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Media labels them all 'far right anti-vaxxers'

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Videos out of Rome, Italy emerged over the weekend showing mass protests in the streets over the government's attempts to mandate vaccines and institute vaccine passports.

The capital city's Piazza del Popolo was crammed with hundreds of thousands of people protesting the unfolding health tyranny.

Watch:

Images impressionnantes de la manifestation contre le pass sanitaire sur la Piazza del Popolo à Rome. [#NoGreenPass](#) [#manifs9octobre](#) [pic.twitter.com/Qc1oWCsqTj](#)

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The so called 'green pass' is being forced on employers in Italy and requires all workers to have been vaccinated or

provide proof of recovery from COVID within the last six months, or continual negative tests every two days.

Employers will face hefty fines if they refuse to go along with the system.

During the protests, police got heavy handed and began hitting people with batons, blasting water cannons, and using pepper spray:

Situation très tendue à [#Rome](#), la police charge et utilise des grenades lacrymogènes et canon à eau contre les manifestants qui se rapprochent du Parlement. (Local Team) [#Roma](#) [#NoGreenPass](#) [#piazzadelpopolo](#) [#manifs9octobre](#) pic.twitter.com/dVcuEI7jn6

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Eventually the crowd had enough and began to fight back against the police:

*La manifestation contre le pass sanitaire dégénère à [#Rome](#). Des affront*ments commencent à éclater dans la capitale alors que le pass sanitaire sera obligatoire pour travailler à partir du 15 octobre en [#Italie](#). [#manifs9octobre](#) [#Roma](#) [#piazzadelpopolo](#) [#NoGreenPass](#) pic.twitter.com/oDGm44bYF6*

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Entirely predictably, the media labeled the protesters as '[far right anti-vaxxers](#)':

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