



## Vaccine-injured student takes Ontario university to court, but future remains uncertain

Report by Curtis Heinen - 2 March 2022

Under the guidance of the provincial Chief Medical Officer of Health, all universities across Ontario implemented COVID-19 vaccination policies in the fall of 2021. These policies include a strict requirement that all students, faculty, and staff entering campuses must be fully vaccinated with two doses of a COVID-19 injection, with rare exceptions to be granted. Justin, a first-year Juris Doctor Law student, recounts his difficult experience with his university after suffering a vaccine injury from the first shot, ultimately ending in legal action against the school. His story is one of many who have unduly suffered because of poor communication and failure to accommodate on the part of university administrations.

Justin was not too concerned about the mRNA technology at first but was slightly hesitant to receive his first dose. He was waiting on more information about the vaccines because he was not working at the time, and was spending much

of his time outside of the city. When talks of the university-wide vaccine mandate began, Justin thought it prudent to receive his first dose with the hope that he would be able to attend in-person courses. The consequences for Justin were wicked.

“Immediately, I started having chest pain and irregular heartbeat. It got pretty bad.” [...]

Despite having a duty under law to accommodate students with medical disabilities, the university automatically de-enrolled Justin in early February 2022 amid the university-wide switch from online to in-person classes. After the experience with the first vaccine dose, he was not prepared to take the second. With his medical situation still under investigation, the university was unwilling to accommodate. Justin exhausted his options at the university, reaching out to Human Rights Services, the Provost, President, and Ombudsperson at the school to no avail. Even his professors refused to help, despite their ability to use their own discretion for accommodations.

Prior to his de-enrollment, Justin retained a legal team to assist him. He notified the university that he would be filing an injunction, but they didn't budge. So, following his de-enrollment, Justin followed through, filing the injunction and a lawsuit. The details of the case remain confidential, but after a week of negotiation, a settlement was reached. Justin has since been re-enrolled and can finish his semester online, completing his final exams in a separate location from the rest of the students.

However, uncertainty remains surrounding future semesters as the university has merely agreed to “act in good faith” when deciding on future accommodations. Despite the Ontario Provincial Government's announcement that it would end vaccine mandates on March 1st, the university seems intent on maintaining its vaccination policy.

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## When moral suasion becomes immoral

Commentary by Laurent Leduc - 18 Feb 2022

I first learned about moral suasion many moons ago when taking my first economics course. At that time I could never figure out why it was called “suasion” when it sounded to be a slight variant of the more common term “persuasion”. My economics professor, who was also (I learned much later) an accomplished jazz pianist, said that it was a term similar to persuasion but different in that it was used exclusively by central bankers. [...]

Mark Carney's recent Globe and Mail article brought back such reflections on suasion versus persuasion and based on a former but precritical evaluation of his moral character, I was more than a bit stunned that he trotted out the word ‘sedition’ at the very get go. You can't do better than putting it in the title.

Sedition?

While it seems plausible that Mr. Carney is jockeying for position in the next electoral horse race, he is already trying to outdistance the sitting prime minister in terms of fomenting anger and divisiveness. But now that the old War Measures Act has been groomed up, Prime Minister Trudeau may again take the lead. We'll see as they round the clubhouse turn.

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## Downtown Ottawa, Day 23

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## The joke's on you, Canada

Commentary by Claus Rinner - 23 Feb 2022

This afternoon, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau revoked the use of the Emergency Act. The federal cabinet had declared a “public order emergency” on Valentine's Day, 14 February 2022. Both houses of the Parliament of Canada had to debate and confirm the declaration. Controversially, the House of Commons debate was delayed due to the police actions near the parliament buildings in Ottawa, which ensued from the application of the Act.

In the evening of February 21, the House approved the emergency with 185 votes from the Liberal Party caucus of Trudeau's minority government, the NDP caucus, and former Green Party leader Elizabeth May, against 151 votes from Conservative and Bloc Quebecois MPs. The Senate debate was in its second day, with many concerns raised and critical questions asked about the validity and wisdom of the invocation of the Act, when the motion was withdrawn due to the PM's announcement.

Both, the Canadian Constitution Foundation (CCF) and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) filed court applications to quash the emergency proclamation and the two ensuing government measures: regulations enabling the clearing of the “unlawful protests”, and an order allowing the freezing of bank accounts of protest participants and supporters. Alberta is also preparing an injunction against the federal invocation of the Act.

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