



Backlash over vaccine mandates growing as thousands hold protests all across the country

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USA: As more businesses and governments in the United States institute Wuhan coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine mandates, more and more people [are standing up to these repressive policies](#). One of the latest acts of defiance against COVID-19 vaccine mandates comes from employees of Southwest Airlines. The airline cancelled [nearly 2,000 flights on Oct. 9 and 10](#). On Oct. 11, nearly 350 flights were cancelled and another 300 were delayed.

The company has officially stated that the issues are mainly due to weather and staffing. But many have pointed out that this is most likely due to the company's ongoing battle with its union over a proposed COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

The mass cancellations and delays during the Columbus Day weekend come after the airline announced that it would require all of its employees to be fully vaccinated by Dec. 8 or face termination.

Republican Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas has [directly blamed the cancellations](#) on President Joe Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

"Joe Biden's illegal vaccine mandate at work!" Cruz writes on Twitter. "Suddenly, we're short on pilots & air traffic controllers."

Ron Paul, a former Republican congressman from Texas and father of Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, has also blamed the mass cancellations and delays [on the vaccine mandate](#). In an opinion piece written for *Eurasia Review*, he calls the ongoing event "the Great Southwest Airlines Rebellion."

"The incredible cruelty and folly of forced vaccines finally came home to roost," writes Paul. "The [vaccine mandate backlash](#) has been bubbling just under the surface, but now it has spilled out into the open, threatening to completely derail an already crumbling economy and to obliterate a deeply unpopular U.S. president and administration."

Paul has also talked about mainstream media's attempts to deny the fact that the mass cancellations and delays are due to Southwest Airlines employees protesting the COVID-19 vaccine mandate.

"The mainstream media is doing its best to keep a lid on the expanding rebellion against the vaccine mandates, and Southwest Airlines itself is blaming the cancellations on bad weather and a lack of air traffic controllers," he write. "However, the weather problems that Southwest claims to be experiencing seem unique to that carrier. No other airline thus far is reporting such weather-related cancellations."

Democratic Party-controlled states experiencing massive anti-vaccine mandate protests

Many of the anti-vaccine mandate protests are occurring in states controlled by members of the Democratic Party. (Related: [LA County Sheriff Alex Villanueva says he will not enforce COVID-19 vaccine mandate.](#))

In Washington state, hundreds of employees of Boeing took to the streets on Oct. 15 [against the company's vaccine mandate](#). The company earlier announced that it will require its 125,000 employees in the U.S. to be vaccinated by Dec. 8 due to Biden's executive order.

The more than 200 employees of Boeing have gathered along a busy road outside of Boeing's factory in Everett, just north of Seattle.

"It's my choice and it's my body," says one avionics engineer. "It's an experimental drug given during a pseudo-emergency."

"This is America," says another worker, an assembly mechanic. "We don't just do what we're told because one person says to."

In California, over a thousand parents, students and employees of schools protested outside of the state Capitol in Sacramento on Monday, Oct. 18, against the state's COVID-19 vaccination mandate [for eligible K-12 students](#).

"We both trust you to protect your children," says organizers Amber Faddis and Tess Van Dusen to the cheering crowd of over a thousand protesting Californians. "We are here because you deserve that right. If you choose the vaccine, we stand with you. If you choose not to vaccinate, we stand with you."

Many parents have warned the state that they are prepared to home school their children if the vaccine mandate pushes through. Many school districts in the state are already reporting an increase in the number of absent students.

In the San Juan Unified School District alone, more than 4,600 students were marked absent for one or more class periods on Monday. That's over 600 more absences compared to the previous Monday.

As more corporations and authorities force people to take the experimental and deadly COVID-19 vaccines, more people like the ones in Southwest Airlines and Boeing, and the concerned parents in California will no doubt organize even more demonstrations.

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