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From the beginning, it was clear that the vaccine passports were about [creating a caste system](#) in which people who refuse to take experimental coronavirus "[vaccines](#)" are subjected to special restrictions on their ability to undertake ordinary activities. In Austria this week, we are witnessing the imposing of an extreme version of such a vaccine passports-based caste system that imposes broad restrictions on the activities of "unvaccinated" individuals.

Enforcement of the new caste system in Austria also impinges on the freedom of people who have taken the shots and carry with them proof that they have taken the shots – effectively vaccine passports. Cops being directed to routinely stop and question people because of the mere fact that the people are out and about is a component of a police state, not a free society.

Philip Oltermann wrote Monday at the Guardian about Austria's new "lockdown of the unvaccinated." Oltermann's article begins with the following:

Police in Austria have begun carrying out routine checks on commuters to ensure compliance with a nationwide '[lockdown of the unvaccinated](#)', as the Alpine country tries to get on top

of one of the most rapidly rising infection rates in Europe.

The restrictions, which came into effect on Monday morning, will affect almost 2 million Austrian citizens aged 12 and older who have so far not been fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Of those, the 356,000 people who have been vaccinated only once can be released from lockdown if they show a negative PCR test.

Those who are found to be in breach of the rules face fines between €500 and €3,600.

'It can happen any time and anywhere,' the interior minister, Karl Nehammer of the Austrian People's party, said of the police checks. 'Every citizen has to expect to be checked.'

Read Oltermann's complete article [here](#).

Oltermann reports that the Austria government has declared it is imposing the extreme restrictions for ten days. We'll see if it sticks to that time limit. Remember [15 days to flatten the curve](#)? Sufficient public resistance will probably be needed to pressure the government to rescind the restrictions.

The Austrian government is not the first to enforce draconian vaccine passport policies, and it seems unlikely to be the last. Coronavirus remains the excuse du jour for tyranny.

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