

U.S. Sen. Johnson: Vaccine Mandates Shouldn't be the Next COVID Policy Disaster

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WASHINGTON - On Thursday, *The Federalist* published an op-ed by U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wis.) regarding the importance of Americans' right to health care freedom and pointing out that no one should be pressured, coerced, or fear reprisal for refusing treatment — including the Covid-19 vaccine.

The full op-ed can be found [here](#), and excerpts are below.

“Evidence that the coronavirus might have come from the Wuhan Institute of Virology has been in plain sight since the start of the pandemic. Why did Dr. Anthony Fauci, the president’s chief medical adviser, ridicule and dismiss it? Why did mainstream media attack anyone who pointed it out?”

“There is still much we don’t know about Covid-19. I tried not to be critical of officials forced to make tough decisions with limited, imperfect information. But as new information becomes available, it’s a matter of life and death to integrate what we learn into future policy decisions.”

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“But even before the vaccines’ use was authorized, many doctors I consulted were expressing concerns over indiscriminate mass vaccination. They were particularly worried about lack of benefit and hyperactivating responses in individuals previously infected with Covid-19.”

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“A fundamental of medical ethics is that people have the right to choose or refuse treatment. No one should be pressured, coerced, or fear reprisal for refusing treatment — including the Covid-19 vaccine. Yet colleges are threatening termination for employees and denial of admission for students who choose not to be vaccinated. Other organizations are instituting similar coercion.”

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