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Dear Patriots,

Another crazy week has flown by with some surprising twists and turns.

Facebook stock face planted - CNN imploded - The View is vacuous - Truckers are resolute - European countries are waking up - Demand for the vax is plunging.

Do not despair. Read some Good News!



1- This week brought a major court win for military service members, thanks to the efforts of Liberty Counsel.

Federal Judge Rules the Military May Not Discriminate On Religious Exemptions

On Wednesday, a federal judge in Florida ruled that the Secretary of Defense, or anyone acting on his behalf, may not alter or diminish the status of two military service members who have made religious exemption requests to the COVID-19 vaccines.

The judge observed that the two military service members "are very likely to prevail on their claim that their respective branch of the military has wrongfully denied a religious exemption from COVID-19 vaccination."

The judge stated that the military appears to be discriminatorily and systematically denying religious exemptions without a meaningful and fair hearing and without the showing required under RFRA." He further noted that while the military was denying religious exemptions, it was granting medical exemptions and permitting some unvaccinated service members to serve without retaliation.

This is an important ruling for all military service members who seek to uphold their faith while serving their country.

As the judge observed, and contradicting Department of Defense arguments, permitting a small number of religious exemptions to the COVID-19 vaccine will not "adversely affect the public's interest in the maintenance and readiness of the nation's military forces."

Credit to Liberty Counsel, who represents these heroes in this litigation. We anticipate that this ruling can only help the two pending cases Defending the Republic has against the

military's unlawful COVID-19 vaccine mandate.



2- It is oft said America is deeply divided. There is a political schism that can not be breached. It therefore seems odd that we apparently agree on this!

Human Events

POLL: Majority of Americans Oppose Choosing Supreme Court Justices by Race, Gender

According to a new poll, a majority of Americans oppose choosing a Supreme Court Justice on the basis of race or gender.

The ABC/Ipsos poll found that **76 percent of Americans say Biden should consider "all possible nominees"** to fill Breyer's seat, while just 23 percent say Biden should consider "only nominees who are Black women, as he has pledged to do.

Similarly, a recent Rasmussen Reports poll found the majority of Americans oppose choosing justices by race and gender, though most think Biden will do so anyway, the Star News Network reports.



3- More and more countries are ending the Covid-CCP reign of terror. Many of these are countries the American left likes to lecture us to emulate.

Children's Health Defense

12 Countries Roll Back COVID Restrictions, Israel Scraps 'Green Pass'

QUOTE: Sweden and Switzerland joined Denmark, Norway, Finland, Ireland, The Netherlands, Italy, Lithuania, France and the UK in announcing they will lift COVID restrictions and open up their countries.

Top Israeli officials also announced this week they are abolishing the country's "Green Pass" COVID vaccine passport for restaurants, hotels, gyms and theaters.

Few studies, if any, have been carried out to determine whether vaccine passports and COVID restrictions actually lowered COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

However, a recent analysis published by researchers at John Hopkins found COVID lockdown measures implemented in the U.S. and Europe had almost no effect on public health.

"We find little-to-no evidence that mandated lockdowns in Europe and the United States had a noticeable effect on COVID-19 mortality rates," the researchers wrote.



4- Finally, we have some attempts to provide actual proven treatment for the virus. This will be fought by Big Pharm.

The Gateway Pundit

New Hampshire Lawmakers Propose Bill that Will Allow Pharmacists to Administer Ivermectin Without Prescription

QUOTE: Lawmakers in Concord Hampshire are proposing a bill that will allow pharmacists to dispense Ivermectin by means of standing orders.

"Standing order" means a written and signed protocol authored by one or more physicians licensed under RSA 329:12 or one or more advanced practice registered nurses licensed under RSA 326-B:18, the bill stated.



5- It would be great if elected Republicans collectively called for this.

Townhall

Top Doctor Calls for Reinstatement of People Fired Over Vaccine Mandates

QUOTE: After instruction from President Joe Biden and federal government regulators, a number of corporations fired workers who refused the Wuhan coronavirus vaccine. They did so before the Supreme Court ruled Biden's vaccine mandate for large companies was unconstitutional.

Now, with worker shortages and long delayed scientific evidence from the Centers for Disease Control that the vaccine does not prevent the transmission of the virus, a number of companies are hiring back previously fired workers.

Dr. Marty Makary, a top doctor for John's Hopkins University, has been calling on companies to rehire fired employees for weeks. Now, he's calling for workers to not only give people their jobs back but to issue an apology.



6- There is push back coming from somewhere, at long last.

FOX NEWS

Virginia's new GOP AG prompts three largest universities to drop vaccine mandate for students

QUOTE: The three largest universities in Virginia have dropped their sweeping vaccine requirements after the state's attorney general issued his legal opinion calling such mandates illegal.

George Mason University, Virginia Tech and the University of Mary Washington all announced reforms to their previously strict vaccination requirements.

The Federalist

George Mason University Students Declare Victory After School Revokes Booster Mandate

George Mason University (GMU) announced on Monday that the school would be revoking its Covid-19 booster mandate for students, marking a win for their medical freedoms and bodily autonomy.



7- Legislation saves lives.

LifeSite

Texas heartbeat law has cut abortions in half, saved

15,000 babies: report

QUOTE: A Texas law effectively banning abortion of babies with detectable heartbeats appears to have saved the lives of 15,000 babies since taking effect five months ago, according to statistics from the Texas Health & Human Services Commission (HHSC).

The Texas Heartbeat Act requires abortionists to screen for a preborn baby's heartbeat and prohibits abortion if a heartbeat can be heard (generally as early as six weeks), with exceptions only for medical emergencies.

This week, HHSC released a report finding that abortions had dropped from 5,404 in August 2021 to 2,197 in September, the month the Texas Heartbeat Act took affect, a reduction in 60%. Daily abortions also dropped from approximately 160 to 70. Overall, Texas Right to Life (TRTL) estimates that the law has saved 15,000 babies since taking effect



8- Blue States are jumping on the issue of lowering taxes. With massive Covid-CCP funding from the Federal government flowing into the states, even Democrats are clamoring to cut taxes.

They also hope to keep residents from moving to no-tax states, like Florida.

AP

Revenue windfall pushes states to consider range of tax cuts

QUOTE: Soaring tax revenue and billions in pandemic aid from the federal government have left many states with an unusual problem — too much money.

The result is one of the most broad-based movements in recent memory toward giving consumers and taxpayers a break. In red states and blue, lawmakers and governors are proposing to cut taxes and fees, create tax credits, or delay tax and fee hikes that had been planned before the COVID-19 pandemic struck.

Even high-tax states controlled by Democrats, from California to New Jersey, are dangling the possibility. Among those are Washington state, where one Democratic senator has proposed cutting the state sales tax from 6.5% to 5.5%.

In Maryland, Republican Gov. Larry Hogan has long pushed for a gradual elimination of income taxes for retirees, something he says will reduce the migration of people leaving the state to lower-tax places such as Florida when they're finished working. He may finally have a window for striking a deal with the Democrat-controlled legislature.



9- We are always pleased when parents find alternatives to public schools.

BREITBART

Christian Schools See Growing Enrollments as Public Schools Decline

QUOTE: "The last two years have shown the advantage Christian schools have in being nimble in serving students and their families with excellence," said Lynn Swaner, chairperson of Converge 2022, a conference that plans to welcome nearly 750 attendees in San Diego in March to focus on how to meet the needs of the growing numbers of students coming to faith-based schools from the public sector.

Among the host organizations for the conference is the Association of

Christian Schools International (ACSI), which, last year, saw a 12 percent increase in enrollment at its affiliated K-12 schools, the press statement noted.



10- Taking a page out of the Trudeau play book, towing companies are claiming they can not come to move trucks because they are sick with, wait for it.... Covid-CCP.

The Gateway Pundit

"We've Got COVID" – Towing Companies in Canada Turn Down Requests from Police and Mayor to Haul Away Trucks

QUOTE: Towing companies in Alberta, Canada reportedly refused the requests from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) to assist in the removal of trucks from Coutts Port of Entry on the north side of the Alberta-Montana border.

Abe Martens from Xodus Car Transport who also offers towing service told the Western Standard, "We are here with our trucks at the blockade, but we are participating and are in full support of the truckers."

In a video posted on Twitter, a woman said that she was just talking to a local who has lived in Ottawa for 30 years.

"He told me that the Mayor of Ottawa called tow truck companies to start towing the semis out of the streets and every company said that they have COVID."



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Defending The Republic

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