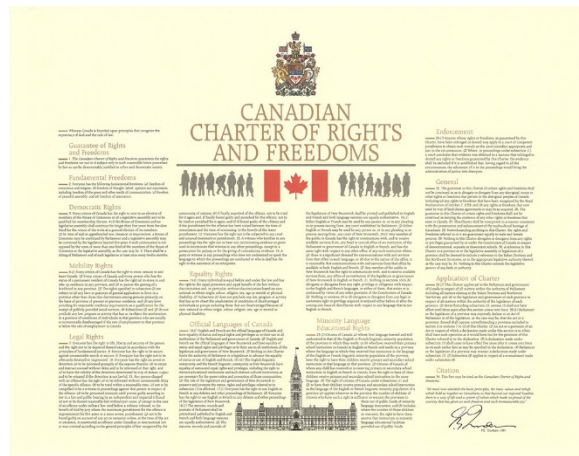


THE ISSUE IS FREEDOM OF CHOICE AND RESPECTING FUNDAMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS

Both mandatory vaccinations and vaccine ‘passports’ are, in the current context, unreasonable infringements of our rights and there is no evidence to support these measures



Much has been made in the media about Maxime Bernier’s decision not to be vaccinated at this time, falsely claiming that he is an anti-vaxxer or implying the PPC has a position opposing the vaccine. Nothing could be further from the truth. What the PPC opposes is mandatory medical treatments. An Ekos [poll](#) shows that over 62% of PPC supporters are being vaccinated, having freely chosen to do so. Many Canadians eschew mainstream medical treatments, using homeopathy, acupuncture or cannabis, etc, etc

for ailments from arthritis to brain cancer. It may be debatable if science supports those choices, but it is not debatable that we have the right to choose our medical treatment. Taking away the Charter Right to “security of the person” is a step that cannot be taken lightly.

Mandatory vaccination could only even be considered in a crisis of extreme risk and massive public health benefit. One could hypothesize a virus that spreads like the cold and kills like Ebola, but Covid is not that virus with an Infection Fatality Rate of 0.2% (a survival rate of 99.8% overall and 99.99% in younger populations). On the other hand, the current Covid vaccinations have only shown that they are extremely effective in preventing serious illness or death. Thus, YOU are fully protected if you take the vaccine. There is no need to force others to be vaccinated to protect yourself, once you have the jab you can mix with unvaccinated people without being irrationally fearful of them. Furthermore, significant numbers of the vaccinated can still become infected (Pfizer is only 79% effective in preventing asymptomatic infections and AZ is less) and while patients do not get sick, they still shed the virus in the same amounts as the unvaccinated. To quote the CDC "vaccinated people can still become infected and spread the virus to others" and therefore, the case for an authoritarian government mandating rather than just recommending vaccinations and that trampling on our rights is required for public safety is absurd.

Vaccine passports are a violation of our right to privacy and are just a stealthy way to impose mandatory vaccination. The concept of a passport was first floated as a control on international travel, hence the use of the word ‘passport’. A sovereign nation has the right to control its borders, including shutting them to non-citizens or requiring vaccination. This use of a

'passport' may have support and can be defended, but to extend it to all aspects of daily life is a dangerous and outrageous assault on our privacy rights as well choice of treatment. No employer, government agency or business should have access to any part of your medical history, and your vaccination status is part of that. For example, you are not required to release a psychiatric report to a prospective employer even if they claimed it would help them ensure the safety of the workplace by screening out employees who have the potential of 'going postal'. All your medical data is your private data and using it to create two classes of citizens is deeply disturbing.

The PPC party supports policies that are based on evidence and uphold our freedoms and oppose policies that do not. Justin Trudeau once spoke against mandatory vaccines and passports but has now flip flopped and is tacitly supported by the silence of the Tories. They are wrong, but the PPC is right and will strongly fight for your freedoms.