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Restaurants are being allowed to reopen. This is welcome news for the 69,000 Utah food service employees that applied for unemployment immediately after being forced to close seven weeks ago. I attended an employee meeting last week at a popular restaurant where I worked. Of the 20+ employees before closing, 10 are returning and only 2 have received any unemployment benefits (1 for a week). Most everyone has new jobs that now have to be juggled with a new schedule. The owners and managers were forced to take full-time jobs and can't afford to quit them because they're making more than they have to pay their returning workers and need to stretch every dime that they are allowed

to make. While they are grateful for a benevolent government that is allowing them to continue pursuing the American Dream, the new guidelines to be enforced will result in a 50%-60% decrease in capacity and gross income and small, local eateries will be unable to turn a profit. The new dictates will be reviewed again in October. OCTOBER... ARE YOU KIDDING ME???... after the tourist season is over and when another wave of COVID-19 is predicted?

Essentially, the lower (servant) and middle class are being ravaged. Instead of Utahns working two jobs to come home broke, people are now working 3-4 jobs and working harder for less security. A business owner is never, ever going to close (even temporarily) unless they have no other choice and they know what is best for their business. On the other hand, the government builds nothing. It creates nothing. It mostly knows how to hinder and destroy and metastasize like a disease. This is a perfect example of our burdensome and dysfunctional government at work.... Bureaucracy on steroids... Socialism on parade. To all of our elected and bureaucrat officials in Utah ... YOU ARE CRUSHING US. You should be standing by our side and fighting with us, not defeating us!!!

Is there not one among you that will fight for liberty and secure the foundations of our Constitutional freedom that allows "agency" and individual choice through the law? We are a nation under God. The Lord never forces us to do anything. Is there a better plan or example to follow?

If any of our elected officials have an alternative reasonable approach to our present status that is not being heard, or has been heard and rejected by higher-ups, please contact me and I will publish it and give you all of the support and publicity I'm capable of.

America is well on its way of becoming a third world country. Now, we see predictions of food shortages within 2 weeks. Many of you are too young to remember that the Soviet Union was notorious for creating famines that starved to death 6 to 8 million people while dumping massive amounts of milk. Recently, we have seen empty shelves of essentials but now our food supply chain from producer to distribution is being destroyed. Livestock are being slaughtered and crops are rotting in the fields. Our economy is ruined and our great-grandchildren are enslaved by debt. GREAT JOB!!!

When the government can tell us what we can or can't do with our pursuit of happiness, our increase, our livelihood and freedom, then we have lost the Republic and we have become a combination of the two evil cousins to marxist dictatorship: fascism and socialism. Do we even see that we are slaves to the state when bureaucrats order us around with our daily behavior, even when the health threat is so minimal?

Here in SW Utah, our summer climate does not allow the corona virus to exist because of the temperature. If there are new cases, they'll come from visitors bringing it with them. Our local economy depends on tourism and if people are sick they don't travel. This nonsensical situation that our elected representatives have created will go down as one of the political world's biggest, most shamefully overblown, over-hyped, overly and irrationally inflated, immoral and outright deceptively flawed responses to a health matter in American history, one that was carried largely on the lips of medical professionals who presented flawed data, can't even agree with each other, and have no business running a national economy or government.

The data to keep America closed and Americans out of work simply doesn't exist. If truth be told, it's questionable it ever did. But from faulty overinflated computer figures came all the constitutionally questionable actions by the government anyway — from ordering businesses closed to quarantining and house arresting American citizens to doing some quick, pitiful and economically painful income redistribution schemes via stimulus funds' legislation.

"Quarantine is the ultimate violation of civil liberties. Having committed no crime, having done no wrong, you're sentenced to house arrest or banishment. It's unfair, it's un-American." – Charles Krauthammer

Never before have we quarantined the healthy.

When you take human beings and you say, 'Go into your house, clean all your counters, Lysol them down' ... what does it do to our immune system? ... Sheltering in place decreases the immune system. Do you think you're protected from COVID when you wear gloves that transfer disease everywhere? We wear medical-grade masks in an acute setting to protect us but the vast majority of masks, like the blue ones, do nothing beyond PARTIALLY containing the spray from a cough. People who are not sick don't need to wear them. Lots of people are walking around mask-naked. Why is that? Because they understand microbiology. They understand immunology and they want strong immune systems. I don't want to hide in my home, develop a weak immune system and then come out and get a disease.

The facts are this: COVID-19 is a TRAGIC & REAL disease that sickens some, proves fatal to others, mostly the elderly — and does nothing to the vast majority. 56,000 have died in America due to corona virus — or have they? Again, the facts are flimsy. If you're going to dance on someone's constitutional rights, you better have a good reason — you better have a REALLY GOOD REASON, not just a theory. The data is showing us it's time to lift ... so if we don't lift, what is the reason? As time goes by, the answer will only become more and more evident. The corona virus may be real — but the hype is hoaxed. Now let's just hope this is a one-time hoax that doesn't roll around every time flu season approaches.

The only reason America is still in shutdown mode is political. Either politicians are too afraid to make any move that might come back to bite them politically or they are using this corona virus to political advantage — to, say, pass gun control laws, like Virginia's governor, Ralph Northam, or float campaign hopes on the current ravaged economy, like former Vice President Joe Biden and oh, all the Democrats facing races.

It is beyond the conception of many lawmakers to think that people are capable of educating themselves and able to take fitting actions to benefit their own health. Just because they can't imagine a spontaneous market solution doesn't mean one does not exist. Most politicians do not have the entrepreneurial spirit and many have never worked a day in their life beyond government *"service"*.

It's time to allow adults to be adults and act in a reasonable and responsible manner. Every person alive has a health condition that could cause them to drop dead at any moment. It's called LIFE. COVID-19 is one more thing in a world filled with things that can kill us. How are we going to be protected from LIFE? Is that a job for the arrogant nanny-state to decide? Now that we've learned how to wash our hands, let's continue to follow better health practices, totally open up our economy again, and urge production to happen back here in America.

There is no way that our economy can escape taking a major hit from this epidemic. It already has. Instead of masking or ignoring the changing conditions, it is the ability of people and countries to adapt that creates true economic resilience. Small business is the lifeblood of our economy and we need to appreciate their financial vulnerabilities. It's up to our policymakers to decide if we get through this crisis more or less prosperous and free than when we began.

Every bureaucrat and/or elected official has the potential of becoming a despot. Empowered by "a public health emergency" they are free to issue diktats at will with impunity and many have. Some of the leaders of America's most progressive cities and states have finally reached the pinnacle of their glory.

The best thing the government can do is get out of the way. Most politicians will find this reality hard to face because they honestly believe that the right policy adjustments can solve everybody's problems. It is not the government's place to decide what aspects of our lives are essential or nonessential.

Every story we tell, in hard and easy times, is one about the cooperative or coercive ways of human nature. A minimum level of coercion is necessary, just as government itself is necessary. But let us not fall into the trap of confusing government with a civil society. As Tom Paine said in *Common Sense* in 1776: *"Society in every state is a blessing, but Government, even in its best state, is but a necessary evil. . . ."*

End the shutdown. Let America be America.... The land of the free... the home of the brave.

"Watch closely, and be vigilant towards the cause of liberty. Don't be a sunshine patriot, only sharing in the joys of great times. Be the patriots who founded our nation – cold, with frozen feet, and with little hope, and that hope coming from God. You will carry your families and your communities through these difficult times with that "founding father" attitude. Pledge your lives, your fortunes, and your sacred honor to the preservation of liberty, freedom, and American principles."– PC

"But instinct is something which transcends knowledge. We have, undoubtedly, certain finer fibers that enable us to perceive truths when logical deduction, or any other willful effort of the brain, is futile."—Nikola Tesla

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