

On Authority

Our society has a sickness. No, not COVID-19, but a lack of real authority. I'm not talking about the chattering heads in State and national capitals, the authoritarians. Those people won a popularity contest by making impossible promises and emotional pleas with a complete disregard for economics and ethics. I'm talking about the authority that comes from experience and wisdom. Leaders, the kind that have earned their station by consistently demonstrating to others the ability to do what's right *and* needed in the face of serious challenges to both the protection of life and the preservation of liberty, *not* rulers, are totally absent in our society at this crucial time. I think that people are only spreading misinformation on the one hand and propaganda on the other because they recognize that the people who call themselves "the authorities" are totally false. They haven't earned it the only way it can be earned, and so our society's prognosis is possibly quite grave. Statism has that effect. And that's today's two cents.