

Our Authoritarian Moment

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Was it something I said?

Yesterday, YouTube removed the video of my latest episode of This Week in Common Sense. Why? The platform claims I violated its “terms of service” and “community standards” by providing “medical misinformation.”

Funny, YouTube did not specify which statement in the video was incorrect, much less provide any citation to back up its “misinformation” claim.

This sort of authoritarianism is quite common these days.

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We're just supposed to take the Authority's word that It Possesses the Whole Truth.

No debate. No dissent.

There is not even a reference or consult.

Which is what Dr. Byram W. Bridle, PhD, Associate Professor of Viral Immunology Department of Pathobiology at the University of Guelph discovered.

Community Guidelines strikes

The image shows a collage of YouTube notifications. At the top, a 'Warning' notification states: 'Your content was removed due to a violation of our Community Guidelines. Because it's the first time, your account isn't affected. You're only warned once and this warning will remain on your channel.' Below it, a 'Content removed' notification says: 'Your content was removed due to a violation of our Community Guidelines. If you think we made a mistake, you can appeal.' A larger notification reads: 'Warning on October 10, 2021 Because it's the first time, this is just a warning. If it happens again, your channel will get a strike and you won't be able to do things like upload, post, or live stream for 1 week.' A table below lists the content: 'The last person to trust with power! Paul Jacob begins contemplating Thomas Sowell's common s...'. The table has columns for 'Type', 'Content', 'Policy', and 'Actions'. A 'REVIEW CONTENT' button and a 'REMIND ME LATER' button are visible. At the bottom, another 'Community Guidelines strikes' notification is partially visible. The background features a portrait of Paul Jacob and the website URL 'ThisCommonSense.org'.

He refused to provide evidence of vaccination. So his Canadian university “banned” him “from campus for at least a year.” And sat by while colleagues and students abused him for being “anti-science.”

Thing is, as he points out in his Open Letter to the academic institution, not one of the tenured immunologists of the University of Guelph thinks there should be mandatory vaccination. All are very concerned about the goal of universal vaccination. Since not one of the available vaccines appears effective enough to produce sufficient immunity in recipients “herd immunity,” the goal must be mere “herd vaccination.”

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Worse yet, at no point in the university's deliberations over the vaccine mandate did administrators consult their own immunology department!

That's not “following the science.”

Like at YouTube, it's a political campaign: science not required.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

Note: I first heard about both stories from my podcasting sparring partner, who produced two stories on his website regarding Dr. Bridle and tipped the hat to historian Tom Woods.