



Informed public debate about early treatment and prophylaxis for COVID-19 is urgently needed

Letter by Gail Davidson - 3 Feb 2022.
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Dear Editor:

Re: Toronto physician, co-founder of Canadian Covid Care Alliance, under investigation by medical regulator

Informed public debate about early treatment and prophylaxis for COVID-19 is urgently needed. Star readers deserve better than the unsubstantiated and inflammatory language used in the article noted above.

The Star's reporter makes dangerously misleading statements about issues of great importance to readers and then tars others with the misinformation brush. Powerful accusations in the article of "fraudulent research" and "spreading anti-vaccine misinformation..." are carelessly made without reference to any corroborative or contradictory evidence, studies or opinions. Readers are left unable to assess the writer's accusation or form personal opinions.

The Star does a grave disservice to readers by failing to encourage and allow urgently needed dissemination of information and public debate about early treatment and prophylaxis and about vaccine mandates, the efficacy and safety of vaccines, and current COVID-19 risks.

Informed public debate is the lifeblood of our democracy. The Star must support, not stifle such debate.

The fuel of freedom

Photo by Mark Tholen - taken 28 Jan 2022 at 4am at Jean Coutu, Trans-Canada Highway 85, St-Antonin, Quebec.



More photos: <https://torontomoon.substack.com>

Canada's freedom truckers inspire (some) academics to write in solidarity and support

Commentary by Claus Rinner - 4 Feb 2022.

Canadian academics from disciplines not directly related to medicine and health sciences have been largely absent from public debate about the COVID-19 crisis. In particular, the side of those criticizing the pandemic response measures consists primarily of the few medical doctors and health scientists willing to risk their careers by raising concerns about the prevailing narrative.

Are all Canadian academics silent? No, a small group of humanities scholars, natural and social scientists as well as engineers are distancing themselves from the mainstream narrative. Moving to a first-person account for a moment, some of us have organized as Canadian Academics for Covid Ethics (CA4CE) and follow with great interest the developments around Freedom Convoy 2022 and its arrival in Canada's capital city, Ottawa.

Most recently, Dr. Cornelius Christian, Associate Professor of Economics at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, wrote:

What's wrong with being vaccine-smart?

Commentary by Kevin Cheung, Laurent Leduc, & Claus Rinner - 27 Jan 2022.

When you hear a gunshot, do you hide or do you go check it out? When you visit a destination in a seedy neighbourhood for the first time at night, do you take the longer road with street lights or a shortcut through a dark alley? [...]

If you need to pause before answering any of these questions, are you being "hesitant"? Or are you being prudent, clever, and "street-smart"?

For months, people who for one reason or another have decided not to receive any of the currently available injections for COVID-19 have been labelled as "vaccine-hesitant". What is more, they have been ridiculed and vilified by mainstream media with statements which under normal times would be regarded as morally reprehensible and would not have passed through any responsible editor. [...]

Is it so far-fetched to realize and acknowledge that the risk attitudes among individuals differ and therefore individuals assess risks vs benefits differently? How can there be a legitimate one-size-fits-all policy on what is deemed acceptable as reasons for exempting oneself from a known risk? [...]

It is a national disgrace that a country that prides

"I'm a Canadian of Color, a Professor, and I Support the Truckers" for the Brownstone Institute. Christian takes up the characterization of Freedom Convoy participants and supporters as uneducated racists, made by Trudeau and "Canadian socialist" leader Jagmeet Singh and parroted by mainstream media, and presents himself as a counter-example: "a first-generation Canadian of minority status and an economics professor, I have nothing but admiration for the truckers and their cause". [...]

Turning the racism charge against the Prime Minister and his team, Christian asserts that "The truckers' convoy represents a victory of common sense over nonsensical intellectual posturing." The author concludes the article outlining three short-term goals: the end of all mandates; accountability for the responsible elites; and legislative prevention of excessive pandemic response in the future.

[Read the full article with additional testimonies by Dr. Douglas Farrow and Dr. Travis D. Smith on the Moon's online site.]

itself on human rights is actively engaging in actions that it would vehemently condemn and denounce in normal times. Instead, we have a leader who resorts to labelling those who are vaccine-smart as "extremists, misogynists, racists." [...]

In retrospect, instead of calling unvaccinated people "vaccine-hesitant", "COVID deniers", or worse, let's appreciate that different individuals hold different values that lead them to logical conclusions in their personal health choices. The "vaccine-hesitant" may be smarter than you think.

Anyone who is still convinced that we can vaccinate ourselves out of this pandemic can simply take a look at the recent data from Israel. There, fourth shots are already being rolled out, yet the 7-day moving average of new cases crossed the 60,000 mark several days ago. And that is in a nation with a population under 10 million! No amount of labelling and ostracizing "the unvaccinated" is going to change anything for the better. What Canadians need is a proper exit plan.

Canadians are waking up, polls say

[Read more on the Moon's online site.]

