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Congress exempt from Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate

Vaccine mandate for federal workers applies only to executive branch of government

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As a frequent traveler, the virtual COVID service is very convenient

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Last minute I booked and did my test at the airport in time to catch my flight. Great service!

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This is such a convenience since I am disabled and travel in a foreign country

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President Biden's executive order mandating COVID-19 vaccines among all federal workers does not apply to members of Congress, the federal court system or their staffers.

Biden's order Thursday mandating COVID-19 [vaccinations](#) among federal workers and contractors drops the option of regular testing and allows only some religious and disability exemptions. The order applies only to employees of the executive branch and does not apply to the legislative or [judicial](#) branches of government, the [White House](#) confirmed to Fox News.

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In April, House Speaker [Nancy Pelosi](#) said Congress couldn't mandate the vaccine among members and that it was a "matter of privacy." In early August, she signaled she would be open to mandating the vaccine once it was granted full approval by the Food and Drug Administration, but she has not appeared to have revisited the issue since Pfizer's vaccine was approved late last month.

On Aug. 3, a group of House Democrats [sent a letter](#) to the Attending Physician of Congress, Dr. Brian Monahan, asking him to mandate vaccines for members of Congress and their staff or to require twice-weekly COVID-19 testing. It is not clear how many members of the [House](#) and [Senate](#) remain unvaccinated, but the number is estimated to be very low.

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As part of his plan announced Thursday, Biden said companies with 100 or more employees will have to mandate vaccines or weekly COVID-19 testing under a forthcoming emergency order by the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), which will apply to more than 80 million private-sector workers. The administration said companies that don't comply can face fines of almost \$14,000.

Republicans have blasted the order as unconstitutional.

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If neither house is required to follow the mandate then what is their reasoning? They need to give the reason to make the people feel comfortable with the decision. Why isn't the post office required to have mandated vaccinations? That's a large amount of people right there.

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In a socialist society, those in the ruling class control everything done by the citizenry, but none of their rules apply to themselves. No surprise here. Congress was exempt from Obama-care, they will be exempt from tax hikes to fund paying their pals and donors. This is how socialism works. I...[See more](#)

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It's because they're afraid the a lot of USPS workers will walk and then no mail in ballots getting picked up.

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Once again, the elitists in Congress want "rules for thee, but not for me." If Congress gets privacy, every American citizen deserves the same privacy and freedom to choose.

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I don't think this had anything to do with Congress. It was an Executive order! I agree, it is terrible judgement to not include them. Just one more bad Biden judgement.

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What makes congress people's germs any different than yours and mine?

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Although this doesn't involve law, I've said for years that we need a Constitutional amendment to the effect that Congress not be allowed to pass any law from which they exempt themselves.

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we have to win congress and the senate or we will never see fair rules again.

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But this is the communist way.

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The fact that Congress is exempted is not unusual. However, it does raise an interesting point. It's been argued repeatedly that only Republicans and "Trumpers" are not vaccinated. So, the fact that Congress is exempt, is that because that there may be a number of Democrats who are not vaccinated...[See more](#)

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Maybe. Some are not so blinded by smoke and mirrors.

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The vaccine mandate was rolled out under the OSH Act, citing COVID as a "workplace hazard." OSHA applies to "any person engaged in a business affecting commerce who has employees." Under the Act's definitions, the term employer "does not include the United States." OSHA therefore does not apply ...[See more](#)

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Does that make you wonder, it does me. If the vaccine is good and not harmful why doesn't congress have to take it.? Because they're testing it out on us peons. I really don't believe Harris and Biden took it I think they took nothing more than a placebo.

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We all need to **quit thinking of ourselves as peons** and we need to force a change in the thinking of the elected leaders that they are not the RULING class. They've been called "elites" and the "ruling class" as sarcasm, but **they have begun to believe it.** It's time for that to change.

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None of them did. But they know how gullible a large portion of the population is.

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So wait a minute; their exemption is due to 'privacy'. So that means the PEOPLE who helped put them where they are have no right to self-choice or "privacy"! This is insane. I am speaking as being a vaccinated person. But that was MY choice. NO ONE should be forced to take the vaccine.

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If so many people had covid, why aren't antigen tests being made available? If you have antibodies, you're as safe as you can be, whether those antibodies were natural or from a vaccine. I think the government doesn't want that because it would show how many people actually had it and ruin their nu...[See more](#)

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Who would have thought?!?

Even half the CDC isn't getting the VAX

A survey conducted by the Association of American Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS) has found that 58 percent of physicians are not fully vaxed.

Could it be they read they found out about the side effects?

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Few things are more debilitating to morale than leaders setting rules that they themselves won't follow. *(Edited)*

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But enough about gov. Gavin NewScam.

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That what dictators do.

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Once again, "do as I say Not as I do". How can they justify forcing the public to be vaccinated and not themselves?

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Makes total sense to me. Most of Congress is exempt from being an American.

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Because Biden can't mandate the judicial or legislative branches of government. Congress sadly has to regulate itself.

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We're all in this together right?

Either everyone is mandated to get the vaccine or none of us are.

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keep in mind if you are now vaccinated with papers not updated with new boosters you will also now be unvaccinated. Good luck tracking that one. What is the expiration date ?

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That includes any illegals let loose in the country.....

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Biden was the biggest mistake in decades, now Americans and Afghans will have to pay the ultimate price.

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This will effect more then just two countries -

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