

VIRUS DERANGEMENT SYNDROME

Recently we became aware of a Facebook post that raked the store over the coals for our awful behavior. I don't think I know the author, and I avoid Facebook like the plague that it is, so I didn't respond to the post directly. Here is the post in full:

What a horrible experience,, it's a lawless, nasty situation when a management's political views become far more important than common sense safety AND A CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENT.

I wear a mask everywhere, I don't need a law to wear protection... (and I don't pass judgement on those who don't until they get way too overboard in their politics)

BUT this place flaunts it's lawlessness and is rude (and creepy) because there are so many workers handling food without any protection,, on a day where, within a hundred miles, they had one of the highest numbers of covid-19 cases recorded since the beginning of the pandemic..

That I had to be face to face with the management's political views, is rude and stupid at best, it's like walking through a thick fog of arrogance.. and that translated down to the customers who obviously felt they needed to carry out the management's agenda to say rude things (about me wearing a mask) under their breath, just loud enough to have me hear them but no one else would,, and aimed at me, proven by how they also stared at me....

I'VE NEVER BEEN SO INSULTED IN THE MANY DECADES OF MY LIFE, It seemed like the unmasked employees think because they smile, that it somehow changes the fact that every worker without a mask would stare at me, purposefully... Never have I been in such a prejudice and passive aggressive environment..

You should be ashamed of yourselves..

I do want to praise Robin, the wonderful woman who checked me out, she was personable, friendly and when I told her of my experi-

ence, she was understanding without being political and I appreciated her calm human response..

I have been in this store many times before and have always been pleased,, but this was the first time I walked out shaken up and hurt by the behaviors of many of the employees and customers..

I normally would not take the time to respond to this, but there are too many important issues mentioned that require response.

1. There are several references to "management's political views". I differ with this person in that the issues riveting our attention daily are not



mere "political" issues. They are issues of spirit, morality, common sense, and right and wrong. For some of us, they are also issues of God's involvement in our nation's history and culture, and in our personal lives, which require that we stand strong in resisting the nasty attacks against Him and against Truth. Yes, we sell some Trump paraphernalia, but why does that seem to make this person so angry? Why are leftists so angry and intolerant of us who support Trump, who himself supports our traditional God-based founding principles? What is it that makes them lash out so viciously? And if we are overboard for these important ideas and God's Spirit, then Yay!!!

2. Yes, masks are a "CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENT", by some set of rules that we didn't vote for. Have you ever heard of civil disobedience, in response to such outrageous and wrong-headed orders?* Common sense, and a very large number of experts in the fields of health, all say that wearing masks is ineffective and possibly dangerous to the wearer by forcing him/her to breathe back the CO2 and other things the lungs just

expelled from the body. Very few masks qualify as effective for a virus like the China Virus. People handle them with their "dirty" hands all the time. They don't cover the face totally as needed. And on and on. So are we not actually forcing our staffers into an unhealthy situation by requiring masks? And yet we must bow to the gods of government.

3. This writer observed so many workers handling food without protection. If so, the trip to the store was made BEFORE the "CALIFORNIA REQUIREMENT", because when Gov. Newsom issued the order, the store manager immediately required all staffers to comply, as they do. Only a few of us do not comply, and technically are within the law based on the listed disabilities exempting one from the order. And how is it that in 40 years of operation, amid all of the various viruses and health threats floating around, that our and other restaurants' food has been safe to eat? (By the way, our Deli Café staffers have been wearing face masks for well over a decade!)
4. Supposedly other customers made rude comments and stared at this person, as well as employees who also stared, covering up their nastiness with smiles. Wow! That's the first time I've heard our people criticized for smiling! And I testify that we have the greatest, friendliest, warmest staffers of any business I know, who sincerely want to help customers, and don't go around staring at people. We also hear from vendors and sales reps how unusually friendly our local customers are.
5. Honestly, I wonder if there is a Lucerne Valley Market & Hardware on another planet somewhere. This just doesn't sound like our store at all! (Well, except for my sin of a

maskless face!)

Have you ever heard of Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS), a phrase that many writers apply to those on the left who virulently and irrationally HATE President Trump? It causes them to fantasize about awful things happening to him and to distort much of what he does and says.

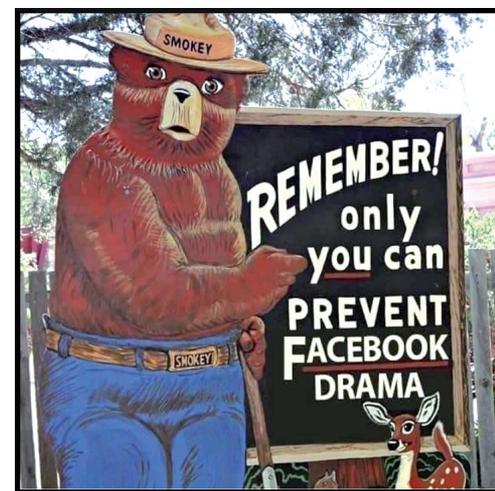
I believe that this Facebook post, and a couple of other feedbacks we've had, may be a spinoff of TDS. It seems to afflict the same people, those who are left-of-center politically, and who just cannot stand those of us on the right. Maybe we call this Virus Derangement Syndrome (VDS)?

I find it inexplicable that so many fall for the lies and distortions about the virus, thus allowing government regulators and unelected bureaucrats to expand their grip on our personal lives and businesses. I don't understand why so many do not see how a false panic has been ginned up to serve an agenda and then spread by the Fake News media and their allies in politics, "entertainment", education, and on and on. What has made people so blind and deaf so that they cannot hear or see solid, honest, healthy reality? Why are so many major institutions immediately slapping down rigid rules of conduct, floor markings, guards at doors threatening customers they once solicited? What the heck is going on?

There is only one answer: VDS!!

There is only one vaccination against VDS: God's Spirit of Truth. Grab onto it, and to Him, and don't let go! Because who knows where this all is headed?

Linda Gommel



**I am DELIGHTED that so many people across our state defied the July 4 lockdown and shot off their own fireworks! Have you seen the videos?*

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ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

From the Web.

BACKSEAT DRIVER

A passenger in a taxi tapped the driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed and lost control of the cab, nearly hit a bus and drove up over the curb, stopping inches from a large window. For a few moments everything was silent in the cab. Then the driver quietly said, "Please don't do that! You scared the daylight out of me." The passenger, who was also frightened, apologized and said he didn't realize a tap on the shoulder could startle someone so much—to which the driver replied, "It's really not your fault. Today is my first day driving a cab. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

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