## Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong - 5 November 2021

Greetings from Tyler,

Southwest canceled hundreds of flights, leaving thousands of travelers stranded, then blamed everything from the weather to over-burdened control towers. Surprisingly, no other airlines had the same weather or traffic problems. It officially had nothing to do with pilots refusing the mandated vaccines. You're required to believe that.

Then it was the turn of American Airlines. Thousands of travelers were stranded, just like Southwest the week before. Except they canceled 1700 flights. It was the weather and those notorious "staffing" problems. Nothing to do with employee hesitancy to accept mandated medical treatment.

Apparently, everyone isn't exactly following instructions. The news has been reporting the same vaccination figures for weeks. They might have hit a ceiling, but they're not giving up. One of the biggest problems is that seemingly all the companies dependent on good relations with the government, airlines for instance, have instituted the "vaccine mandate." Whatever happened to all the frightening statistics about infections and deaths? You don't suppose it's fallen off?

You've heard the phrase public-private partnership? We're seeing it in action right now. There's no need to argue Constitutional issues. Why, these are private companies and they have a right to institute whatever policies they deem appropriate, goes the argument. If someone wants to work for them or acquire their services, the rules must be followed.

The rules no longer need to make logical sense. Somebody smarter than you will decide what you must do in order to participate. We are no longer entitled to explanations or logic, and that goes for a whole range of subjects. The science is settled, and the public will either knuckle under or live with the consequences. They're going to "save the planet," along with countless lives if it ruins us all. The international buffoons who attended the ridiculous summit in Scotland barely knew the American representative was there. They're busily saving the planet

and planning the future.

In Chicago, the mayor was prepared to fire police wholesale for their hesitancy or refusal to get the shot, or the booster, or what is stretching out to be a lifelong submission never-ending mandates. But a judge has issued a ruling sparing the jobs of police, for now at least.

Critical employees of every description are facing punishment or job-loss unless they comply. Some are specialists in their field, and cannot be replaced at the drop of a hat. The supply lines are backed up beyond comprehension. COVID of course. Ships are stacked up at anchor, unable to be unloaded. The docks have a back load of 68,000 containers according to a recent estimate, but population compliance with strict regulations are front and center.

By all means, continue to focus on corona virus mandates that determine whether or not you're in business; that determine whether you keep your job; that determine whether you'll be allowed to visit relatives or not; whether or not you're allowed to attend a sporting event or stage performance or motion picture without proof of compliance. Don't think you'll outsmart the system into a false belief that you've complied. They'll throw the book at you if you've deceived the vaccine police.

With the media and every large corporation and government entity in unison, the demands are coming thick and furious. A mandate, to be enforced apparently by a familiar four letter agency on businesses, says that everyone will have proof of vaccination or face crippling fines. Lawsuits are flying, but how long does a lawsuit take to play out? This stuff will be overturned, never fear. Really? When? Are you sure? We've been surprised at several outcomes at the highest courts. You never know. Meanwhile, lots of people are walking away from careers rather than submit.

Don't panic. There is still some sanity, or legal argument that will save our way of life. But then it seems that the judicial system doesn't always deliver justice, particularly lately, where government power is concerned. A religious exemption? Despite the guarantees of our Constitution, they tell us these are emergency measures that have to be taken to protect the population. Notice that they go into effect just after January 1<sup>st</sup>. It might not go over so well if the holidays were canceled. The economy depends on Christmas, unfortunately.

Many businesses derive the bulk of their income from the many aspects of gift buying and all that goes with the busiest of all travel seasons. Needless to say, somebody somewhere decided that the holidays should go off pretty much normally (*as long as everyone's doing what they're told*) and the hammer should fall afterward.

You might have seen some of the exchanges this week between Senator Rand Paul and the diminutive doctor. It was pointed out that certain words (*gain of function*) have been dropped and re-defined on official websites. But experts agree, Rand Paul doesn't know what he's talking about. That's about the size of the comeback. You might say, "But that's the politics of this world, and therefore none of the church's business." If we neglect to WATCH how the population is being softened up and made to comply with mandates from all directions, what are we here for? At the rate people are allowing private and government entities to issue orders (*with career and income implications*), nobody will even notice when the Mark of the Beast arrives.

Religious exemption? That's being laughed out of the room. The government's job, suddenly, is to protect everyone at all costs. Just do what you're told and they'll protect you. Scenes from the border make you want to cry. It turns out there is a plan to pay large sums to "immigrants" who were separated from their families by the presidency they're erasing from history. The denials about giving hundreds of thousands of dollars to aliens harmed by Trump policies weren't very assuring. Kind of like the "gain of function" denials. It seems to be a trend.

Meanwhile China is becoming militarily aggressive, and everybody knows it. China claims Taiwan, and no one dares dispute that claim and expect to remain in the good graces of the Chinese system. Lots of people in high places are not about to offend those rulers. It might even be an explanation for a major component of many of the problems we're facing. Something's not right, and that's a fact.

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