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Story at-a-Glance

- August 10, 2021, a Cook County, Illinois, judge stripped a mother of her parental rights during a child support hearing because she refused to get the COVID jab due to bad vaccine reactions in the past
- August 30, 2021, the judge reversed his decision to keep the mother from seeing her son after public backlash and involvement from the Illinois divorce bar
- A number of judges around the U.S. have started using the COVID shot as a reward/punishment tool, but should opting in or out of a medical treatment really determine your ability to get fair treatment in the judicial system?
- Dehumanizing people for their medical choices is part and parcel of the technocratic Great Reset plan, as vaccine passports will serve as the platform for more invasive surveillance, social engineering and population control
- People in positions of power are actively pushing for the creation of a two-tier society where those who get the COVID jabs are “privileged” with normal everyday freedoms and those who refuse the shot are shunned, barred and excluded

August 28, 2021, Fox32 Chicago reported¹ that a Cook County judge had stripped a mother of her parental rights because she refused to get the COVID jab. The mother, Rebecca Firlit, had a shared custody agreement with her former husband. August 10, they'd appeared in court via Zoom for a child support hearing, at which time, Judge James Shapiro asked about their vaccination status. Firlit said she had not gotten the shot because her doctor had advised against it, as she's had bad reactions to vaccines in the past. "It poses a risk," she told Shapiro.² The father said he had gotten the shot. The judge then took the surprising step of stripping Firlit of her parenting time with her 11-year-old son until she got the jab. Firlit's attorney, Annette Fernholz, said the judge overstepped his authority and acted outside his jurisdiction. She told WFLD:³

"The father did not even bring this issue before the court. So it's the judge on his own and making this decision that you can't see your child until you're vaccinated."

Judge Reverses Decision After Public Backlash

As horrifying as that story is, there is good news. August 30, 2021, Judge Shapiro did a sudden about-face and reversed his decision to keep Firlit from seeing her son.⁴ According to Fernholz, Shapiro's decision to reverse his ruling was prompted by the national backlash that took place after Fox32 News broke the story, days earlier. The Illinois divorce bar reportedly also got involved.

Is Vaccination Now a Tool of the Judicial System?

As reported by The Washington Post, a number of judges around the U.S. have started using the COVID shot as a reward/punishment tool:⁵

"A judge in the 19th Judicial District Court in East Baton Rouge offered some defendants the option of getting vaccinated instead of completing community service hours."

Two judges in Ohio have also ordered that some people receive the vaccine as a condition of their probation. Similarly, two Georgia judges are reducing sentences for some offenders who get a vaccine.

In New York, judges in the Bronx and Manhattan have ordered defendants to get a vaccine as part of their rehabilitation and as a condition for seeking bail, respectively.”

How is any of this even remotely possible? Should opting in or out of a medical treatment really determine your ability to get fair treatment in the judicial system?

Dehumanization Is Part of the Plan

Disturbingly, it appears our judicial system is yet another cesspool of corruption that is now being used to further the globalist plan for a Great Reset. Dehumanizing people for their medical choices is part and parcel of that plan, as vaccine passports will serve as the platform for more invasive surveillance, social engineering and population control.

The rhetoric used by government officials and media is clearly meant to incite fear and hostility against the unvaccinated. Once the hostility becomes normalized, the undesirables can be eliminated with the full support of the general population. Those familiar with history will quickly recognize the playbook. It's been used by virtually every totalitarian and dictatorial power throughout modern history. One of the clearest and most well-known examples is that of Nazi Germany, which used health and the fear of germs and disease as a means to manipulate society into accepting the extermination of certain groups of people. We're now seeing the same exact tactics used all over the world. The rhetoric used by government officials and media is clearly meant to incite fear and hostility against the unvaccinated. Once the hostility becomes normalized, the undesirables can be eliminated with the full support of the general population.

Second-Class Citizens

Everywhere you look, people in positions of power are actively pushing for the creation of a two-tier society where those who get the COVID jabs are “privileged” with normal everyday freedoms and those who refuse the shot are shunned, barred and excluded. As of September 7, 2021, high-profile restaurant chains in New York City will require staff and indoor diners to prove their vaccination status.⁶ Gyms and movie theaters in the city are also being ordered to follow suit.⁷ New York Mayor Bill de Blasio told The New York Times:⁸

“This is a miraculous place literally full of wonders. If you’re vaccinated, all that’s going to open up to you. But if you’re unvaccinated, unfortunately you will not be able to participate in many things.”

Is this freedom? In July 2021, the San Francisco Bar Owners Alliance urged its 300 members to require proof of COVID-19 injection or a negative COVID test for patrons wanting to have a drink indoors. Several Los Angeles restaurants, bars and comedy clubs have followed suit, as have more than 60 establishments in Seattle. Vaccinated-only restaurants have also popped up in Oakland, Philadelphia, Boston, Atlanta, Boulder, St. Louis and New Orleans. Since COVID countermeasures are a global lockstep operation,⁹ the same segregation trend is emerging in other countries as well. Worse than prohibiting people from participating in civil society, and in clear violation of the U.S. Constitution that every elected official has sworn an oath to upkeep, the U.S. government is also urging far larger corporations to impose vaccination mandates for staff and/or their customers. Companies paving the way for this all-out tyranny include Facebook, Google, Twitter, Lyft, Uber, Saks Fifth Avenue, The Washington Post, BlackRock, Ascension Health, Netflix, Walmart, the Walt Disney Corporation, Morgan Stanley,¹⁰ Tyson Foods, CNN and United Airlines.¹¹

The Goal: Making Life Impossible for the Unvaccinated

A number of people have publicly stated that life needs to be made impossible for the unvaccinated and, clearly, such efforts are well underway. Politicians, government officials, health authorities, media personalities and common folk have suggested making life untenable for the unvaccinated by:¹²

Requiring them to get tested daily at their own expense
Docking their paychecks (provided they're allowed to work at all)
Charging them nonrefundable quarantine fees
Denying them medical care at hospitals and private medical offices
Canceling their private insurance or raising premiums by thousands of dollars a year
Forcing them to pay out of pocket for all medical expenses accrued due to COVID, even if they have insurance, Medicaid or Medicare¹³
Suspending their gun permits
Suspending their driver's licenses
Denying access to loans and other financial services
Withholding government assistance
Withholding federal benefits like Social Security, VA benefits, subsidized housing and pensions
Barring them from using public transportation
Putting them on a no-fly list¹⁴

Many of these suggestions are already being acted upon. For example, Delta Airlines has announced it will charge unvaccinated workers an extra \$200 per month for their health insurance,¹⁵ and digital transaction companies like PayPal are canceling accounts held by anyone who "endangers at-risk communities"¹⁶ – a description that clearly includes anyone who publicly objects to COVID measures and/or forced

vaccinations. Even major banks like Chase have been caught canceling credit card accounts based on the account holders' political views.^{17,18} Although Chase later backed off, claiming the cancellation was a "mistake,"¹⁹ this is precisely what we can expect from a social credit system, which is also part of the plan. Your ability to live and conduct business will be entirely controlled by a central apparatus that decides what views and behavior is acceptable and what is not. Disturbingly, it was only four weeks ago that I wrote: "If this trend continues, might people who question COVID shots and/or refuse to participate in human experimentation be barred from having a credit card or a bank account?" So, to say we're moving toward tyranny at breakneck speed is not hyperbole.

A Right to Life?

Some are even promoting death as the ultimate punishment for the unvaccinated. One of the first people to introduce this notion was CNN anchor Don Lemon, who stated he thinks the COVID jab should be a requirement for buying food.^{20,21} Apparently, Lemon thinks it's perfectly reasonable to condemn unvaccinated people to starvation. This, while living in one of the most prosperous countries in the world, and all in the name of preventing the spread of an infection that has a 99.74% survival rate²² and spreads just as easily between vaccinated individuals. Lemon's shocking rhetoric raises a basic question: Do humans have the right to life? Or should someone, somewhere, be granted the god-like power to decide who is worthy of living and who's not, based on whatever criteria they want?

There's No Morality in Mob Mentality

To understand what's really happening and what Lemon's

rhetoric is accomplishing, I highly recommend reading Charles Eisenstein's article "Mob Morality and the Unvaxxed." It's an excellent and thought-provoking piece. Here's a few chosen excerpts:23

"We would like to think that modern societies like ours have outgrown barbaric customs like human sacrifice ... we don't actually kill people in hopes of placating the gods and restoring order. Or do we? ..."

Not just any victim will do as an object of human sacrifice. Victims must be, as [legal scholar Roberta] Harding puts it, 'in, but not of, the society' ... Scapegoats needn't be guilty, but they must be marginal, outcasts, heretics, taboo-breakers, or infidels of one kind or another ... If they are not already marginal, they must be made so ...

[D]efying left-right categorization is a promising new scapegoat class, the heretics of our time: the anti-vaxxers. As a readily identifiable subpopulation, they are ideal candidates for scapegoating. It matters little whether any of these pose a real threat to society ...

All that is necessary is that the dehumanized class arouse the blind indignation and rage necessary to incite a paroxysm of unifying violence. More relevant to current times, this primal mob energy can be harnessed toward fascistic political ends ...

Sacrificial subjects carry an association of pollution or contagion; their removal thus cleanses society ... The public's ready acceptance of ... blatant censorship cannot be explained solely in terms of its believing the pretext of 'controlling misinformation.'

Unconsciously, the public recognizes and conforms to the age-old program of investing a pariah subclass with the symbology of pollution ... This program is well underway toward the Covid-unvaxxed, who are being portrayed as walking cesspools of germs who might contaminate the Sanctified Brethren (the vaccinated).

My wife perused an acupuncture Facebook page today ... where someone asked, 'What is the word that comes to mind to describe unvaccinated people?' The responses were things like 'filth,' 'assholes,' and 'death-eaters.' This is precisely the dehumanization necessary to prepare a class of people for cleansing ...

To prepare someone for removal as the repository of all that is evil, it helps to heap upon them every imaginable calumny. Thus we hear in mainstream publications that anti-vaxxers not only are killing people, but are ... tantamount to domestic terrorists."

Indeed, "opposition to COVID measures" currently tops the Department of Homeland Security's list of potential terror threats.



Unify for Freedom Under a Banner of Sanity

In August 2021, I published an article about mass psychosis,²⁴ an epidemic of madness that occurs when a large portion of society loses touch with reality and descends into delusions.

The psychogenic steps that lead to madness include a panic phase, where the individual is repeatedly frightened and confused by events they cannot explain, followed by a phase of "psychotic insight," where the individual explains their abnormal experience of the world by inventing an illogical but magical way of seeing reality that eases the panic and gives meaning to the experience.

The technocrats who created and maintain the pandemic

narrative, worldwide, know all about how to induce mass psychosis, and what we're experiencing is by far the biggest and most sophisticated propaganda campaign in the history of the human race. They're using all the known tricks, and it's clearly working, largely due to exponential effectiveness of technology and social media.

If you've been able to see through their machinations, congratulations. The onus is now on you to help others free their minds, which is not an easy task. It's not even easy to stay sane yourself. Contradictory reports, nonsensical recommendations and blatant lies are deployed intentionally, as it heightens confusion.

The more confused a population is, the greater the state of anxiety, which reduces people's psychological resilience. As the ability to cope wanes, the greater the chances a mass psychosis will develop. Add isolation to that equation, and the susceptibility of psychosis is further heightened, as people lose contact with positive examples – people who act as role models of rational thinking and behavior.

Once a society is firmly in the grip of mass psychosis, totalitarians are then free to take the last, decisive step: They can offer a return to order and safety. The price is your freedom. You must cede control of all aspects of your life to the rulers, because unless they are granted total control, they won't be able to create the order and safety everyone craves.

In this case, vaccine passports are part of the "magical thinking" that those who have lost touch with reality believe will save them. It's an illusion of safety, as the virus spreads equally well among and between the fully "vaccinated." Even if they killed every single unvaccinated person in the whole world, outbreaks would continue and they'd have to identify a new scapegoat.

Help Heal the Mass Psychosis

Fortunately, it is possible to reverse the effects of mass psychosis, but it takes time, effort and patience. First, center yourself and live in such a way as to provide inspiration for others to follow. Next, share and spread the truth – the counternarrative to the propaganda – as far and wide as possible.

Because truth is always more potent than lies, the success of propaganda relies on the censoring of truth. Right now, online censorship and propaganda are off the charts, so you may have to get creative. One tactic is to use humor and ridicule to delegitimize the lies.

At the same time, create parallel structures – businesses, organizations, technologies, movements or creative pursuits – based on sane and rational principles currently lacking in the world around us.

Last but not least, to prevent the descent into totalitarian madness, as many people as possible must employ sane and rational actions to create a strong resistance to the lies and propaganda. The ruling technocracy do not sit around hoping and wishing to increase their power and control. No. They are actively taking steps to augment their position. To defend against them, we must be just as active and resolute in our counter-push toward freedom.

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