

The Line in the Sand

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It does not seem to have hit home yet for many Canadians how much their freedoms have eroded.

In 2019, who decided if you could go to a movie, eat in a restaurant, attend a sports event, go to the gym, play in a park, attend church, gather with your family, celebrate a wedding, or pay your respects at a funeral?

You did, of course. If you had the means and the desire, you could do any of these activities, and many more.

Take a look at where we are as 2021 comes to a close. Who regulates all these activities now? The unelected health bureaucrats and their political servants! They determine who can and cannot do any of these activities and the number of participants allowed.

This presents the question: How many more of your freedoms are you willing to give up? Where is your "line in the sand?"

We would be wise to recall the words of Benjamin Franklin: "Any society that would give up a little liberty to gain a little security will deserve neither and lose both."

The issue now is, if we do draw a line in the sand, will it do any good? Have we gone too far in giving over our freedoms to the state? One thing history has taught us: they will not be returned to us unless we fight for them.

"Freedom is not our natural condition. It is highly fragile and must be defended in every generation. So if we are unaware of what we have, we will not see it slipping away."¹

In his excellent book, *When A Nation Forgets God*², Dr. Erwin Lutzer presents seven lessons we must learn from the rise of Adolph Hitler and Nazi Germany. The parallels he presents between the 1930's and our situation today are chilling.

"As countless Christian martyrs have proved throughout the centuries, there are times when we must draw the line; we must choose to suffer rather than compromise those values that will last forever. Yes, it is better to starve while doing God's will than to be a well-fed Christian who has chosen the short term advantages instead of divine favour." (p. 58-59)

Lutzer points out that when government control expands, as we have seen under the guise of this pandemic of fear, liberty is lost. The lockdowns and draconian restrictions on Canadian society have created the situation where citizens (including businesses and organizations) have become dependent on

government for their very existence, a condition that makes them susceptible to growing government demands.

The CHP stands for freedom. It is ingrained in our beliefs and values. The CHP Constitution states: “The reasonable limits of rights and freedoms are those expressed in the Bible. Without this safeguard, the danger is real that democracy becomes abused and freedoms violated when dissenters use their influence, whether by majority vote or manipulation, to abridge or abrogate fundamental rights to which every Canadian is entitled.”

“We believe the purpose of civil government is to ensure freedom and justice for a nation’s citizens by upholding law and order in accordance with Biblical principles.”

It is far past the time to draw our line in the sand. Join the CHP³ and help us push back against the growing political tyranny in Canada and restore our freedoms.

Footnotes

¹ Eric Metaxas, September 2014

² Dr. Lutzer was the guest on CHP Talks, November 11, 2021 edition. Access Dr. Lutzer’s books and sermons at www.moodymedia.org

³ www.chp.ca/get-involved/