

# Once a Liberal Democracy, Canada Is Now an Authoritarian State

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Below are selected excerpts from an incisive opinion article published by The New York Post.

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Two decades ago, when I was 4 years old, my parents immigrated to Canada from India in search of greater freedoms, autonomy and economic opportunities. They're core Canadian values — enshrined in our <u>national anthem</u>, which gloriously heralds "The True North strong and free."

However, the past two years have seen a near complete erosion of the foundational liberal values that have attracted millions of immigrants like myself to this country.

Under the once-righteous guise of COVID safety and online protections, the Canadian government has taken its power to extreme levels once only imaginable — let alone permissible — in a dissent-stifling authoritarian state.

The control has extended to nearly every element of Canadian society, but nowhere more so than in our everyday personal lives.

Take my own case contending with Canada's COVID bureaucracy a few months back.

I was returning to Canada from the US when multiple Air Canada employees refused to let me on the plane. Although I had a negative COVID test, the government was suddenly requiring even returning citizens to be vaccinated (unvaccinated foreigners were already barred from entering).

Since the most documented adverse effect associated with COVID vaccination — heart inflammation — is concentrated in young men ages 15 - 25, I chose not to get vaccinated. I

am 21 years old, have already recovered from COVID and have no co-morbidities. I'm at low risk from serious COVID illness, which is why I remain unvaccinated. But this can make air travel difficult — especially in Canada.

Minutes before my boarding gate was closed, a sympathetic Air Canada staffer "begged" his manager to let me board the plane. "I just gave you a massive favor. No one else would do this," he said as I finally made my way down the jetway.

In the Canada of Justin Trudeau's making, you must now go to extreme measures simply to be allowed to return to your own nation. And for what?

COVID is just the beginning of the Canadian madness. The internationally recognized <u>trucker protests</u>earlier this year were the most flagrant display of political control ever witnessed within the ranks of the Canadian government. After trying to dismiss the truckers as a <u>"fringe minority"</u> of <u>"swastika wavers,"</u>Trudeau manufactured a National Emergency in order to justify truly outrageous tactics. Not only did he suspend the insurance of the truckers' vehicles, <u>he regulated the cryptocurrency transfers</u> and <u>froze the bank accounts</u> of folks simply donating to the trucker cause.

In my own small British Columbia town, Chilliwack (about an hour and a half from Vancouver), a <u>single mother</u> earning minimum wage who donated \$50 to the Truckers Convoy allegedly had her bank account frozen.

But the crackdowns on truckers were just the tip of the iceberg.

I know a bank worker in my city who was fired for not getting vaccinated, despite working remotely. A food truck delivery driver in my city met the same fate. If any of this was about "science," prior infection or regular COVID testing would have been a factor here, but they weren't. Get the jab or get out.

Trudeau, who once <u>professed</u> to being cognitively unable to do basic math, has plunged the country into over <u>\$1 trillion</u> in national debt for the first time in history. Everyday, that number surges by an additional \$400 million. Canada is now at risk for stagflation: both economic stagnation and high inflation, as families are unable to meet their bills.

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