

# Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong

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Greetings from Tyler,

A brief illustration, if you don't mind. If you ever attended a live taping of Johnny Carson, you know that the audience was whipped up ahead of the show. They'd see which part of the room could cheer the loudest, or laugh the hardest. By the time Ed McMahon said, "Heeeeeeeer's Johnny" the crowd was wildly enthusiastic. All metaphors break down at some point.

Have we ever seen a time where everything the news, of nearly every stripe reports, is misdirecting the public on a continual basis? Even with our understanding, it's hard to fathom. There were several shills on January 6<sup>th</sup>. There's video of that frigid day, and some show guys that were actively involved in using persuasion and stoking anger with the help of a bullhorn. Imagine that irritable crowd, freezing in the biting wind, being urged to move forward and breach the Capitol. Strangely, the guys trying to manage the crowd are nowhere to be found. They are not among the two hundred some odd charged with trespassing, and they're not among those being held with more serious charges of having grappled with police. Some have been identified, but not held or charged.

Meanwhile we're treated to daily news comparing the incident and it's anniversary to 9-11 or the attack at Pearl Harbor. It's unseemly that such statements can be made without being treated as an attempt at comedy. You know full well who's saying it, and the anchors nod with furrowed brow. They think if they can hang the blame on the former President, it will destroy any hope of a comeback.

Coronavirus fear is high on the agenda. You'd have thought they'd have run out of records to break, but no. It looks like the latest "variant" is the common cold, but hair is still burning on the heads of every news reporter. It's their job, after all. How do they not choke when shown what they're supposed to read? Australia just detained the number one tennis player in the world, Novak Djokovic, upon his arrival to Melbourne. He thought his medical exemption had been accepted, but there is some confusion. The Australian Prime Minister

explained to the public, “Rules are rules, especially when it comes to our border.” Djokovic is being deported, and won’t be playing in the Australian open. He was apparently treated poorly, having all his belongings including his wallet taken away while detained in a room with police guards. But it’s already been figured out. The mainstream will call him an “anti-vaxer” and a weirdo, so you can forget any sympathy. He might just be a weirdo who’s seen the videos of healthy young people collapsing amid competition. This story just might have legs. But then again...

Australia is a patchwork of rules, regulations and penalties. Unvaccinated people are not allowed to go their way in the Northern Territory. Movements are limited to strict necessities, and that doesn’t include work. Apparently the population has determined to suffer in silence, and supports the heavy-handed approach.

We know, thanks to the unapproved media available on the Internet, that there have been large demonstrations all over Europe, some of them we illustrated in the new *21<sup>st</sup> Century WATCH*. That kind of information has no place in the narrative-driven mainstream. Here at home, we are a polite and long-suffering people. We assume the Constitution and Bill of Rights will hold up, sooner or later, and the spate of authoritarian regulations will be struck down. But the courts have been all over the place on this. The Supreme Court is weighing the merits of OSHA regulations that the Occupant decreed must include vaccination for companies that employ more than 100 people. We won’t know the outcome until the end of the month.

It’s astounding that people have put up with all kinds of authoritarian edicts, closures, rules and penalties. We’ve had a relatively mild situation here, with a governor who is suing the Feds over vaccinations for the Texas National Guard.

You know how the media loves an obsession. They love to repeat what you’ve heard over and over as if for the first time. We’re going on two years with the corona bologna, and they show no signs of slowing down the fear express. Without that factor, they’d never have been able to destroy careers with a wave of the finger. You don’t suppose they’re enjoying the power? No. We can’t think that way. They’re just trying to keep everybody safe. But our founding documents weren’t written to keep everybody safe. But they were what we counted on to keep us free. For now, that’s just not the case in the U. S. and much of the formerly free world.

Mark

P.S. Now that you're temporarily depressed, let me share some wonderful news. My Son and Daughter-in-law have a brand new baby boy, James Mark Armstrong. (*Hopefully that middle name won't turn out to have been a mistake.*) He's perfect and everybody's doing fine, especially his big sister Anna who will no doubt be of great help through the stages. We're very happy.

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