



Vote NO to Emergency Measures; YES to Democracy

Letter by Gail Davidson - 17 Feb 2022.
Originally sent to Canada's MPs.

Attention Members of Parliament (MPs);

Re: Vote NO to Emergency Measures; ...

The declaration of a public order emergency on 14 February 2022 is not warranted and does not comply with legal requirements of legitimate purpose, necessity or proportionality. The protests by truckers and others do not "threaten the life of the nation." MPs must reject the declared emergency and instead call on Parliament to promote and allow dialogue, dissemination of information and public debate about ending mandates that we now know are ineffective, unnecessary, disproportionate, unlawful and the cause of catastrophic and perhaps irremediable harm. Protesters and millions of others are gravely concerned at the absence of parliamentary and judicial oversight over the imposition of mandates and the failure of elected representatives to listen to and address the urgent matters raised by the protesters. [Read the full letter online.]

Chilling in Ottawa

Photos by a friend of the Moon - taken 17 & 18 February 2022



[For more photos, visit the Moon online.]

To Ottawa with Love: Time to end the protest and start working on the Great Cleanup

Commentary by Claus Rinner - 12 Feb 2022.

There has been a cacophony of trucker-ditching in the mainstream (sic!) media headlines in the last few days, from the *Toronto Star's* "Convoy shows how the far right has co-opted concept of 'freedom'" to the *Globe and Mail's* "The trucker convoy shows how Canadians are being sucked into larger conspiratorial narratives". Apparently, "freedom" is a bad word now, ...

[Read full comment online.]

Highlights from the leaked Freedom Convoy donor data

The GiveSendGo fundraising platform that stepped in after GoFundMe cancelled the Freedom Convoy 2022 campaign was hacked repeatedly over the last few days. The data were publicly posted by the hacker and later shared with researchers and journalists by a whistleblower site. The Moon got ahold of a copy of the spreadsheet containing Freedom Convoy 2022 donations. There are 92,844 records for a total of US\$8,421,806.50 given to the convoy in the ten days from February 1-10.

We at the Moon will focus on the amazing geographic reach of the Canadian trucker protests reflected in the donor list, and on the messages of support and hope that many donors left with their contributions:



Thank you for your courage and commitment to fight to be heard. It's abhorrent that our elected government will not recognize the concerns of fellow Canadians, and resort to name-calling. We need conversation and engagement, we need patience and understanding. Our government is none of these things. No matter how much they claim, I am not alt-right, I voted Liberal. For this I apologize. Thank you.

Appuyons les camionneurs et les organisations pacifiques qui les supportent. Écoutons les experts médicaux et les dirigeants qui le disent de plus en plus : les mesures comme le passeport sanitaire et la vaccination coercitive sont non seulement discriminatoires, mais aussi inefficaces. Le Canada doit apprendre à vivre avec le virus comme plusieurs autres pays sur la planète le font actuellement.

Charity and respect are our way out

Commentary by Kevin Cheung - 13 Feb 2022

Getting 100% of Canadians fully vaccinated is about as futile as making 100% of Canadians fluently bilingual. Personal choices aside, there will always be people who simply cannot take certain medical products for reasons that cannot be exhaustively enumerated. Any mandate that pushes people to the brink of losing their livelihoods for non-compliance is bound to fail in unexpected, if not spectacular, ways. Imagine what would happen if only those Canadians who are fluent in both English and French were allowed to hold office jobs.

From recent social media posts and newspaper op-eds, it appears that some individuals, be they politicians, academics, physicians or media personalities, are trying to drive our country into an abyss of hate. Is a country stronger when its citizens are divided or when they are united? Do people lead more fulfilling lives in harmony or in hostility? What does one gain by seeing fellow Canadians go hungry, go bankrupt, or even kill themselves?

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The Star's War: Delusional editorial misses its target entirely

Commentary by Julien Beillard - 16 Feb 2022.
Originally submitted to the Star on 23 Dec 2021

Just before Christmas, the editorial board of the *Toronto Star* proposed that vaccination against COVID-19 should be mandatory. While they claim at one point merely to be "asking all participating members of our society" to get vaccinated, they make it clear that they will tolerate only one answer: "Refusing to get vaccinated ... is a willful, selfish, anti-social act that can no longer be condoned". We are at war with a virus, and people must be made to fight for King and Country—or rather, to reduce stress on the health care system. [...]

For almost two years we have lived in a psychotic culture, largely the creation of corporate mass media and governments. Only one thing has mattered: reducing risks associated with a single respiratory illness. As this recent editorial in the *Star* demonstrates, our new moralizing monomania has become a far more serious problem.

Give peace a chance.