

A Call for Patriotism

We are in a war against covid. And unlike, for example, the Vietnam War, it is a war that virtually everyone in the nation agrees we need to fight and win. So far, the number of our citizens who have died from it is nearly 13 times the number of our military who died during all the years of our participation in the war in Vietnam.

Unlike Vietnam, it is a war that we cannot chose to leave. The enemy will continue to kill us or cause long term health damage whether we fight or not. Our only rational course of action is to fight it to the best of our ability, until the enemy is eradicated (or, more likely, reduced to causing relatively minor annual damage – like the flu or measles or tuberculosis or any of a number of diseases that still kill us, but in much reduced numbers).

The only weapon we have that stands a chance of enabling us to win this war is vaccinations. The evidence is clear: If not vaccinated and you catch covid, there is a very good chance that you will hospitalized, and if so, the likelihood is that you will die a very unpleasant death. If you are vaccinated, your chance of catching covid is much smaller, and if you do, you are very unlikely to die from it. There is nothing political about these facts. The corona virus doesn't care squat about whether you are Republican or Democrat, conservative or liberal.

We also need to win this war quickly, because the enemy has shown it has the ability to mutate and become even more deadly.

To win, we need essentially everyone in the country to help fight the enemy by getting vaccinated. Sure, in every war there are small numbers of people who chose not to fight for profoundly held religious or moral reasons. If you fall into that category, so be it. But for those of you who are choosing not to fight for some perceived "right of choice", this is a time to choose Patriotism. Our country is under attack from an enemy that is killing us, killing our economy, killing our way of life.

If you choose not to get vaccinated, you are choosing not to fight for your country in this war. Don't be a draft dodger in this war against covid.