

Justice Centre secures release of another pastor from jail

The Justice Centre secured the release of Calgary Pastor Tim Stephens who was illegally arrested and jailed on May 16, simply for holding a normal church service. Police wrongfully used a May 6 Order which applied only to Whistle Stop Café. Thus far, the Alberta Government has been unwilling or unable to produce any medical or scientific evidence in court to justify its violations of *Charter* freedoms. This after more than 14 months of imposing lockdowns. In a different court action filed by the Justice Centre in December of 2020, the Alberta Government persuaded the court to give it until July of 2021 to produce evidence to justify lockdowns, thereby showing the world there is little if any “science” to support lockdowns. Unfortunately, on June 14, 2021, Pastor Stephens was again arrested on the directive of Alberta Health Services, using an injunction order that did not apply to him. We are continuing to fight this unlawful arrest in court.



Meanwhile, photos surfaced on June 1 of Premier Kenney and various Alberta cabinet ministers, including Jason Nixon, Minister of Environment & Parks and Government House Leader, Health Minister Tyler Shandro, Minister of Finance Travis Toews and four unnamed UCP staffers, dining without masks or social distancing, on the outdoor balcony of the “Sky Palace” on top of the Federal Building, with what appears to be bottles of red wine, Jameson whiskey, and San Pellegrino, earning the moniker “*PatioGate*”.



Manitoba Government official admits that PCR test produce false positives more than half the time

The Justice Centre was in court for eight days in May, challenging Manitoba’s lockdown restrictions. The onus was on the government to justify its restrictions as being reasonable, necessary and beneficial. One of the crucial legal issues was the reliability of the Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test used by governments to diagnose Covid. The Court heard from Chief Microbiologist and Laboratory Specialist Dr. Jared Bullard, a government witness, who admitted under oath that PCR test results do not verify infectiousness, and were never intended to be used to diagnose respiratory illnesses.

Dr. Bullard testified that PCR tests do nothing more than confirm the presence of fragments of viral RNA in someone’s nose. While a person with Covid is infectious for a one-to-two week period, harmless and inert SARS CO-V2 fragments remain in the nose, and can be detected by a PCR test for up to 100 days after exposure, resulting in a false diagnosis of Covid, according to Dr. Bullard.

Dr. Bullard also testified that the most accurate way to determine whether someone is actually infectious with Covid is to grow a cell culture from a patient sample in a lab. If the cell culture does not grow, it's unlikely that a patient is infectious. A study by Dr. Bullard and his colleagues found that samples taken from 56% of positive PCR test results would not grow in a lab-based cell culture, indicating the patients were not infectious at all.



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Canadians have the right to enter and leave Canada without forced hotel quarantine

The Justice Centre was in the Federal Court of Canada June 1-3, challenging the mandatory hotel quarantines for Canadians returning home by plane. We represent nine Canadians who needed to travel abroad: to care for ailing family members, attend a funeral, and other pressing reasons.

These Canadians found themselves facing three days in a “prison hotel” or “hotel prison,” at their own expense and potentially further detention in a “federal facility.” Being forced to stay in a hotel at great personal cost and risking further exposure to infected people, instead of quarantining alone at home, is arbitrary, unnecessary, and totalitarian. The *Charter* guarantees Canadians the right to enter and leave Canada freely at any time, for any reason, without undue burden, subject only to reasonable limits which must be justified by the Government.

Justice Centre defends First Nations woman kicked out of election due to marital status



The Justice Centre has filed a Federal Court challenge on behalf of Lorna Jackson-Littlewolfe, a mother and grandmother on the Whitefish Lake First Nation #128 in Alberta.

A community leader and keen observer of political affairs, Ms. Jackson-Littlewolfe was encouraged by elders in her community to run for election. However, her candidacy was cancelled by the Band shortly before the election was held, because Ms. Jackson-Littlewolfe is in a common-law relationship.

The Justice Centre seeks a court order mandating that a new, fair election be held, free of illegal discrimination, based on the position that discrimination against individuals by government, including a First Nations government, on the basis of personal characteristics is a violation of the guarantee of equality under the *Charter*.

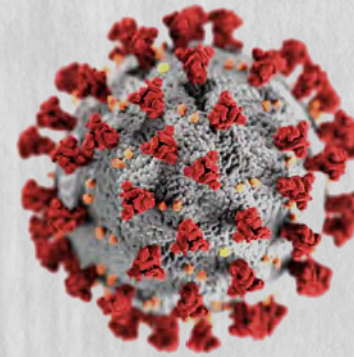
Defending religious beliefs of summer camp against discrimination by Canada Summer Jobs

Justice Centre lawyers were in court on April 14, 2021, representing a summer camp unfairly denied funding by the Canada Summer Jobs program because its traditional Christian beliefs were posted on its website.

During the hearing, Justice Richard Mosley pressed the federal government’s lawyers on the fact that a great many Canadians of various faiths have differing views on controversial issues. Justice Mosley expressed his concern about the government imposing its own view and excluding such persons from eligibility for government programs. The decision of the Court is pending.



Covid in Canada: Nothing much to fear



On April 28, the Justice Centre released a new *Charter* analysis outlining why Canadians do not need to fear Covid to the extent the draconian restrictions of federal and provincial governments would imply. “*Covid in Canada: Nothing much to fear*” explains why the ongoing violations of *Charter* rights and freedoms are not justified by facts and evidence. For example, the Report notes that 309,000 Canadians died in 2020, a death rate in line with that of 2019, 2018, 2017 and prior years. Only 5% of deaths were linked to Covid, which has a survival rate of 99.77%. Canadians under 70 are more likely to die in a car accident than from Covid. The Report also documents research that finds asymptomatic spread is not significant, and that casual contact is not enough to transmit Covid.

Lockdowns are based on false prediction of Dr. Neil Ferguson of Imperial College, who claimed in March 2020 that Covid would be like the Spanish Flu of 1918 (which killed 50 million people when world population was barely a quarter of what it is today). We’ve known for over a year that Covid is nothing like the Spanish Flu of 1918.

Justice Centre fights back against Saskatchewan's unscientific war on outdoor protests

On April 7, 2021, the Justice Centre filed a constitutional challenge to the 10-person limit on outdoor gatherings that had been in place in Saskatchewan for most of the past year. Despite the scientific fact that risk of Covid transmission outdoors is negligible, the government and police have waged an aggressive war on anti-lockdown protestors, issuing dozens of \$2,800 fines to attendees. Police have even put pictures of protestors on their crime stoppers webpage, inviting public identification and ridicule. Hypocritically, the government and police deliberately condoned large protests on racism and the Middle East conflict, with no tickets issued to participants. The Regina police chief even spoke at a large illegal protest for Black Lives Matter. Peaceful protests are protected by the *Charter* regardless of the cause, and the Justice Centre is defending numerous protestors ticketed solely for exercising their *Charter* freedoms of expression, peaceful assembly, and association.



Holding Alberta Health Services accountable to the rule of law

On May 6, 2021, Alberta Health Services (AHS) applied in a secret court proceeding for an injunction against Whistle Stop Café and specific individuals, to give police special powers to arrest its owners and certain other citizens immediately if they dared to continue exercising their *Charter* rights and freedoms in the face of public health orders. However, this May 6 Order was worded such that it applied to everybody in Alberta, contrary to the law governing injunctions. AHS and police forces across Alberta immediately seized on the Order’s broad wording and proceeded to threaten, intimidate and arrest citizens who exercised their *Charter* freedoms. The Justice Centre applied successfully to vary this Order, to narrow its scope appropriately so that it applied only to Whistle Stop, not all 4.4 million Albertans. Unfortunately, AHS and police forces have continued to threaten citizens with the May 6 Order, ignoring the Court’s change to the Order.

