

Cancel Freedom?

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Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti's message "couldn't be simpler," he offered last week: "It's time to cancel everything."

Gee whiz, that *is* simple.

The mayor's order "prohibits public and private gatherings of people from more than one household and states that all businesses in the city that require people to work on location must stop operations. Walking, driving, travel on public transport, bikes, motorcycles and scooters are prohibited, other than for those undertaking essential activities," *Fortune reports*.

Walking alone; riding a bike — *really?**

Thankfully, folks are still permitted to play golf, tennis and pickleball. But . . . unless the course or the court



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is in your back yard, wouldn't it remain illegal to travel there? Or to play with someone not living with you already?

Governor Gavin Newsom made similar demands, only over even more folks — and with less credibility — after flouting his own previous mandates. His regional order affected "some 33 million Californians, representing

84% of the state's population," to be locked down in their homes until after Christmas.

Restaurant owners are going to court to challenge the constitutionality of the governor's lockdown. "We can't close our businesses," restaurant owner Angela Marsden told Fox news' Neil Cavuto. "We need to stay open to survive this."

And what about "following 'the science'?"

"For the second time in five days," explained SFGATE.com, "California Gov. Gavin Newsom did not provide evidence that businesses ordered to close during the state's new stay-at-home order are actively contributing to the spread of the coronavirus."

Lacking legal authority and defying science provide more than enough reason for outright defiance. "At least seven counties say they won't enforce the mandates," NBC Nightly News informed. "The Riverside County Sheriff's Department will not be blackmailed, bullied or used as muscle against Riverside County residents," announced Sheriff Chad Bianco.

Defying tyranny is simple, too.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

* As I noted months ago, the scientific data correlate Vitamin D deficiency with serious and deadly cases of COVID-19. Therefore, telling people to stay inside, thereby avoiding sunshine, a major source of the vitamin, is *not* good advice. As an order with threats of enforcement, it is something even worse.