

I cannot say I would like it, but I was ready for the police to cite me. I would want to go to court to see if it would stand up. I'm not an attorney, but the standard we always hear for denying free speech is that you can't "yell, fire in a crowded theater", because someone could as a direct result be trampled and likely killed. I don't think the danger of this virus rises anywhere near that level.

Covid-19 has killed less people this year in the County than the regular flu killed, 71 persons for Covid-19, so far, and 105 for the flu. Should basic constitutional rights be abolished during every flu season? I don't think so.

This is a rather mild bug as we are finding out, in contrast to how it was portrayed in the beginning, as a potential apocalyptic event. There is no direct danger to others due to these events. Therefore the police should not disrupt or interfere in our free speech events.

It saddens me to me to hear Rev. Harris say "'people of color' were showing their intelligence by following state and county orders." Probably a lot of people, maybe most, did not think it very smart when Rosa Parks refused to sit in the back of the bus. She was practicing civil disobedience to assert her rights as did many other courageous "people of color" at that time.

They may not have been as oppressed as Rosa Parks, but these citizens in the demonstrations are doing much the same, responding to perceived government overreach and asserting their rights. I'm sure everyone would have been ecstatic to have non-white people participate in the event if they wanted. If they do not want to participate, that is no justification to imply that the event is racist. That is just an unfair and crude insult to the protesters.

You may not be able have an effective assembly, if people have to stand far apart from each other. The authorities don't have the right to put onerous arbitrary restrictions on our right to assemble. Wearing masks is not now a legal requirement for anyone in public and should not be a requirement for free speech events.

Practicing your constitutional rights is not "white privilege" or any privilege at all. It's an absolute right for everyone, as long as you do not present an immediate and direct danger to others.

The response to the Covid-19 bug, goes way beyond what has been done in the past. In the past they tried to limit exposures and quarantine the sick, as they have a legal right to do, but did not try to control entire populations and essentially quarantine and restrict everyone, not just the sick or those who have been exposed. We seem to have imported and adopted these tactics of totalism from the communist Chinese. It is shamefully un-American, not consistent with our traditions of personal liberty.

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