following the science." (etc.) But saying you're following the science ignores the fact that scientists disagree.

Indeed, Biden's own health officals disagree. On September 1, Marion Gruber, director of the FDA's Office of Vaccines Research & Review, and FDA deputy director Phil Krause announced they're resigning from the FDA. They alleged that they were sidelined on major decisions by the CDC and ACIP, such as the administration's plan for booster shots, which they felt was premature. The FDA's former acting chief scientist, Luciana Borio, described Krause and Gruber as "two giants who helped bring us many safe and effective vaccines over decades of public service." Even pro-vaccine diehards lose their jobs over science disagreements in this administration!

Albert Einstein had best refuted the efficacy of consensus-thinking with the observation that it takes only one person to prove quantum theory is incorrect. Science isn't about consensus. And there can never be a consensus of doctors opposing vaccination *publicly*, because doing so leads to professional sanctions and suspensions of their license to practice. A doctor who accepts health insurance cannot openly oppose standard medicine.

Biden can't comprehend or tolerate that we can agree with a different set of scientists than his, and still be right. Nor does being in the minority negate the principle of "informed consent." The CDC's website indicates that that agency supports informed consent. But the CDC doesn't understand the meaning of the term. Informed consent is a meaningless term absent the right to withhold consent. As adults living in a free society, there are those who wish to exercise their own informed judgment regarding the benefits and risks with respect to substances that government wishes to inject into their bodies. The Freedom of Conscience clause of the First Amendment gives them the right to disagree with the president and act on those beliefs. Biden, Fauci and government doctors show no respect for people who hold convictions contrary to theirs.

The spirit of liberty is the spirit which is not too sure that it is right.

—Billings Learned Hand, Chief Justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, from "The Spirit of Liberty" (1952)

Moreover, presidential executive orders apply only to employees of the executive branch, pursuant to the unitary executive doctrine. It cannot apply to any employees in the private sector, or who are under the jurisdiction of state and local governments. If the president's executive order is allowed to stand with respect to state and city workers, then we would be allowing the federal government to abridge the sovereignty of each state. That would

be a terrible precedent, and obviously unconstitutional. We didn't elect a King last November. Legislatures must not allow the executive branches to usurp its prerogatives.

Furthermore, the legislative branches make the laws. The executive branches are supposed to enforce the laws. Biden cannot create laws affecting people not employed by the executive branch of the federal government, based on our Constitutional system: (1) Mandating vaccination for sovereigns of each state is not among the enumerated Article II powers of the Constitution, and (2) Neither Congress, nor the NYS Legistature, nor the NYC Council have authorized, through law, compulsory vaccination for COVID. Indeed, those legislative bodies have had ample time over 18 months to mandate COVID vaccines. To date, no legislature has. Thus, claims of the necessity to act based on emergency powers by any executive would not prevail under judicial review. Indeed, it would be laughed out of court.

Finally, an expert on the Constitutional law <u>details how</u> Biden's national vaccine mandate on workers in the US is manifestly unconstitutional even if it had the blessings of Congress, "because the Constitution only permits Congress to *regulate ongoing interstate commerce*, not to *coerce people into engaging in such commerce*."

At one point, Andrew McCarthy frames it in explicit terms:

To put it starkly, if the president may order a medical mandate because the federal government (and *not the executive*, mind you) is supposed to provide for the general welfare, then is there anything the federal government may not do? Is there anything left of the federalist principle that states are sovereign regarding their internal affairs? Absent the assurance of that principle's vitality, the Constitution would never have been ratified.

There was another man who didn't know that "respect" must be a two-way street. The now-disreputable, former Governor Andrew Cuomo spoke these words on May 3, 2020:

We almost overwhelmed the whole health system. So, caution moving forward. And look, how people cannot wear masks, **that to me is disrespectful. It is disrespectful.**It's disrespectful to the nurses, the doctors, the people who have been front-line workers, the transit workers—you wear the mask not for yourself, you wear the mask for me. It's a sign of respect to other people. And you make me sick, that is disrespectful. I have to go to the hospital, I have to call an ambulance, that's an ambulance driver. I have to go to an emergency room, and that's a nurse, that's a doctor that has to put on PPE that somebody has to buy and pay for. They have to risk being exposed to the virus, because you wouldn't wear a mask?

They have to risk being exposed to the virus because you would not wear a mask? Because you wouldn't wear a mask, you put so many people at risk because you did not want to wear a mask. I think that's disrespectful by you. It is disrespectful of your relationship and obligation to one another. Yes, we are all individuals. We

are individuals who live in a community in the middle of a global pandemic. Just be responsible **and show respect**. I don't think that's too much for each of us to ask of one another. That's a basic common decency in this situation.

For someone obsessed about showing respect, Cuomo showed very little respect for the women who worked for him. Biden and Cuomo pound the table demanding we respect their unprecedented rules, which lack scientific support and legislative authority. But where's their respect for our freedom of conscience? They're no better than Sharia supremacists when it comes to conscience. The sole difference is degree. Over there apostasy and blasphemy warrants the death penalty. Over here, you get fired.

On June 2019, when he was Governor, <u>Cuomo also stated</u>: "measles remain a public health threat when administrative loopholes allow children to go unvaccinated." Cuomo wasn't blind and deaf only to the rights of women to have a safe work environment. His remark that religious beliefs are nothing more than "loopholes" is hostile, offensive and disrespectful to people of faith.

Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their consciences. —C. S. Lewis

Biden, Cuomo, and Fauci not only disrespect vaccine objectors, they believe we're stupid. They think that government-endorsed science is the sole opinion whose prescriptions must be followed. They think we've forgotten that the term "vaccine failure" has now been replaced with a less pejorative, more deceptive term—"breakthrough cases." That we're unaware that <u>SARS-CoV-2 has never been isolated</u> (see page 5) since it cannot be purified, and that the invention of "variants" is intended to hide the fact that the vaccines are failing. And that the theory of herd immunity—long ago refuted by experts—is now being abandoned because faith in that theory tends to reduce vaccine compliance rates.

They allege that our dissident views are based on conspiracy theories, when it's actually based, in part, on the government's own data, such as the <u>Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)</u>, the database of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. VAERS <u>data show</u> that between between Dec. 14, 2020 and Aug. 13, 2021, a total of <u>595,622 total adverse events</u> were reported to VAERS, including <u>13,068 deaths</u>. In comparison, after approximately 50 deaths following <u>swine flu vaccination in 1976</u>, that vaccine campaign was immediately aborted.

The aim of inventing new terminologies is to establish rightfulness without having to debate, or furnish arguments and evidence. —Gary Krasner, July 2021

And they think we believe this CDC poster, which is full of lies. The CDC and FDA do not "carefully" monitor and verify the VAERS database, nor ask doctors to validate reports, nor does any government agency report adverse effects to the public. At most, new side effects are quietly published in the vaccine package inserts, which the public has no readily access to, let alone reads.

They think we're oblivious to those state of affairs, and the consequential increase in neuro-developmental, autoimmune and chronic diseases that have exploded more than 10-fold since 1986 (the year the federal government assumed all tort liability from vaccine injuries). They think we're so gullible not to realize that the government is solely concerned about the public's faith in vaccination, and not about vaccine safety and efficacy. Indeed, the CDC doesn't merely pose as a government regulator—it's a player in vaccine commerce. The CDC holds vaccine patents used in the process of developing or manufacturing vaccines. Companies license this technology, and pay royalties to the CDC and the inventors, many of whom are government scientists. In 2019, the CDC received \$17 million in total royalties from patented and unpatented technologies, but billions more are profited by pharmaceutical companies.

This is why <u>ICAN filed lawsuits</u>: HHS is supposed to follow through with vaccine safety monitoring and report to Congress every two years with their vaccine safety analysis. HHS has never done this since the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 was enacted into law.

Indeed, the CDC has lied to the public about autism for 25 years, with the news media puppets repeating the lie alleging that there's no causal link between infant vaccinations and late onset autism. On March 2, 2020 the CDC signed a court stipulation that identified a list of the studies they have relied upon to support the statement that vaccines do not cause autism. The list reveals that the CDC have no studies absolving the following vaccines of a role in causing autism: diphtheria, tetanus acellular pertussis (DTaP), hepatitis B (HepB), polio (IPV), haemophilus influenza b (Hib), and Prevnar 13.

Plaintiffs in the above complaint were able to show why the CDC lied for 25 years—self-interest. The conflicts of interest among vaccine makers and regulatory agencies permeates the process, from manufacture to testing and government approval. (SEE: Informed Consent Action Network v. C.D.C., 1:20-cv-01453 (S.D.N.Y. 2020))

Excerpt:

In executing its vaccine safety duties, HHS must be extra vigilant to avoid conflicts of interest, including those with pharmaceutical companies. This is because in addition to its vaccine safety duties, HHS is simultaneously responsible for promoting vaccines and for defending against claims of vaccine injuries. Indeed, the CDC is the single largest purchaser and distributor of vaccines in the country. Through its Vaccines for Children Program ("VFC"), created in 1993, the CDC promotes and distributes approximately forty percent of the vaccines given to children in America without charge. The CDC purchases

almost all of these vaccines from Merck, Sanofi and GSK. In 2019 alone, the CDC entered into contracts to purchase and distribute up to \$5.1 billion of those companies' vaccine products. See this CDC budget page.

Not only does HHS promote, purchase and distribute vaccines, it also defends against legal claims that these vaccines cause any injury. If a vaccine injures an individual, the injured individual must (pursuant to the 1986 Act) bring a claim in the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program ("VICP"), administered in the Federal Court of Claims. In these actions, the Secretary of HHS is the respondent with the Department of Justice as its litigation counsel, and they regularly and vigorously defend against any claim that a vaccine caused injury. 42 U.S.C. §300aa-12; https://www.congress.gov/106/crpt/hrpt977/CRPT-106hrpt977.pdf

For who can endure a doctrine which would allow only dentists to say whether our teeth were aching, only cobblers to say whether our shoes hurt us, and only governments to tell us whether we were being well governed? —C. S. Lewis

The Bidens, Cuomos and Faucis compound their disrespect by alleging we're misinformed. Really? School teachers are so poorly educated that they are prone to quackery and medical conspiracies? More likely they're exposed firsthand to the epidemic—not of COVID—but rather of learning disabled children. Special education programs have mushroomed in the last 10 to 20 years, along with one out of 34 boys who are on the autism spectrum. If there was any misinformation given out, it came from the CDC falsely claiming for 25 years that there were studies which refuted allegations that vaccines cause autism. Misinformation you say? That's the mother of all misinformation! The CDC willfully lying, with a compliant news media not bothering to challenge it.

As for nurses and other medically-trained staffers, why are they refusing COVID shots? Because they administer shots and also see firsthand the injuries caused by vaccines. Not "side effects." When you lose your vision or ability to walk or talk, or see regression in the cognitive skills among toddlers, that's not a collateral damage (i.e. "side effects"). And most nurses don't usually get to witness delayed reactions that occur days or weeks after the shot.

Employees will not be fodder for the drugging industry and the Bidens and Cuomos they've bought.

Democracy is two wolves and a sheep deciding what's for dinner. Liberty is a well-armed sheep contesting that vote. —Ben Franklyn

One story is worth telling, because the past 18 months have not been the first time politicians and health bureaucrats have turned a mob of the self-righteous against their fellow citizens in order to gain popular support for oppressive laws. It happened before, in the summer of 1907 in New York City. In her book, The Medical Voodoo (pp. 336-337), A.R. Hale relates the heartbreaking story:

There was the case of Mary Mallon, a maid-servant of the better class in New York City, who in the summer of 1907 during the absence of her regular employer, was working temporarily in a place where several cases of typhoid fever developed. Because Mary did not fall ill with the fever though in contact with the patients, the only explanation the 'medical science,' which controls health boards, could offer for such a phenomenon, was that the woman was 'a typhoid carrier.' There was absolutely no proof of it except the health officer's guess, and much contrary evidence was offered by Mary and her friends. She was arrested, charged with being 'a menace to the public health,' branded as a danger to health in the tabloid newspapers, and imprisoned in the Isolation Hospital on North Brothers Island, where she remains to this day (1935)—a feeble, muttering old woman, the victim of morose melancholia after twenty-eight years of solitary confinement.

"Typhoid Mary," as the tabloids named her, is a striking example of what happens when ignorance and fear supplants science and reason. Medical intolerance—based on the hobgoblin (germ) theory of disease—is still in vogue today. It's reminiscent of the witch-hunts of the Dark and Middle Ages which resulted in burnings at the stake and public drownings. Granted, Typhoid Mary wasn't executed for her crime of being a "carrier of disease." She was just subjected to a lifetime in solitary confinement. Nor are city employees today killed or jailed. So far, they must forfeit their livelihoods. Yet 114 years have gone by since Mary Mallon was arrested for allegedly spreading disease, and still the allopathic witch-hunt for "carriers of disease" continues at an infectious pace. Medical "detectives"—who've never witnessed a so-called infectious disease run its normal course through a fast, without drugs—are authorized by the powers of the state to round up and quarantine "carriers of disease" and forcibly treat them with sub-lethal doses of their poisons. We've come a long way, but made no progress.

To be 'cured' against one's will and cured of states which we may not even regard as disease is to be put on a level with those who have not yet reached the age of reason or those who never will; to be classed with infants, imbeciles, and domestic animals. For if crime and disease are to be regarded as the same thing, it follows that any state of mind which our masters choose to call 'disease' can be treated as a crime; and compulsorily cured. Even if the treatment is painful, even if it is life-long, even if it is fatal, that will be only a regrettable accident; the intention was purely therapeutic. —C. S. Lewis

Progress would arrive when we accept that microbial pathogens are the *result* of a diseased state, not the cause of disease. Symptoms of "infectious" disease are vital actions by the body to eliminate waste through vicarious channels (e.g. skin, liver, lungs, kidneys). Vaccines, like most drugs, can indeed suppress these physical symptoms *associated* with disease. But that would be as wise as retaining your urine and feces to avoid a bathroom break.

For the treatment of infectious diseases, hygienic clinical practitioners had remarkable success compared to their counterparts in public health (where the allopathic school dominated by the 20th century). For example, at the turn of the century while thousands died or suffered dementia from Dr. Paul Erlich's toxic mercury and arsenic syphilis treatments, Dr. Herman of the Hospital Weiden in Vienna, Austria managed to heal 60,000 cases over the 30 year period when he was superintendent there. He never experienced a case of tertiary syphilis, or "neurosyphilis," because he never used a drop of mercury (or any drug)—which causes neurological damage.

The specific disease doctrine is the grand refuge of weak, uncultured, unstable minds, such as now rule in the medical profession. There are no specific diseases; there are specific disease conditions. —Florence Nightingale (1820-1910)

Employee's Disclaimer

If I comply with any and all of de Blasio's Executive Order #74 (7-31-21), it should not be construed as being in agreement with the public health premises presented on page one of his order, and that (forced) compliance with respect to vaccination and/or "face coverings" should be interpreted as actions undertaken under protest.

Executive orders that impose invasive medical procedures on executive branch employees in unilateral fashion, without legislative authority, are not lawfully constituted. Nor can private institutions amend or add provisions to state public health laws that have already been established in statute by the legislature, with implementation rules set forth by regulatory authorities. To date, the NYS Legislature has not mandated COVID vaccinations or the various asinine collateral safety mandates.

Some employers, such as North Shore University Hospital (Northwell Health) in Manhasset, NY, force unvaccinated employees to take only the Nasopharyngeal swab test. I will not subject myself to the adverse effects of the Nasopharyngeal test. Adverse effects range from the epistaxis (including nasal discomfort, headache, ear ache, and rhinorrhea) to misapplication of the procedure leading to bleeding complications needing medication or surgery, and infections, as well as intranasal adhesions and septal perforations, likely resulted from the repetitive nasal packings. Furthermore, ethylene oxide (EO) is used as a gas to sterilize the swabs prior to use. EO is the sterilizing agent, but if swabs are used shortly after sterilization (less than 5 week's time), the EO will get into the patient's blood and cause DNA damage. Ethylene oxide is classified as a carcinogen by EPA.

I prefer instead the Saliva Test for the COVID-19 virus. This test is approved by the FDA and is as effective as the standard nasopharyngeal tests, according to a new study by investigators at McGill University. The saliva text was found to be more accurate in SARS-CoV-2 detection in COVID-19 patients than nasopharyngeal swabs. "[..] our findings demonstrate that saliva is a viable and more sensitive alternative to nasopharyngeal swabs and could enable at-home self-administered sample collection for accurate large-scale SARS-CoV-2 testing." [...] "we found that saliva yielded greater detection sensitivity and consistency throughout the course of infection. Furthermore, we report less variability in self-sample collection of saliva."

I reserve the right to challenge any or all of these mandates under circumstances in which they may prove medically unwarranted or unduly burdensome. I agree to obey all state and federal laws *that are duly constituted*. However, under no circumstances do I agree to be held civilly or criminally liable should a communicable disease outbreak occur at my place of work. (Microbial pathogens are invisible to the naked eye and therefore cannot meet the rules of evidence in civil or criminal courts. Workers do not live in a germ-free bubble, making contact tracing a joke and a fraud with respect to purported communicable diseases.)

Religious Freedom

Politicians are citing Catholic archdioceses in some cities which have asserted that a Catholic-based rationale for abstaining from COVID19 vaccination doesn't exist. This is totally fallacious. In point of fact, tens of thousands of applications for exemptions from school vaccine requirements have been granted for Catholics in NYS since 1989—until 2019 when Democrats in Albany repealed that provision for grade schools.

People have also been mislead about the Catholic Church and vaccination. The media had misinterpreted Vatican comments purportedly showing support for vaccination. Statements from the Vatican and Pontifical Academy for Life were also mere application guidelines. But it's a moot issue for enforcers of mandates. They must ignore the views of leaders of religious organizations, and instead evaluate the applicant's stated beliefs on their own merits, or else risk getting reversed under judicial review. NY CLS Pub Health §2164(9), for example, was amended in 1989, because the prior statute authorized schools to judge the correct interpretation of scripture by one cleric over another. See: Sherr and Levy v. Northport East-Northport Union Free School District, 672 F. Supp. 81 (E.D.N.Y. 1987).

Indeed, that was why §2164(9) was amended—to make dispositive solely what the *applicant* believes on his own terms, and not what different ministers, rabbis or theologians might believe. This stemmed from Judge Wexler's 1987 determination in *Sherr and Levy* that the prior statute had granted preferences solely to religions whose tenets are specifically opposed to vaccination. That essentially authorized a school, under the aegis of government authority, to judge the correct and valid interpretation of ecclessiastical questions. Wexler concluded that such government adoption of the religious conclusions of, for example, one priest over another, had exceeded the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment.

It is also moot, because Catholics who wish to refuse vaccines have a *tenet* of the Roman Catholic Church to justify it—*Moral Conscience*. Moral Conscience supersedes application guidelines, and it is reiterated in the opening pages of the Catechism, in which a letter signed by Pope John Paul II, reads that the book is *a sure teaching norm of the faith*—which makes it a rock solid tenet that *must* be obeyed. Moral conscience—the mandate for all Christians to act in accord with what *they* deem (and not what third parties deem) is righteous, has been tested and prevailed in case law. As instructed in Catholic Doctrine, in Dignitas Humanae, Pope Paul VI wrote in 1965: "It is through his conscience that man sees and recognizes the demands of divine law. He is bound to follow this conscience faithfully in all his activity so that he may come to God, who is his last end."

Finally, on July 21, 2021, the <u>National Catholic Bioethics Center</u>—which provides guidance to the US bishops—came out with a <u>solid</u>, <u>resounding endorsement</u> of Catholics (and all Catholics are Christians) who abstain from vaccination. It opens with the following words:

"The following authoritative Church teachings demonstrate the principled religious basis on which a Catholic may determine that he or she ought to refuse certain vaccines:" Brief excerpts:

Vaccination is not morally obligatory in principle and so must be voluntary. A person is morally required to obey his or her sure conscience, even if it errs.

[...]

A Catholic may judge it wrong to receive certain vaccines for a variety of reasons consistent with these teachings, and there is no authoritative Church teaching universally obliging Catholics to receive any vaccine.

[...]

An individual Catholic may invoke Church teaching to refuse a vaccine developed or produced using abortion-derived cell lines. More generally, a Catholic might refuse a vaccine based on the Church's teachings concerning therapeutic proportionality. Therapeutic proportionality is an assessment of whether the benefits of a medical intervention outweigh the undesirable side-effects and burdens in light of the integral good of the person, including spiritual, psychological, and bodily goods.

[...]

It can also extend to the good of others and the common good, which likewise entail spiritual and moral dimensions and are not reducible to public health. The judgment of therapeutic proportionality must be made by the person who is the potential recipient of the intervention in the concrete circumstances, not by public health authorities or by other individuals who might judge differently in their own situations.

[...]

At the core of the Church's teaching are the first and last points listed above: vaccination is not a universal obligation and a person must obey the judgment of his or her own informed and certain conscience. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church instructs that following one's conscience is following Christ Himself.

[...]

Therefore, if a Catholic comes to an informed and sure judgment in conscience that he or she should not receive a vaccine, then the Catholic Church requires that the person follow this certain judgment of conscience and refuse the vaccine. The Catechism is clear: "Man has the right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions. He must not be forced to act contrary to his conscience. Nor must he be prevented from acting according to his conscience, especially in religious matters."

The Vatican hierarchy and their authoritarian allies in government can opine all they want. But they're wrong on the law and on the morality. Christians have the right to express their beliefs on the matter, on an individual basis, and have them fairly evaluated on their own merits. Indeed, all applicants should qualify for exemption by identifying aspects of vaccines or vaccination and express in sincere terms how it conflicts with the teachings of their faith. Interpretations of scripture can be evaluated on a reasonable basis by administrative gatekeepers, and can be debated—but not preempted—by religious leaders.

This report doesn't address the medical lies and distortions—and the basic science—that alleges there's an infectious disease pandemic.

All this report does is steal the moral high ground from scoundrels who don't possess the virtue to occupy that ground. Hold together. Stay strong.

CIFC's 100-page report on the fraudulent COVID pandemic will be published sometime in October or November.

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The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed—and hence clamorous to be led to safety—by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary."—H.L. Mencken

