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# VACCINES & INFORMED CONSENT

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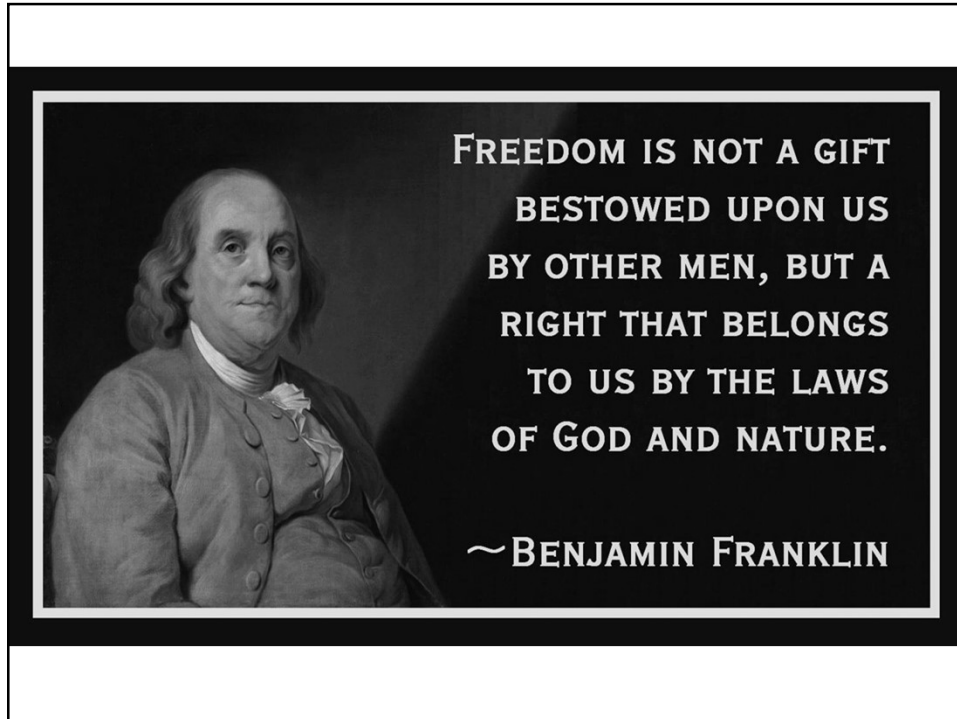
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## Bioethics is Important to Me

- Have taught bioethics to natural health professionals nationally since 1996
- Was part of the team that drafted the model code of ethics for the acupuncture profession nationally
- Advocate for informed vaccine choice and health freedom nationally since 2001
- Gave a presentation on informed consent to members of the Colorado state legislature in 2019

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# The History of Informed Consent

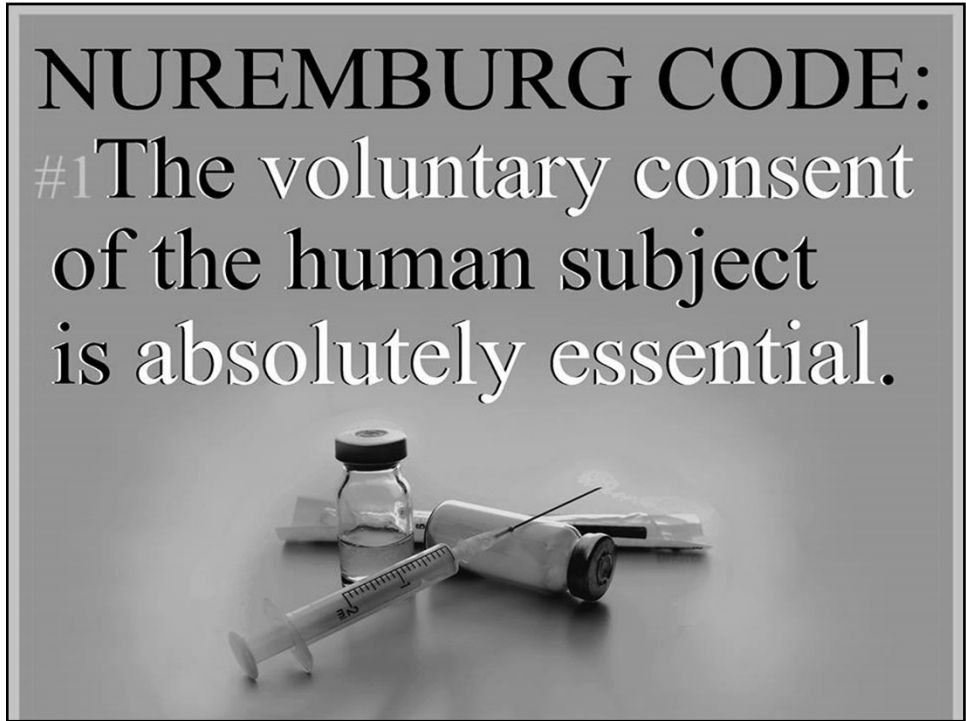
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Nuremberg Code</b> Establishing Inviolable Rights to Those Undergoing Medical Procedures</p>
	<p>“The judgment by the war crimes tribunal at Nuremberg laid down 10 standards to which physicians must conform when carrying out experiments on human subjects.”</p> <p><i>British Medical Journal</i>, 7 December 1996</p>

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	<p>“The Nuremberg Code is the most important document in the history of the ethics of medical research. The Code was formulated in August 1947, in Nuremberg, Germany, by American judges sitting in judgment of Nazi doctors accused of conducting murderous and torturous human experiments in the concentration camps...”</p> <p>Evelyn Shuster, PhD, <i>N Engl J Med</i> 1997; 337:1436-1440. Nov 13, 1997</p>

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<b>The Nuremberg Code</b> Establishing Inviolable Rights to Those Undergoing Medical Procedures	
	<p>1. <b>“The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential.</b> This means that the person involved should have legal capacity to give consent; should be so situated as to be able to exercise free power of choice, without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, over-reaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion; and should have sufficient knowledge and comprehension of the elements of the subject matter involved, as to enable him to make an understanding and enlightened decision... there should be made known to him...all inconveniences and hazards reasonably to be expected; and the effects upon his health or person, which may possibly come from his participation in the experiment.”</p> <p><small>Source: "Trials of War Criminals before the Nuremberg Military Tribunals under Control Council Law No. 10", Vol. 2, pp. 181-182. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1949</small></p>

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WITHOUT  
VOLUNTARY  
INFORMED  
CONSENT,  
MEDICINE  
BECOMES  
VIOLENCE.

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The Spread of the  
Consent Ethic

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	<h2>The Declaration of Geneva</h2> <p>The Consummate Oath of Ethical Medical Practice</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Declaration of Geneva (currently called The Physician's Pledge) is a modern revision of the traditional Hippocratic Oath.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Adopted by the World Medical Association in 1948</li><li>- Used by half of all US medical schools</li><li>- 13 commitments made by the physician as they enter the medical profession</li><li>- Last revised at the 68th WMA General Assembly, Chicago, IL, October 2017</li></ul>

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<h2>WMA DECLARATION OF GENEVA</h2> <p><b>The Physician's Pledge</b></p> <p>AS A MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION:</p> <p>I SOLEMNLY PLEDGE to dedicate my life to the service of humanity;</p> <p>THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF MY PATIENT will be my first consideration;</p> <p>I WILL RESPECT the autonomy and dignity of my patient;</p> <p>I WILL MAINTAIN the utmost respect for human life;</p> <p>I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;</p> <p>I WILL RESPECT the secrets that are confided in me, even after the patient has died;</p> <p>I WILL PRACTISE my profession with conscience and dignity and in accordance with good medical practice;</p> <p>I WILL FOSTER the honour and noble traditions of the medical profession;</p> <p>I WILL GIVE to my teachers, colleagues, and students the respect and gratitude that is their due;</p> <p>I WILL SHARE my medical knowledge for the benefit of the patient and the advancement of healthcare;</p> <p>I WILL ATTEND TO my own health, well-being, and abilities in order to provide care of the highest standard;</p> <p>I WILL NOT USE my medical knowledge to violate human rights and civil liberties, even under threat;</p> <p>I MAKE THESE PROMISES solemnly, freely, and upon my honour.</p>						

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Declaration of Geneva</b> Oaths Relevant to Vaccine Informed Consent Emphasis Added</p>
	<p><b>#3: I WILL RESPECT the <u>autonomy</u> and dignity of my patient;</b></p> <p><b>#5: I WILL NOT PERMIT considerations of age, disease or disability, creed, ethnic origin, gender, nationality, political affiliation, race, sexual orientation, social standing <u>or any other factor to intervene between my duty and my patient;</u></b></p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>In Stark Contrast to</b> <b>The American Medical Association</b> <b><i>Principles of Medical Ethics (2001)</i></b> Emphasis Added</p>
	<p>VI. “A physician shall, in the provision of appropriate patient care, except in emergencies, <b>be free to choose whom to serve</b>, with whom to associate, and the environment in which to provide medical care.”</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Declaration of Geneva</b> Oaths Relevant to Vaccine Informed Consent</p>
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	<p style="text-align: center;">The Gaeta Institute michaelgaeta.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Declaration of Helsinki</b> Establishing Inviolable Rights to Those Undergoing Medical Procedures</p>
	<p>The Declaration of Helsinki is a set of ethical principles regarding human experimentation developed for the medical community by the World Medical Association (WMA). It is widely regarded as the cornerstone document on human research ethics</p> <p>The Declaration developed the ten principles first stated in the Nuremberg Code, and tied them to the Declaration of Geneva (1948). The last revision was in 2013.</p> <p><b>The fundamental principle is respect for the individual, their right to self-determination and the right to make informed decisions.</b></p> <p>The morally bereft, utterly corrupt and pHarma-serving US FDA has rejected all versions of the Declaration since the year 2000, censored/eliminated all references to it in 2006, and finally replaced it with the “less morally authoritative document” (Lancet, Vol 373, January 3, 2009), called <i>Good Clinical Practice</i>.</p> <p>Source: <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declaration_of_Helsinki">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Declaration_of_Helsinki</a></p>

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**CHAPTER I: PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES**

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**Article 1**  
The Purposes of the United Nations are:

**3. “... promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all...”**

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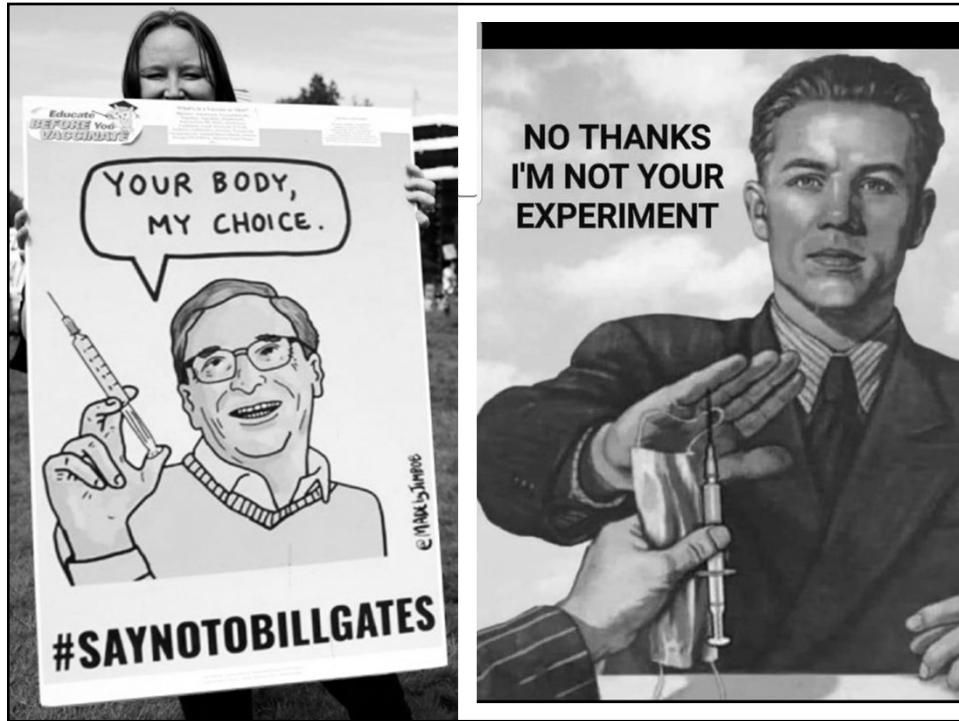
**2005 Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights**

**Article 6 – Consent**

1. “Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information.”

It further notes that the “sole interest of science or society” does not prevail.

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# Defining Informed Consent

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Elements of Informed Consent Specific to Vaccines</b> The Central Tenet of Medical Ethics</p>
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. <b>Informed:</b> The patient is fully informed about the nature, intended benefits and all possible risks of that treatment, including all possible adverse reactions; the actual risks and benefits of natural infection; and treatments available that make the likelihood of serious consequences of natural infection less likely</li><li>2. <b>Consent:</b> The patient understands the above and, without coercion, freely gives permission or consent for that treatment to be done</li></ol>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Informed Consent</b> The Central Tenet of Medical Ethics <i>Source:</i> Stanford University Encyclopedia of Philosophy <a href="http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/informed-consent/">http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/informed-consent/</a></p>
	<p><b>“Informed consent is shorthand for informed, voluntary, and decisionally-capacitated consent.</b></p> <p>Consent is considered fully informed when a capacitated (or “competent”) patient or research subject to whom full disclosures have been made and who understands fully all that has been disclosed, voluntarily consents to treatment or participation on this basis. In its most important role in bioethics, informed consent is a legitimacy requirement for certain actions. Inadequately informed consent makes certain intrusions impermissible.”</p>

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	<p>Roughly, when a sufficiently capacitated adult does not give sufficiently informed and voluntary consent to intervention in her body or her private sphere, then, at least when the intervention is substantial, not trivial, and absent severe jeopardy for third parties, <b>the intervention is impermissible—even when it seeks to assist her, physicians recommend it, third parties would benefit from it</b>, and the patient herself had repeatedly consented to it before expressing a change of mind.”</p>



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	<p style="text-align: center;">A Consistent, Critical Feature of Informed Consent</p>
	<p>In bioethics, the real or perceived good of the whole / collective does NOT override or outweigh personal bodily autonomy &amp; individual agency</p>

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**GET IT.  
DON'T GET IT.  
NOT THE POINT.**

**ETHICALLY.  
EVERY HUMAN ON THE  
FACE OF THE PLANET  
SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO  
SAY YES OR NO TO WHAT  
IS INJECTED INTO THEIR  
BLOODSTREAM.**

 **Candace Owens**   
@RealCandaceO

Nuremberg codes stipulate that consent must be voluntary.

Telling a child they cannot go to school, firing people from work, or preventing their travel is NOT voluntary consent.

Threatening someone's livelihood unless they take an experimental vaccine is NOT voluntary consent.

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**"I BELIEVE STRONGLY  
IN BODY AUTONOMY.**

**HEALTH IS NOT  
ONE SIZE FITS ALL  
FOR EVERYBODY.**

**YOU HAVE A RIGHT  
TO MAKE DECISIONS  
ABOUT YOUR BODY.**

**THAT SHOULD BE AN  
INALIENABLE RIGHT."**


- AARON RODGERS  
@TheFreeThoughtProject

#StandWithAaronRodgers


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	<h1>The American Foundations of Personal Autonomy &amp; Responsibility</h1>


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	<p>The Gaeta Institute michaelgaeta.com</p> <h2>Personal Sovereignty</h2> <p>A Central Tenet of Constitutional Freedom</p>
	<p><b>“...every man has a property in his own person. This nobody has any right to but himself.”</b></p> <p>John Locke, <i>The Second Treatise of Government</i>, 1690</p> <p>John Locke is the intellectual father of our country. While a number of thinkers... made important contributions, this political and social philosopher of 17th century England influenced the author of the Declaration of Independence and the Framers of the Constitution more than any. From <a href="http://johnlocke.org">http://johnlocke.org</a></p>

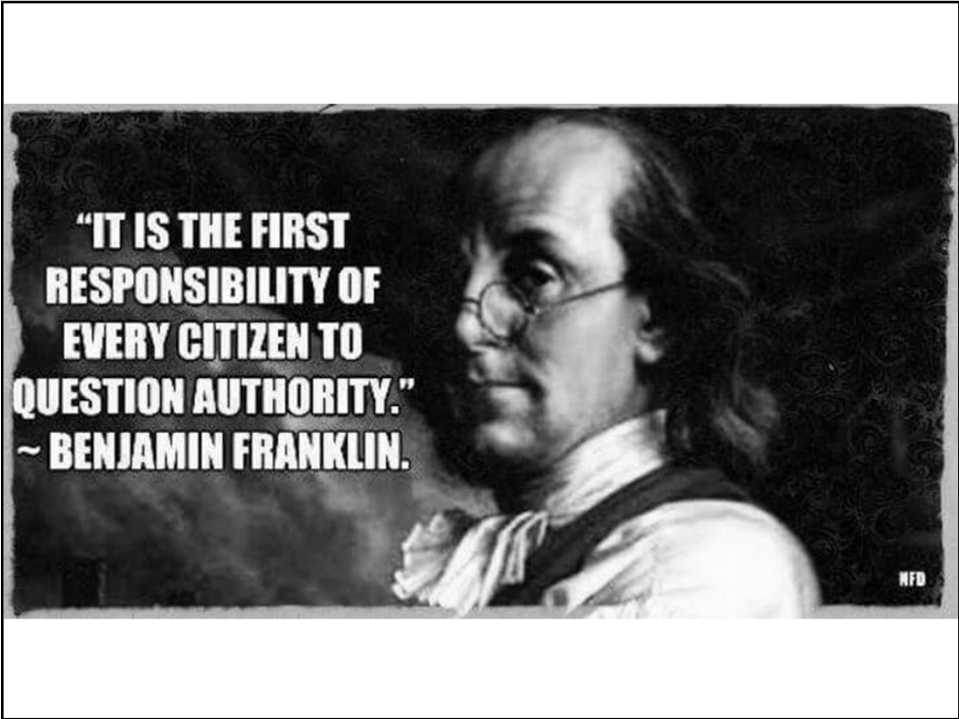
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	<p>The Gaeta Institute michaelgaeta.com</p> <p><b>Constitutional Protection of Personal Sovereignty</b></p>
	<p><b>“[No state shall] deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.”</b></p> <p>The Constitution of the United States, 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment Ratified July 9, 1868</p>  <p>The Constitutional Convention of 1787</p>

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	<p>The Gaeta Institute michaelgaeta.com</p> <p><b>The Declaration of Independence</b></p>
	<p><b>“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed...”</b></p> <p>The Declaration of Independence Ratified July 4, 1776</p> 

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	<p>Canadian Constitution: Relevant Excerpts</p>

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## CONSTITUTION ACT 1982

### PART I: CANADIAN CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law:

#### A. GUARANTEE OF RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

##### 1. Rights and freedoms in Canada

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms set out in it subject only to such reasonable limits prescribed by law as can be demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society.

#### B. FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

##### 2. Fundamental freedoms

Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms:

- a. freedom of conscience and religion;
- b. freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication;
- c. freedom of peaceful assembly; and
- d. freedom of association.

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#### E. LEGAL RIGHTS

##### 7. Life, liberty and security of person

Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person and the right not to be deprived thereof except in accordance with the principles of fundamental justice.

#### F. EQUALITY RIGHTS

##### 15.

##### 1. Equality before and under law and equal protection and benefit of law

Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability.

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	<h1>The Current State of Informed Consent for Vaccinations</h1>

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	<h2>The Current State of Informed Consent for Vaccinations</h2>
	<p>Summary:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. With rare exceptions, there has not been informed consent for vaccination in many decades in the US</li><li>2. This lack has been even more dramatic related to the experimental / EUA covid injections</li><li>3. There continues to be a shameful degree of medical pontification, coercion, shaming and guilt used by medical personnel, media, public health (the State) and peers, all of which violates the consent ethic and personal agency</li></ol>

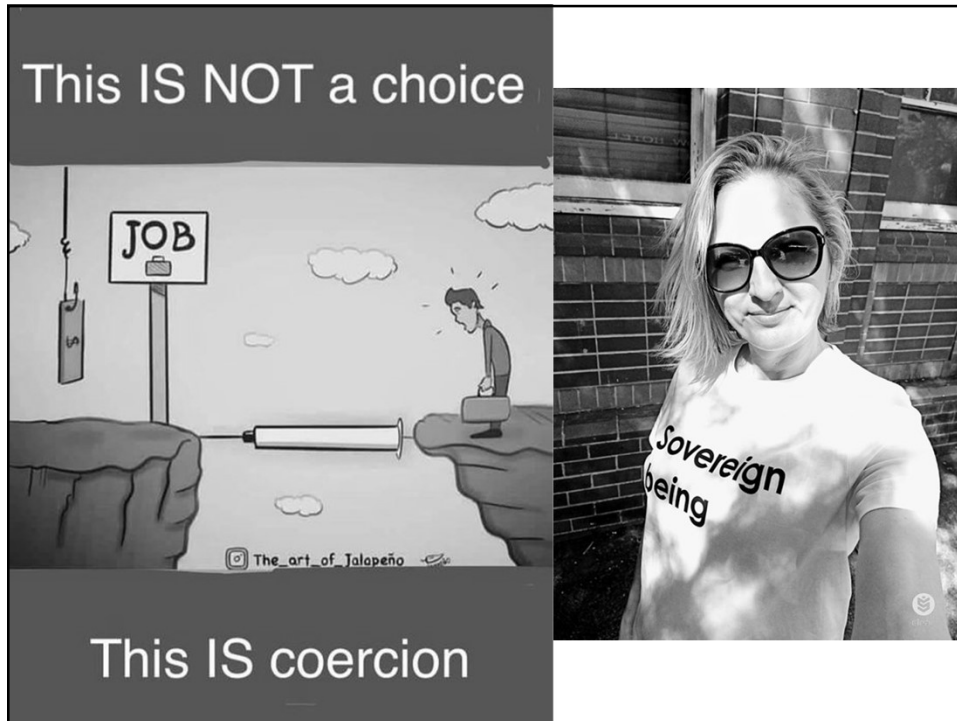
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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vaccines &amp; Informed Consent: Current Concerns</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Vaccines are the only medical procedure for which there is no informed consent</li><li>- Failure of physicians to inform patients and parents of vaccine risks</li><li>- Physician and public health denial of vaccine injuries</li><li>- Coercion of parents and even denial of care to children who are not vaccinated, based on the disproven myth of herd immunity from vaccines</li></ul>

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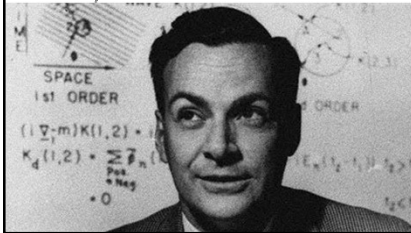


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	<p>Specific to Experimental Procedures e.g. Masks, Covid Injections</p>
	<p><b>Title 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(e)(1)(A)(ii)(I-III) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act</b></p> <p>States, in part, "...ensure that individuals to whom the product is administered are <b>informed</b>—</p> <p>(II) <b>of the significant known and potential benefits and risks</b> of such use, and of the extent to which such benefits and risks are unknown; and</p> <p>(III) <b>of the option to accept or refuse administration of the product</b>, of the consequences, if any, of refusing administration of the product, and of the alternatives to the product that are available and of their benefits and risks.</p>

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*“I would rather have questions that can’t be answered than answers that can’t be questioned.”*



Richard Feynman, PhD  
(1918-1988)

1965 Nobel in Physics (quantum electrodynamics)  
One of the greatest physicists of all time


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## **Herd Immunity: The Flawed Justification for Vaccine Mandates**

1. 1933 theory based on natural immunity, not vaccines
2. Vaccine effects usually fade within 2-5 years
3. 2-10% of all vaccine recipients do not respond
4. Nearly all adults have had no vaccine effects for several decades, with no resurgent epidemics
5. Outbreaks are not epidemics, and will continue to occur in highly- or fully-vaccinated populations
6. Viral shedding allows asymptomatic vaccinated individuals to transmit the vaccine strain of the illness
7. No credible evidence that vaccine-induced herd immunity actually exists


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“All medical interventions, including vaccines, have risks and benefits. Physicians have the duty to advise patients according to their own best judgment, and patients have the right to decline to follow their advice. **Patients also have the right to be fully informed and not restricted to governmentally-approved information... Medical freedom is a basic human right.** Sacrificing it in the name of population health is likely to worsen public health.”



- AAPS executive director, Jane M. Orient, MD

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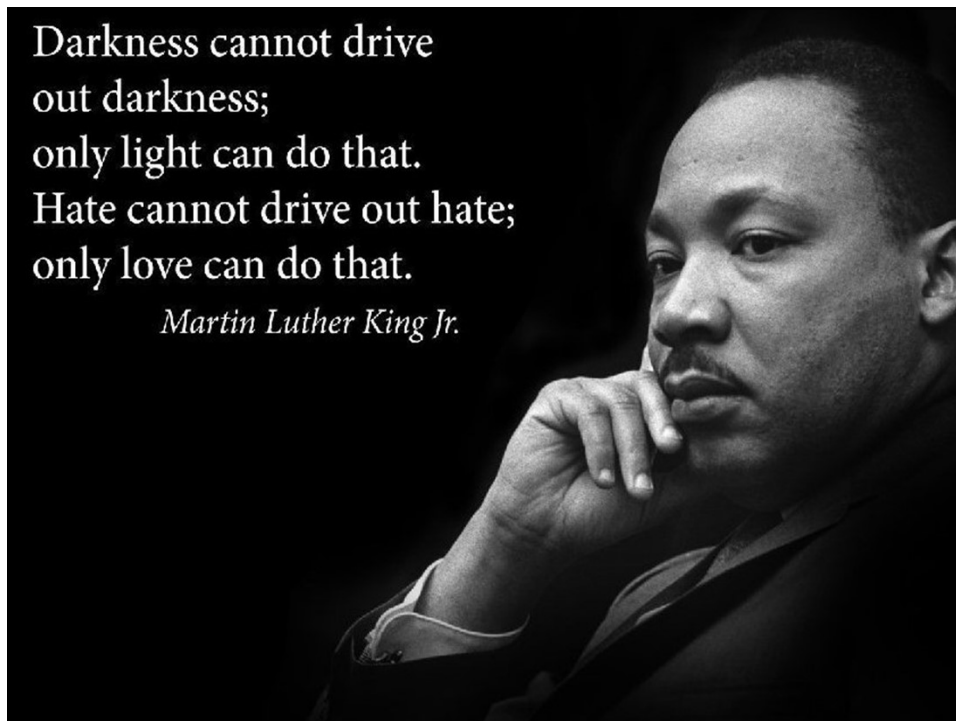
**AAPS Statement on Federal Vaccine Mandates**  
To the US Senate  
Feb 26, 2019 - Relevant Excerpts

“After being fully informed of the risks and benefits of a medical procedure, patients have the right to reject or accept that procedure... Governmental preemption of patients’ or parents’ decisions about accepting drugs or other medical interventions is a serious intrusion into individual liberty, autonomy, and parental decisions about child-rearing... liberty rights are unalienable.”


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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Vaccines &amp; Informed Consent: A Way Forward: Restoring Medical Ethics</b></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Require inert placebo vaccine safety studies</li><li>- Legislation preserving and expanding vaccine choice and informed consent: “where there’s a risk, there must be a choice,”</li><li>- Amend vaccine exemption forms to include risks of vaccinating, not only risks of not vaccinating</li><li>- Encourage use of the Physician’s Pledge</li><li>- Require a balanced and complete consent form prior to vaccination, detailing possible benefits and risks / adverse reactions</li></ul>

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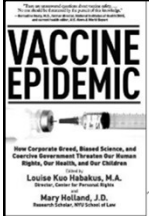

	<p><b>Take a Stand for Choice &amp; Informed Consent</b></p>
	<p><i>“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”</i></p>  <p>– Prof. Margaret Mead, PhD, cultural anthropologist</p>

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	<p><b>Resources &amp; Next Steps</b></p>

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 <p><b>VACCINE EPIDEMIC</b> How Corporate Greed, Biased Science, and Coercive Government Threaten Our Rights, Our Health, and Our Children Lucine Kori Hakakos, M.A. Mary Holland, J.D. Illustration: APF/Thomas H. Lee</p>	<h1>Resources</h1>	 <p><b>Dissolving Illusions</b> Disease, Vaccines, and the Forgotten History Suzanne Humphries, MD Roman Bystrianyk</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- NVIC Advocacy Portal: <a href="http://nvicadvocacy.org">nvicadvocacy.org</a>, <a href="http://nvic.org">nvic.org</a></li><li>- CO Health Choice Alliance: <a href="http://cohealthchoice.org">cohealthchoice.org</a></li><li>- Association of American Physicians and Surgeons: <a href="http://aapsonline.org">aapsonline.org</a></li><li>- Informed Consent Action Network: <a href="http://icandecide.org">icandecide.org</a></li><li>- Mary Holland, Esq.: Law Professor &amp; Scholar</li><li>- Gaeta Institute for Wholistic Health Education: Clinical practice; free online course, Vaccines and Choice: <a href="http://michaelgaeta.com">michaelgaeta.com</a></li></ul>		

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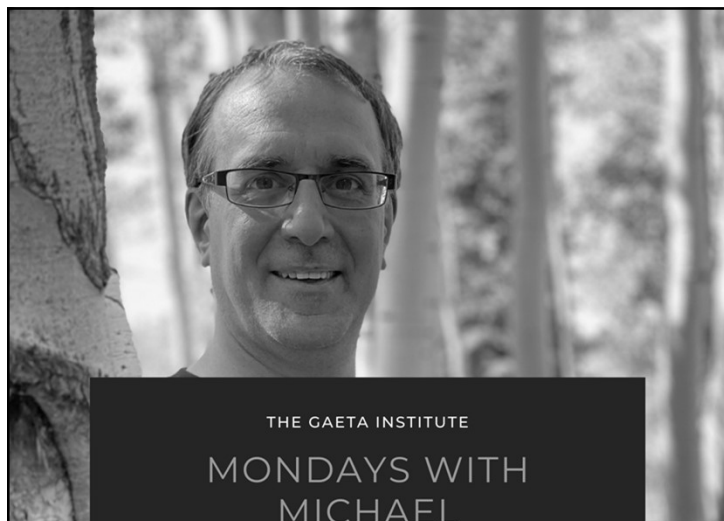
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	<p>"Remember the largeness of who you are, the greatness of your purpose in living, and the enormity of your power to create."</p> <p>- Dr Michael Gaeta</p> <p><a href="http://michaelgaeta.com">michaelgaeta.com</a></p> <p>54</p>	

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