

PASTOR COATES FREED AFTER JAIL TIME FOR HOLDING CHURCH SERVICES AS USUAL

Pastor James Coates of Edmonton's Grace Life Church was arrested and jailed on February 16, 2021, for failing to comply with the Alberta Government's unscientific and unconstitutional health orders that restrict the Church to worship in ways dictated by the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Deena Hinshaw.

Pastor Coates spent one month and six days in the Edmonton Remand Centre for a provincial infraction that is not punishable by jail time. However, the Justice Centre's staff lawyers negotiated an agreement with Crown prosecutors to withdraw all but one of the *Public Health Act* offences that the Pastor has been charged with. He was finally released on March 22 without conditions. At his trial starting May 3, the Justice Centre will defend Pastor Coates by challenging public health orders that are unscientific and unconstitutional. After one year of restrictions, government data shows Covid is survivable by over 99 percent of Canadians who test positive.



JUSTICE CENTRE DEFENDS HAIRDRESSER AFTER AHS STING

The Justice Centre represents a Calgary hairdresser who was ticketed \$1,000 by a provincial health inspector, who pretended to be a customer wanting to buy hair care products.

On December 11, salon services in Alberta were outlawed by the province's Chief Medical Officer of Health. Amin Dagher complied with the order by no longer providing hair styling services at his Calgary business, Hair Cru Salon. The salon was permitted to open to sell products.



Shortly after Christmas, on December 27, a woman knocked on the door of the salon and once inside, asked Mr. Dagher if she could have a haircut. Desperate for income and with a family to feed, Mr. Dagher said yes. The woman then announced herself as AHS health inspector Anne Hoang and told Mr. Dagher that he had broken the law by agreeing to cut her hair, and that he would receive a \$1,000 ticket.

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GOVERNMENT DROPS MORE COVID TICKETS

The Justice Centre continues to represent Canadian citizens receiving steep fines simply for peacefully exercising their *Charter* freedoms. In March, the Alberta provincial Crown prosecutor and a municipal Crown prosecutor withdrew four more tickets.

The Justice Centre represents over 100 individuals who have been ticketed for allegedly breaching Public Health Orders in BC, AB, MB, SK and ON by participating in peaceful protests, not wearing a mask, providing services during lockdowns, not complying with public health guidelines on signage, and other issues surrounding the *Charter* freedoms to move, travel, assemble, associate, and worship.



The *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms* places the onus on government to show that Public Health Orders have saved more lives than the number of lives which lockdown measures have destroyed. The *Charter* does not place any burden on citizens to prove that lockdowns do more harm than good. Rather than locking down society and the economy with measures that clearly violate our most fundamental *Charter* freedoms, the Justice Centre has urged governments across Canada to focus on targeted protection for the vulnerable, particularly the elderly in care homes.

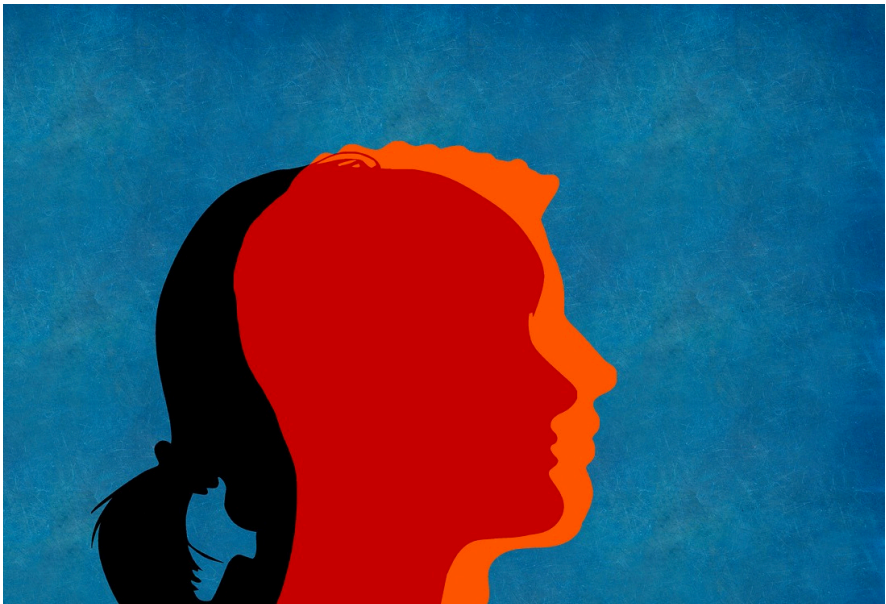
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NEW POLL SHOWS VAST MAJORITY OF CANADIANS OPPOSE “CONVERSION THERAPY” LAWS

A new public opinion poll shows that the vast majority of Canadians oppose the Federal Government’s proposed law that removes choices from Canadian adults and from parents in caring for their own children.

The Justice Centre released the results of a Nanos National Survey showing that 91% of Canadians agree (78%) or somewhat agree (13%) that adults should have the right to get the sexuality counselling of their choice, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity. “Conversion therapy” legislation in Canada at the federal and municipal levels will prevent even consenting adults from accessing the counseling options of their choice. Canadians oppose abusive and coercive practices but these are already illegal under existing laws.



BABYSITTER LOSES APPEAL OF DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT

The Alberta Human Rights Commission has ruled against aspiring babysitter James Cyrynowski, who filed a human rights complaint against an Alberta mother because she had asked him whether he had children of his own, when he applied to be a babysitter in a private home.

Cyrynowski made national headlines after filing discrimination complaints against at least two different Edmonton-area parents, both represented by the Justice Centre, after parents asked Cyrynowski for his age and gender, and whether he had children of his own. The discrimination complaint against a single father was withdrawn, and the complaint against the mother was dismissed. The parents are relieved that the stressful process of the human rights complaint process is over.



The Commission’s March 16, 2021 decision quoted the Supreme Court of Canada’s recognition that “the parental interest in bringing up, nurturing and caring for a child, including medical care and moral upbringing, is an individual interest of fundamental importance to our society,” and reaffirmed that the utmost deference should be awarded to a parent’s choice of childcare within their own homes.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TARGETS CHURCHES FOR SHUTDOWN

The Justice Centre has filed constitutional challenges on behalf of two Ontario churches, after the province’s Attorney General obtained court orders forcing the churches to either comply with arbitrary restrictions on church services, or face contempt proceedings.

Waterloo’s Trinity Bible Chapel and Alymer Church of God were ordered to limit religious gatherings to small numbers of congregants, regardless of overall capacity. The Justice Centre will challenge capacity limits on religious gatherings as unscientific, arbitrary and unconstitutional.



LAWSUIT AGAINST TRUDEAU’S PRISON HOTELS

The Justice Centre is representing twelve Canadians in Federal Court who were forced into quarantines in a hotel at their own expense of up to \$2,000, after returning home from international travel.

Canadian media have reported on women being sexually assaulted in Prime Minister Trudeau’s new quarantine hotels. Some travellers report that the locks were removed from their hotel room doors, leaving the occupants inside vulnerable.



Other travellers report hotels with unsanitary conditions, lack of security, poor food, and a lack of safety protocols which governments claim as necessary to avoid catching Covid. Those Canadians who refuse to go to quarantine hotels have received tickets of more than \$3,400, which the Justice Centre will challenge in court.

BC OUTDOOR PROTESTS ALLOWED, CHURCH REMAINS ILLEGAL

Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson of the Supreme Court of British Columbia struck down Public Health Orders banning outdoor protests as unconstitutional on March 18, but upheld the BC Government’s prohibition on in-person religious gatherings. The BC Government allows bars, restaurants, gyms and businesses to be fully open, despite a documented greater risk of Covid transmission. Government-data shows that in-person religious services pose little if any threat to public health.

Chief Justice Hinkson found that Dr. Henry’s Orders do infringe the fundamental freedoms of religion, speech, assembly and association, but ruled that closing all houses of worship is justified. The judge disregarded the medical and scientific evidence that the Justice Centre put before the court, and simply accepted the assertions of Chief Medical Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry as true.

