

Convoy Update Day 15 - Truckers To Remain In Hagerstown, MD

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SPEAKERS

Zack Petrizzo, Speaker 3, Dr. Pierre Kory, From background, Speaker 2, Senator Ron Johnson, Speaker 1, Paul E. Alexander, Speaker 7, Speaker 4, Speaker 5, Speaker 6, Speaker 8, Ted Cruz

Speaker 1

We are here because of the coordinated abuse of emergency powers. Emergency powers were never meant to be used in the way in which they were used. It was never contemplated that something that would be used for few days for a hurricane, or an earthquake would be weaponized against the American people. It has been weaponized in such a manner that people that were not designed to ever have that kind of power, like state, local officials, and the federal government, could trample the Constitution and make courts unable to enforce constitutional rights. And that's a big part of what we're here.

This was the most massive transfer of wealth from the little guy to big multinational corporations, by shutting down small businesses, the heart of American enterprise, in favor of the Amazon's of the world and the BestBuy's and the Walmart's. Just a travesty.

But what's even worse, the deaths from the vaccines and the deaths of people's livelihood, because that's death too, the heart of America as the working man and woman, and this is what the People's movement is about. They lost their jobs because they weren't getting vaxxed. They didn't want to get vaccinated, or they had pre-existing medical conditions or, guess what, their doctors just plain old recommended that they should. Would you believe that the courts can enforce the Americans constitutional rights for two years? It's unfathomable.

Speaker 2

Not only is this a violation of our constitutional rights, but this is a violation of your God given rights. You should never be mandated to put such a thing in your body. And I'm not a scientist, I'm not a doctor, I'm not the one to tell you whether it's good or not, that's over there. But I do know, as a person that served in the Army, and as a person that cares deeply about my country and that cares about my community and my family and my fellow drivers, my fellow Americans, that this was wrong. And I can see that without having to worry about the science. The People's convoy has come together and created a community. We are a massive community. And I would encourage any senator, congressman or

woman, any any governor, mayor, city council members, school board members, to come out and truly see what this ca be.

Senator Ron Johnson

What crisis that America has faced do we not come together as a people? Whether it's a national crisis, like 9/11, whether it's a hurricane in Florida, where, you know, truckers haul down construction material, Americans show up to help rebuild, or make tornadoes in the Midwest, or fires in the West. I mean, we always come together in the midst of tragedy, don't we? But not during the pandemic. The pandemic was politicized almost from the start. COVID has become completely partisan in flick around. There needs to be an awakening. But unfortunately, right now it's politicized. But it's movements like yours. It's ordinary Americans that need to have their eyes open and understand there's something going on here.

Speaker 2

The awakening is happening right now. The awakening is circling the beltway, as we're talking to you right now. That convoy is rolling too wide, is probably 10 miles long today. But the awakenings here.

Paul E. Alexander

But he has the key. at the beginning of this for two years now. It was the trucker who faced the initial one strain, the most violent strain. When the government told everyone to lock down and to remote work. It was the trucker who kept the supply chains going and kept the country on its feet. It was the trucker who faced this virus for two years. Now, the lowest strain of variant, you are telling the trucker with the exit strategy we have, that you can apply your tree, it actually makes no sense. It's upside down.

Speaker 4

And when you're driving under these overpasses, and you look up at people's faces, and millions, millions. It was 10s of 1000s, then turned to hundreds of 1000s. And I went into the millions. And I've never seen a presidential candidate or at any level have what we just had. And I think that speaks volumes.

Speaker 2

This convoy has developed a very powerful voice across America through social media, even if the mainstream media doesn't want to cover us. Everyone knows this is happening. Everybody knows that it's moving across, and everybody is opening up their eyes.

Senator Ron Johnson

So, the only way we overcome this vast cartel power is with what you're doing.

Speaker 2

I am going to stand for this part if I can. Through the convoy, there's been people that have walked up to us and told us a story. Whispered in our ears, told us all kinds of things that have gone on with their life and how things were affecting them. One man gave me an American flag that he carried in his rucksack all through the United, all throughout his Afghanistan deployment and he believed that it kept

him alive and safe. And told me to put this in my pocket and bring it to DC. Now I completed that mission. I brought it here for him. This young man here, 18 years old, only planned on being with us for one city from Adelanto to our next stop. Is that correct?

Speaker 6

Yes, sir.

Speaker 2

He has stuck with us this entire time; he flies out tonight. It's emotional when we see guys like him leave us. But we know that they're still supporting us. I did my mission. I want publicly for the man that gave me this to give it to this man to carry with you for the rest of your life, for being a part of this people's convoy to remember why you stood up.

Speaker 6

I want to cry. I haven't cried since my daddy's funeral about six years ago. Excuse me. I am sorry.

Speaker 2

You got it, buddy. We got you.

Speaker 6

My daddy served for these colors. His concentration I can throw like that our because now because I can't go to Los Angeles and do street photography without being kicked out because I'm not vaccinated. I didn't have prom. I didn't... I graduated early. I didn't you know, homecoming games. I don't know what that feels like. My mom she went to school boards and fought for us. I guess this is why I'm here. Yeah, I think this is why I'm able to stand up to corrupt politicians who has taken away, excuse my French, our freedoms. I grew up watching this place on TV and just remembering, I'm an American. But they see this, and they think it's all fool white supremacist, racist. I feel like because of my color, because of where I'm from, California, and together, I'm breaking all these stereotypes. So, there's no excuse. People need to hear the stories of the American people. It's not racist. I've been treated with nothing but love, I've grown. My life has forever changed because of the Convoy.

Speaker 3

My daughter said to me before I left, dad, you can't afford to do this. But everything has come over the last two years. And I looked at her and I said, I can't afford not to do this. It comes down to some things very much like this. This, this note wrapped around a cookie from a family. If I may, I'll read this. You are a trucker. I admire your courage, and your determination in doing this. I will support you in prayer for a victory over the sad oppression that is going on. Thank you for fighting for all of us, a mother of three, God bless you. I have a box full of these things.

Senator Ron Johnson

This is a fight for freedom. It's not someone else's fight. It's our fight, it is a fight we have to win. We've already seen tear here. Yeah, I didn't expect that. It doesn't surprise me at all. But these are powerful stories. So, I want you to listen to their stories. I want them, I want you to hear why they have done this.

Why they have risked, in many cases, their career in this universal fight for freedom. That's what this is all about. It's very simple.

Ted Cruz

Just a few weeks ago, the eyes of the world were on the Canadian truckers. That convoy to our neighbor up north was powerful, and they spoke out for freedom. The People's convoy continues that legacy. And I got to tell you, there are a whole lot of politicians in this building that aren't listening. They're ignoring the people back home. And every elected official from the local mayor and the county commissioner all the way up to the President of the United States. It's time to listen. And it's time to defend people's freedom. And so, I want to thank you for telling your stories. Your stories are powerful.

Zack Petrizzo

So, Zack Petrizzo with The Daily Beast, quick questions. So, during the meeting, did you guys discuss it all the plans moving forward in terms of potentially gumming up traffic in DC more and the next steps in terms of what the escalations are, and also what the demands are from you guys, which hadn't been specified? Thanks so much.

Speaker 2

Well, we've made it pretty clear what our plans are. We're going to keep looping the beltway until we're hurt. That hasn't changed anything. We've been doing it what day three now doing that? We're currently riding too wide, occupying two lanes, I believe we're probably about six, seven miles long, the first day we get it, we were 64 miles long, because we occupied one lane. In that time to other convoys have joined up with us. We're not going anywhere. We're not going to leave. Stay put, we're going to keep doing what we're doing, until we start getting more meetings like we just had today. Our demands, if you want to say, have been pretty clear. End the state of urgency, end the vaccine mandates, and let's start holding both our elected and non-elected officials accountable for their actions that led to this through bipartisan congressional hearings and investigations into the origins of the pandemic, and the federal government's and state government's response to this pandemic.

Zack Petrizzo

So, the demands are that you will meet with because Tom Hager had mentioned that you guys wanted to meet with what every single lawmaker. Are those the demands for you guys to... And, you know, once you get all those meetings then to go home?

Speaker 2

No, of course it's not our demands. You can sit and talk all day you want and have dog and pony shows with all these different politicians. That doesn't get you anywhere. Action on the Senate, action on the floor, action at the state levels, action by our administration, is how we get those things met. Having meetings doesn't solve that.

Senator Ron Johnson

You want your freedoms back.

From background

Yeah.

Ted Cruz

They want they want government to leave them the hell alone. They want the mandates ended and the emergency ended. That what they're demanding, and the meetings are how they get it.

Paul E. Alexander

Alexander, let me deal with it scientifically for him. This has been going on. It's peaceful. Your media must make sure they understand that. There's been no events. This is a peaceful, embracing, loving movement built on the backs of the Canadian trucker. Now, the science, there is no science in the world, none, and I want to say it clearly, that supports these vaccine mandates or any mandates. COVID is done. It is over. People want to go on with their lives. The trucker is waging the scientific battle. The doctors and academic scientists, the NIH, CDC, FDA fail to wage for the American people. We should praise the trucker.

Speaker 5

Though the mandate has been lifted here. I've been walking around and sort of as a game asking people whether they even realized if we're in a state of emergency. Most people seem to have no idea because it doesn't seem to affect them. So, I guess I'm wondering like, aren't you guys winning? It seems like your side has already won, like what mandates are even left?

Speaker 2

The mandates are starting to roll back. You're absolutely right. Masks have started rolling back pretty much the moment we started kicking off from Adelanto, California. I chalked that up to a small one to the People's convoy, you're welcome. We're going to continue doing this. We're going to continue going until the vaccine mandate and the state of emergency is lifted.

Dr. Pierre Kory

I'm talking about the science and medicine. My friends, my partner's here in the convoy, we talk about the large, you know, that question, that question. We remove mask mandates, and you're happy about that, like everything's free now? I got my wife who's a doctor. She's going to lose her job if she doesn't get a booster. They're still boosting, they're still vaccinating for disease that's mild with a two-year-old vaccine that has nothing to do with omicron. This is insanity. We have completely lost our minds.

Senator Ron Johnson

You know, we've ignored, we've ignored the science. We've actually listened to somebody who claims he was scientist, he's not. We've ignored the science. We have traumatized our society. We have had our freedoms taken away from us. Our response has not been a success. It's been a miserable failure. But here's the problem. The people that foisted this response on us, that even took away our freedoms, they'll never admit they were wrong. At this point with a body count as high as it is, they can't afford to be proven wrong. And here's the problem. They have the power. They're the administration, the health agencies, the Big Pharma, the corporate legacy, mainstream media, the big tech, social media giants, they have the power to make it pretty darn difficult if not impossible, to prove them wrong. And so, what the People's convoy is all about, the solution is bringing the truth to the American public. Because the

truth is not getting to the American public. Those of us who have been trying to convey the truth, we've been vilified. We've been censored. We've been accused of spreading misinformation. I'm sorry, the misinformation has been spread by the COVID cartel. They are the ones that have censored the truth. They'll continue to censor the truth. And that is why I'm so appreciative of the People's convoys. They're trying to let the American people understand.

Speaker 6

As a black man in this country, you know, it's not a white supremacist thing. It's not a whole KKK thing or whatever you guys want to call it or put it out there.

Ted Cruz

What's got to happen is elected officials have to be more afraid of the people than they are of the party bosses in Washington. Right now, that's not happening. But that needs to change. And the corporate media is fundamentally corrupt. Let me ask you something. What the hell about these people is feverish? I haven't seen any fevers around here. But look,

Zack Petrizzo

I mean, there are certainly DC are at their grace.

Ted Cruz

And I'm going to answer your idiotic question the following way. The media desperately wants to portray people exercising first amendment rights and speaking out as feverish, as violent criminals. They're not violent.

Zack Petrizzo

I meant they're energetically trying to encircle DC.

Ted Cruz

That they're stopping and making sure they pick up the trash, they pick up their cigarette butts. There's nothing feverish about speaking out for freedom. And the corporate media doesn't want people to hear that. They want to paint these guys as a bunch of loons, because they want to make decisions for their own lives and their own family. There is a fever in Washington, but it's a fever of authoritarian politicians trying to strip away people's rights.

Speaker 2

And this is coming out of passion and love for our country. This is coming out of the feelings that we felt rolling out Adelanto all the way here. And there's convoys that came from other directions to join up with us as well. This is how passionate we feel about it. This is how it's affecting us. The vigils, this is how it's affecting our communities, our loved ones back home, when we're on the road working. I respect you, as a human being, I respect you as an individual. And I respect that you have a job to do. But it's also your responsibility, as the press to report fairly and accurately, and to get the full picture and understand things before you put it out. I'm not saying that you as an individual are doing that. But the media around the country have been sowing dissent, and divide on all topics, on all issues for many, many years now. And it's time that we kicked back to reality. Yes.

Senator Ron Johnson

I think you heard the passion here. I think you heard what they're fighting for. And it's very simple. They're fighting for freedom. And they're going to continue to fight because a lot of them have served this country as millions have. We're fighting for freedom. That's what this is all about. So, thank you for attending. God bless all of you for

Speaker 7

This meeting was moving, I mean half of us are crying. I was crying. So sad. It's so sad, what's happening. That's happening around us. And [unintelligible] It's beautiful, right, all these people showing up, some went even across the country. And they have made great sacrifice, so many people have sacrificed. And they came to tell their story. And I just hope that the media covers that and shows what it's like to be the average American under a state of emergencies with these illogical, non-scientific mandates.

Speaker 8

The truckers are correct, the mandates ought to be lifted. Particularly the emergency declarations that underpin them. COVID pandemic is done. So, at this point, keeping the mandates in place and emergency declarations have no basis. And it's impacting people's lives. Suffering of the population has been two years. It's time that we declare the pandemic over. It's time we lifted all these emergency declarations.

Speaker 3

I feel really good about that meeting. It was heated, towards the end with the press, but not during the actual meeting the senators and the... But there was a lot of emotion, tears and I genuinely feel that they were listening. They were feeling it. Feeling the passion and exactly what it is that this movement is bringing. It's almost like the truckers are doing something. It's not about ending the mandate. It's about ending their ability to create more. I don't think that this is the end. I think this is the beginning and we will continue to deliver this message.