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In just 6 weeks, the Covid Pass has transformed my country into a regime of control and segregation.

This is the new society created in Lithuania, the nation furthest along the path to the authoritarianism inevitably facing all countries which impose a Covid Pass regime:

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The Covid Pass in Lithuania is called the "Opportunity Pass".

The Opportunity Pass allows you the opportunity to participate in society.

Without the Opportunity Pass, you don't have opportunity: your rights are restricted.

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My wife and I don't have the Covid Pass.

We refuse to accept the authoritarianism and control of the new regime.

So we've lost our jobs and been banished from most of society.

It's been 6 weeks so far. There is currently no end date planned for the new regime.

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With no Pass, we may only enter small shops with street entrances which mainly sell essential goods: food, pharma, optics, or farm/pet goods.

This convenience store meets the requirements, so we may enter.



Every other store must, by law, ban people without the Pass.

In Lithuanian, the Pass is called "Galimybių pasas", abbreviated as "GP".

"GP" signs are now ubiquitous at stores and public buildings to signal compliance with the policy of banishment.



All shopping centers ban people without the Covid Pass.

Machines have been installed to scan and verify the Pass of each person who enters.

No Pass, no entrance.



This is a clothing store. By law, it must ban my wife and me because we don't have the Covid Pass.

Clothing is not considered essential.



"Only customers with an Opportunity Pass will be served. You may also be asked to provide proof of identity."

Why is an ID needed to shop, in addition to a Pass? To verify the Pass is yours.

e.g:

A construction worker wanted food for his morning shift. Without his own Pass, he used his boss's QR code to enter a supermarket.

Police fined the man 5,000 eur and issued a press release.

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This is a sporting goods store. The guard is using a phone app to verify the customer's Pass.

Without a Pass, my wife and I may not enter this store.

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MIELI KLIENTAI!

PARDUOTUVĖJE PRIVALOMA DĖVėti NOSį IR BURNĄ DENGIANČIAS APSAUGOS PRIEMONES.

MUMS SVARBUS JŲSŲ IR DARBUOTOJŲ SAUGUMAS.

"Customers are admitted to the shop only on presentation of a valid Opportunity Pass.

Thank you for your understanding. We are concerned about the safety of you and our staff."

At all supermarkets >1500m2, guards scan each customer's Pass.

My wife and I may not shop in these supermarkets: no Pass, no entrance.

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The law bans people without the Pass from all non-essential services and economic activities.

This is a religious supply store. It's not considered essential. So by law, the owner must ban my wife and me.

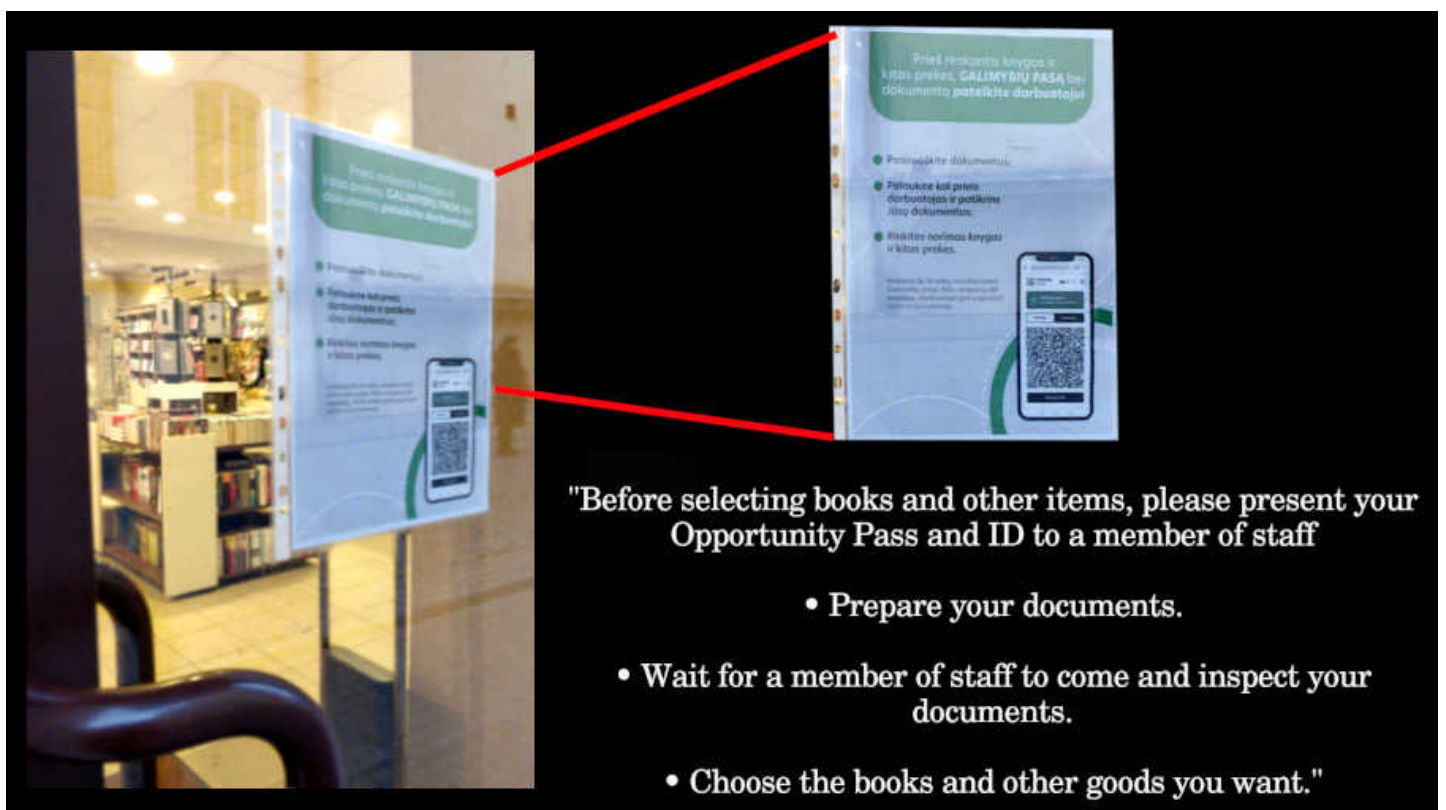
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We're banned from bookstores.

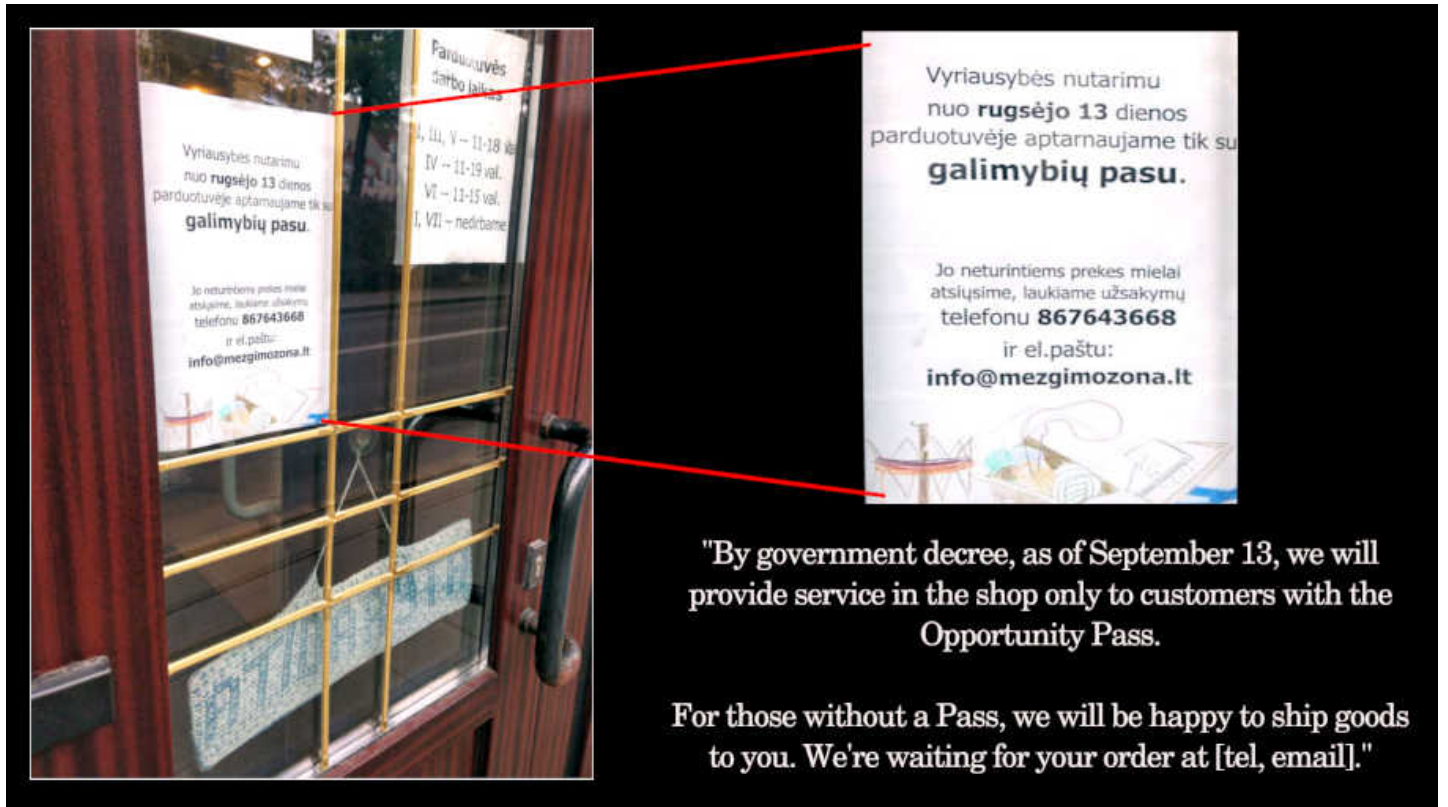
Only people with a Covid Pass may enter. Because we don't have a Pass, my wife and I cannot take our two children here.

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My family enjoys crafts. But without a Pass, we can no longer enter knitting stores to buy yarn and other supplies.

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The image shows a photograph of a shop window with a sign. A red line points from the sign in the window to a larger, zoomed-in version of the sign on the right. The sign is white with black text and a small illustration of a ship at the bottom.

**Vyriausybės nutarimu
nuo rugsėjo 13 dienos
parduotuvėje aptarnaujame tik su
galimybių pasu.**

Jo neturintiems prekes mielai
atsiųsime, laukiame užsakymų
telefonu **867643668**
ir el.paštu:
info@mezgimozona.lt

**"By government decree, as of September 13, we will
provide service in the shop only to customers with the
Opportunity Pass.**

**For those without a Pass, we will be happy to ship goods
to you. We're waiting for your order at [tel, email]."**

Without a Covid Pass, we can't take our children to art supply stores.

We're also not allowed to pick up online orders.

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artinn DAILĖS PREKĖS

I - V 10:00 - 19:00
VI 10:00 - 18:00
VII 11:00 - 17:00

SPAUSDINIMO
PASLAUGŲ
NETEIKIAME.

DĖMESIO: nuo 2021 m. rugpjūčio 13 d. į parduotuvę įleidžiami asmenys tik pateikę Galimybių pasą ar jam prilygintą dokumentą.

Pradėme patiekti dokumentą @artinn

"Only persons with an Opportunity Pass or equivalent will be admitted to the shop. Please show your document immediately upon entry."

Pick-up of online orders is also possible only with the Pass. If you want your order sent to your home, email us."

We're not allowed to receive any beauty services, e.g., hair, nails, skincare.

This is a barber. No Pass, no entrance.

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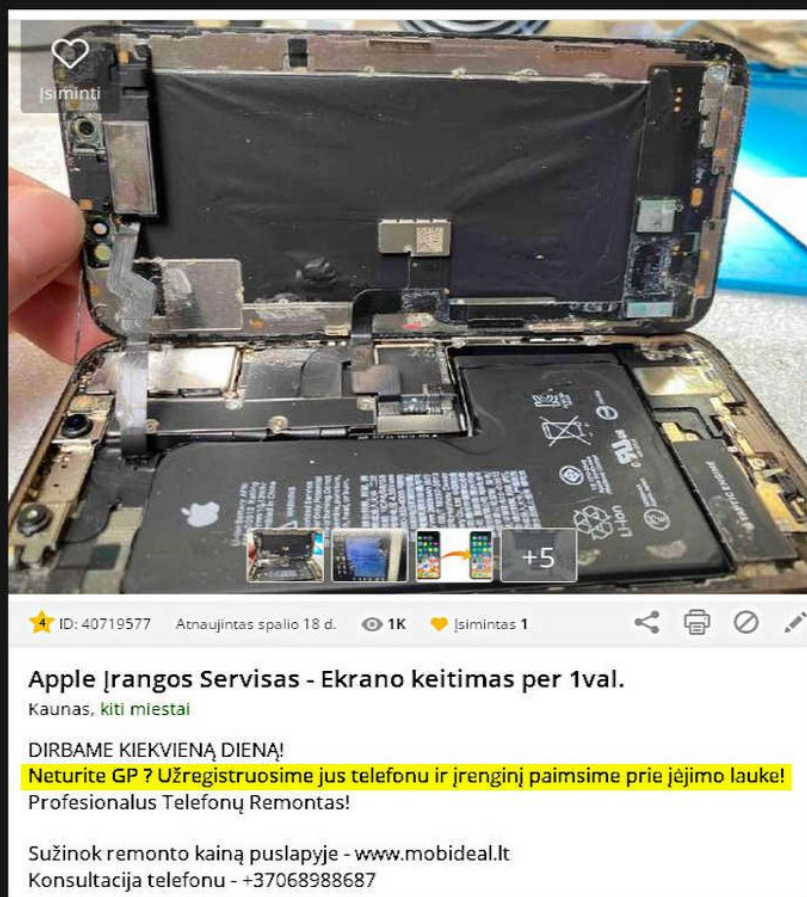
"We serve
ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE
the Opportunity Pass"

Without a Pass, we may not receive repair services which last longer than 15 minutes.

This is an online ad for a shop which repairs iPhone screens:

"Don't have a Pass? We can register you by phone and then we'll collect your device outside the entrance!"

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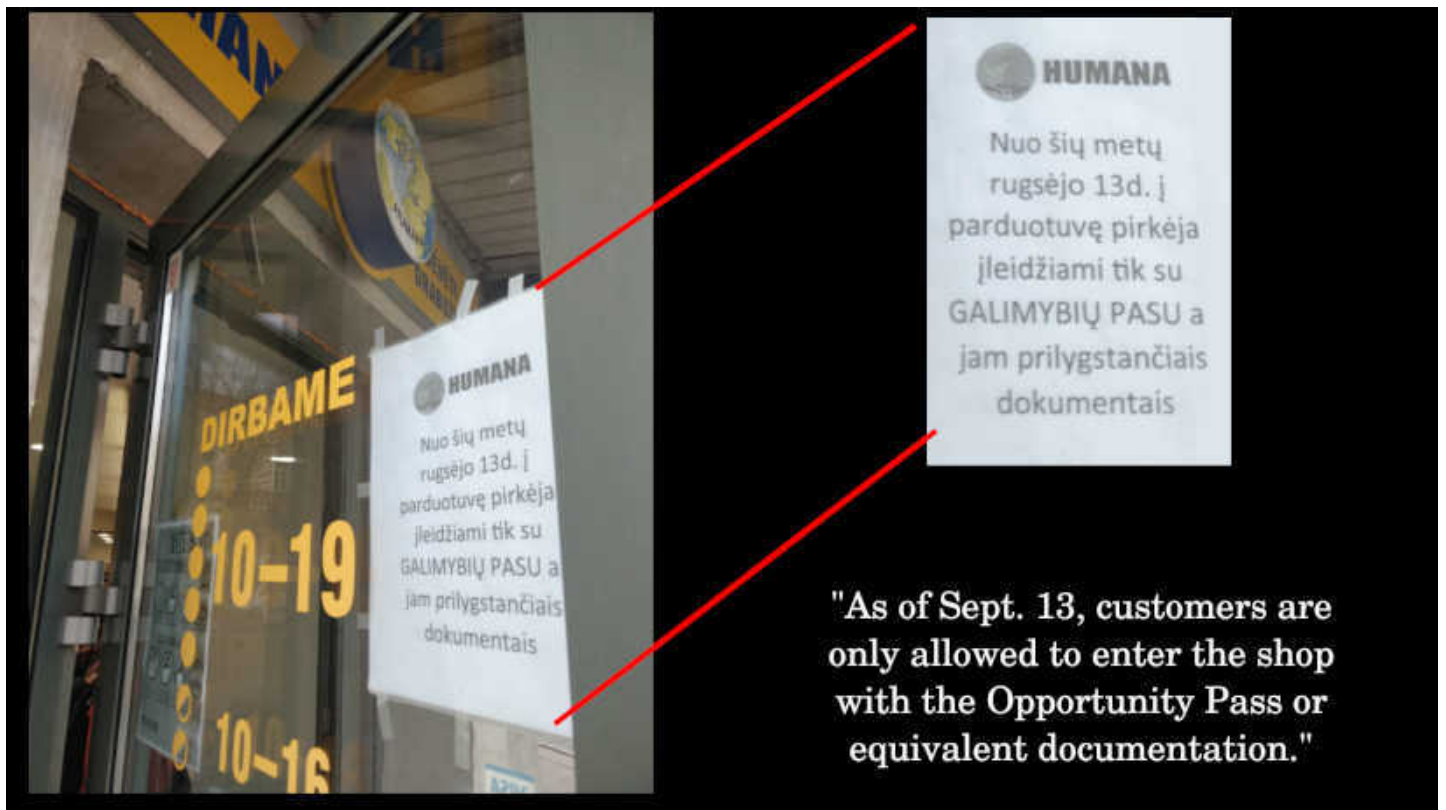


Second-hand stores are not exempt. No one may buy or sell without the Pass.

This is Humana, an international group which collects and sells second-hand clothing.

No Pass, no entrance.

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Without a Pass, we may not visit patients in medical facilities or senior care/residential homes.

The only exception is for terminally-ill patients, pregnant women, or children under 14 years of age, if the doctor gives advance permission.

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Without a Pass, we cannot enter most government buildings.

So we can't talk to government officials in person.

This is the website of the city of Vilnius, the capital of Lithuania: "As of 13-Sept, we only provide in-person service to people who have the Opportunity Pass."



Svarbi informacija

Vilniuje kyla Žalioji banga – sostinės savivaldybė... [\[3\]\[3\]\[3\]](#)

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Savivaldybė



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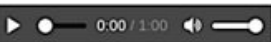


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Klientų aptarnavimas

Vilnius.lt » Kitos naujienos » Nuo rugsėjo 13-osios kontaktiniu būdu aptarnausime tik turinčius galimybių pasą



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Nuo rugsėjo 13-osios kontaktiniu būdu aptarnausime tik turinčius galimybių pasą

Mažindami galimybę plisti koronaviruso infekcijai, savivaldybėje nuo pirmadienio kontaktiniu būdu klientus aptarnausime tik su galimybių pasu. Paslaugas vilniečiai taip pat gali užsisakyti elektroniniu būdu bet kurio jiems patogiu metu iš bet kurios vietos.

Elektroniniu būdu paslaugas sostinės gyventojai gali užsisakyti savivaldybės interneto svetainėje – <https://paslaugos.vilnius.lt>, rašius galite teikti el. p. savivaldybe@vilnius.lt ir elektroninio pristatymo sistemą (<https://epristatymas.lt/>) arba siųsdami paštu – Konstitucijos pr. 3, Vilnius.

Galimybių pasą išsiimti galite apsilankę interneto svetainėje gpasas.lt ir elektroninėmis priemonėmis patvirtinę savo tapatybę.

Nemokamai Galimybių pasą galite išsiimti Registrų centro klientų aptarnavimo padaliniuose, Lietuvos pašto skyriuose, „Pay Post“ klientų aptarnavimo vietose, „Sodros“ padaliniuose ir vaistinėse.

Prireikus konsultacijų, visuomet galite susisiekti tel. 1664.



gpasas.lt

APTARNAUJAME TIK SU GALIMYBIŲ PASU!

SERVED JUST WITH THE NATIONAL CERTIFICATE

МЫ ОБСЛУЖИВАЕМ ТОЛЬКО С ПАСПОРТОМ ВОЗМОЖНОСТЕЙ

OBSŁUGA OSÓB TYLKO Z PASZPORTEM MOŻLIWOŚCI



Without a Covid Pass, we may not enter banks or insurance companies, except for essential financial purposes where the service lasts no longer than 15 minutes.

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"For clients who have the Opportunity Pass, we offer all services.

For those without a Pass, we provide essential services only, for maximum 15 minutes, e.g. access to online banking, issuance of card, completion of document for legal person, or money transfer."

Bubble tea cafe.

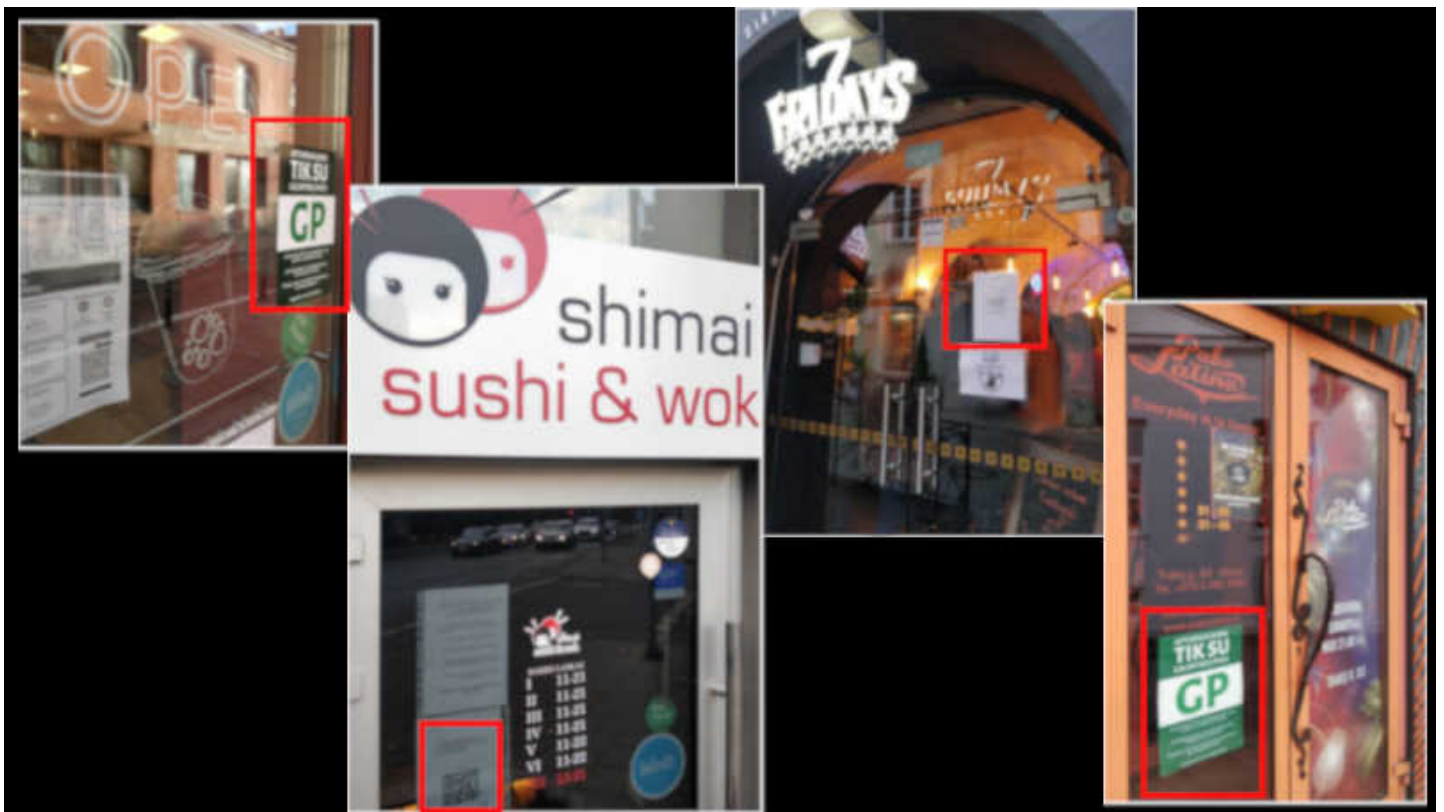
Sushi restaurant.

After-work bar.

Latin eatery and salsa club.

All restaurants, cafes, and bars require the Opportunity Pass.

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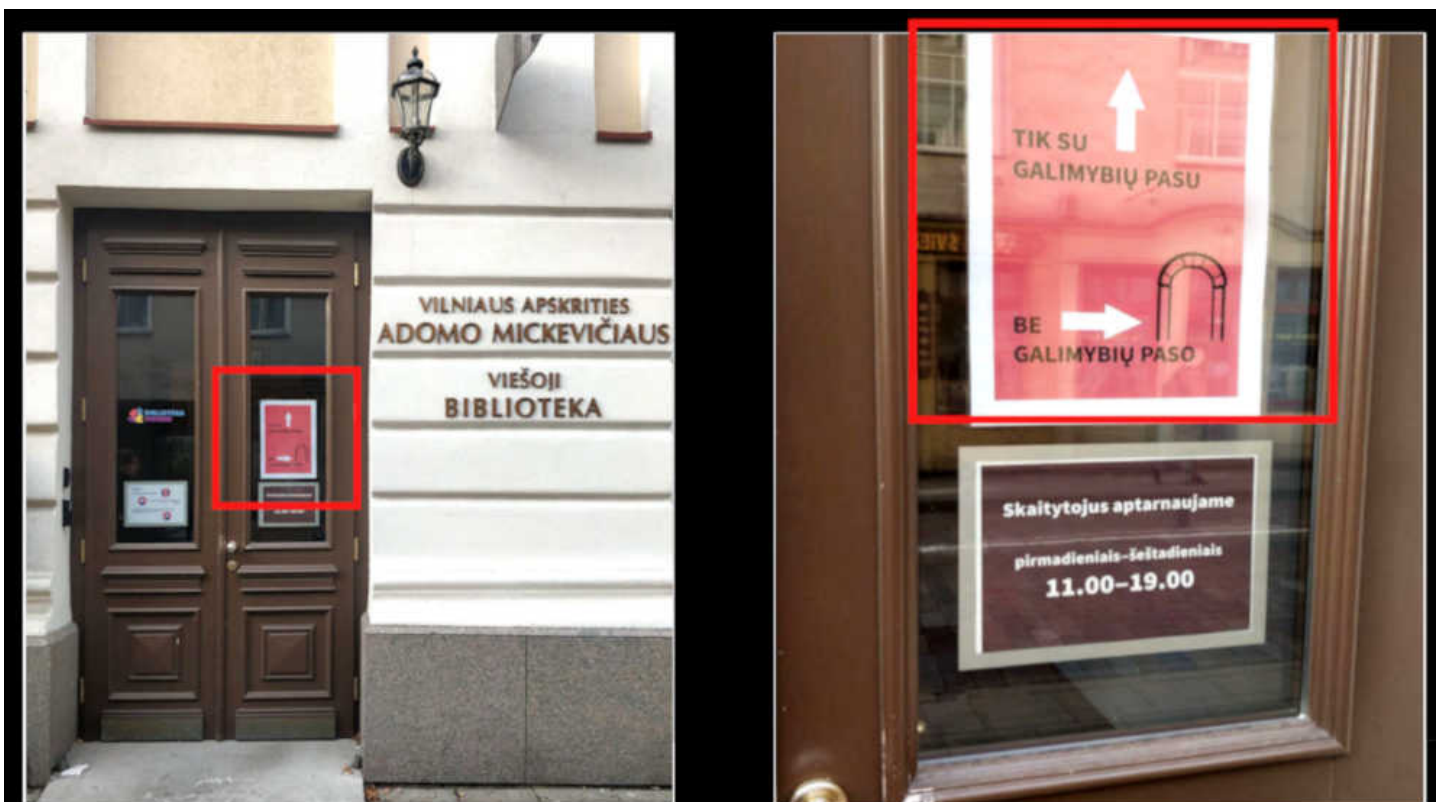
At libraries, my family may only pick up and drop off books. Without a Covid Pass, we may not browse, read, or research.

The library has separate entrances to enforce the segregation. The sign on the main door says:

"↑ Only with the Opportunity Pass

→ Without the Pass"

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Until 6 weeks ago, the library was one of my family's favorite activities. Now, my wife and I are banned from entering with our two young children.

People with the Pass enter through the main door on the street, scan their Pass, and freely use the library's facilities,

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With no Pass, we may not enter the main door. Instead, a series of signs direct us to a service entry behind the driveway:

- a) "Place for those with no Pass"
- b) "Pick-up/drop-off point for pre-ordered books (no Pass). Enter one at a time. Wear mask. Max 15 mins per person."

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The final destination for those of us with no Pass is a corridor where we may pick up and drop off books which we order in advance.

We must enter one at a time.

We sit on the chair while staff get our pre-ordered book. Maximum 15 mins.

The sign says: "Book pick-up point."



All this should be global headlines: "Lithuania bans citizens from society! Other EU countries following soon!"

But there's scant reporting about this fundamental transformation in society.

Or about the segregation and authoritarianism which has been the inevitable result.

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Lithuania's Covid Pass started in May as a temporary measure. The goal: "facilitate economic activity".

In August, the temporary measure to help the economy became a permanent law to banish people from society.

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Temporary expansion of bureaucratic control is never temporary.

Particularly when the problem supposedly being solved is caused by the very bureaucrats who use it to justify expanding their own power.

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Aušrinė Armonaitė, Minister of Economy and head of Lithuania's Opportunity Pass

11-June-21:

Yes, we have developed and introduced the Opportunity Pass. But I am very much looking forward to the day when we will shut it down. It could be de-activated as early as July.

<https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/lietuvoje/2/1429705/armonaite-galimybiu-pasas-gali-buti-isjungtas-kartu-su-karantinu>

29-Sept-21:

There is nothing more clever in the world than the Opportunity Pass to keep economic and other activities open.

5-Oct-21:

The most important thing is to keep the economy open. If we shut down the Opportunity Pass, then we'd have to impose quarantines and close businesses. So it's better to continue with the Opportunity Pass.

<https://www.delfi.lt/news/daily/lithuania/ivertino-svarstymus-keisti-galimybiu-pasos-isdavimo-tvarka-tai-dar-vienas-bandymas-ibauginti.d?id=88353275>

Lithuania's Covid Pass law does not ban specific activities.

Instead, it prohibits people without a Pass from all services and economic activities involving human contact.

Then, starting from zero rights, it grants us limited permissions such as buying food in small shops.

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

RESOLUTION No 152

DECLARING A STATE OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY

3¹. Those who do not satisfy any of the criteria referred to in paragraph 3.1.1 of this Resolution may receive contact services under the conditions laid down by the State Commander of National Emergency Operations for the management of the flow of people, safe physical distance, other key requirements for public health safety, hygiene, and the provision of persons with necessary personal protective equipment, and other requirements laid down in this Resolution only in the case of the following services and economic activities:

3¹.1. sales in stores and marketplaces whose main activity is the sale of food, veterinary goods, animal feed, pharmaceuticals, optical goods and orthopaedic devices, plants, seeds, and fertilisers with a separate entrance from the outside, and whose sales area (i. e. the area of sales halls for customer service and display of goods, including fitting rooms. The area of administrative premises, warehouses, auxiliary premises, workshops, staircases, corridors, and sanitary facilities is not included in the sales area) does not exceed 1 500 square metres; or those located in a shopping centre whose total sales area (i. e. the area of sales halls and other sales outlets (such as kiosks) for customer service and display of goods, including fitting rooms. The area of administrative premises, warehouses, and auxiliary premises, workshops, staircases, corridors, and sanitary facilities is not included in the sales area, nor the area of shops in shopping centres with a separate entrance from the outside, where there is no access to the shopping centre) does not exceed 1 500 square metres;

3¹.2. distance selling (online or by other means of communication), and when goods are delivered to natural and legal persons or picked up at pick-up points (sales or other non-distance selling activities will not be allowed at pick-up points);

3¹.3. ordering minor repair services, when contact between the service recipient and the service provider lasts no longer than 15 minutes;

This is an inversion of universal rights.

In a free society, you can do whatever you want, unless the law prohibits you.

Under Lithuania's new Covid Pass regime, it's inverted: you can't do anything, unless a bureaucrat allows you.

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The Covid Pass is an emergency law. There's little accountability, oversight, or media scrutiny.

With power unchecked, bureaucrats make arbitrary rules.

And they reverse arbitrary rules.

Again. And again.

This is not science or health.

This is rule by bureaucratic whim.

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Lithuanian Ministry of Economics, official press release announcing the Covid Pass, 20-May-21:

Rapid antigen tests should be the main method of testing for the Opportunity Pass, as they are the fastest way to get results. The COVID-19 test will be available at municipal mobile stations... The test will be free of charge.

Arūnas Dulkys, Minister of Health of Lithuania, 4-Aug-21:

Only the PCR test will now be valid for the Opportunity Passport... There will no longer be any possibility to test at municipal mobile stations. A test will only be accepted from private laboratories and must be paid for privately.

Ausra Bilotiene-Motiejūnienė, Deputy Health Minister of Lithuania, 8-Sep-21:

We will now add to the Opportunity Pass not only the PCR test, but also the antigen test for everyone from 13-September.

Živilė Gudlevičienė, advisor to the Prime Minister of Lithuania, 4-Oct-21:

Testing should be removed as an option for the Opportunity Pass... A person is at risk if he's only been tested but not vaccinated and re-vaccinated again.

The rules are petty, abstruse. They've been changed dozens of times in the two months of the Pass.

Bureaucrats themselves don't agree with each other about how to apply the law.

But the punishment if you don't comply properly? Severe.

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Rules are changed frequently by the head of the government Operations Center.

"There is a serious lack of explanation as to why certain restrictions are used and what they are aimed at... It's very difficult to understand these requirements", commented the manager at Artistai [a large restaurant in Vilnius].

Café managers emphasized they had looked for answers themselves, but the National Public Health Center and the Ministry of Health do not fully agree on the rules or agree among themselves. Nonetheless, as they themselves say, they punish severely. "I already paid a fine of 1,500 euros for this. They just came, inspected, and issued fines," said the restaurant manager.

- News article, 13-Sep-21, in mainstream news site delfi.lt, on the arbitrary, changing rules and strict punishment facing business owners who must enforce the new regime's restrictions regarding the Covid Pass, masks, and other measures

<https://www.delfi.lt/news/daily/lithuania/nuo-pirmadienio-svarbus-pokyciai-bet-painiava-del-kaukiu-islieka-priimti-sprendimai-kelia-sumaisti.d?id=88172269>

Virtually every business complies with the Pass. Enforcement is strict.

There are no alternatives.

Even those who might oppose the Pass acquiesce with a sheepish submissiveness. What else can you do? With no Pass, you can't work, shop, or exist in society.

Coercion works.

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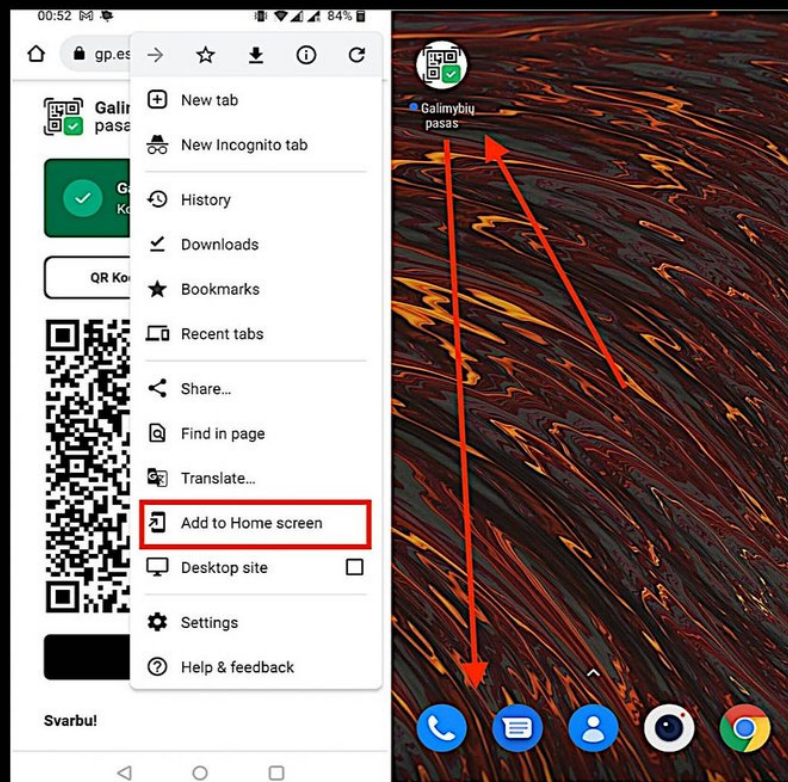


In the days after the Pass was imposed, people's main complaint - as reported in the media, at least - was the inconvenience of showing the Pass twenty times a day.

A solution went viral and was published in news sites: add the Pass on your home screen.

Problem solved.

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As the Covid Pass has become normalized, bureaucracy has grown and is becoming entrenched.

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This is a new profession: Opportunity Pass Verifier. This is not a security guard. The Opportunity Passport Verifier staff must have been trained and have a type of license.

- 18-Sep-21, Rūta Vainienė. Executive Director, Lithuanian Retailers' Association.



<https://www.delfi.lt/news/daily/lithuania/vainiene-es-valstybese-tokios-praktikos-taikyti-galimybiu-pasus-prekyboje-nera.d?id=88187005>

Two months after the Covid Pass regime was imposed, the bureaucrats decided to significantly increase the coercion.

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The law created in August allowed us non-Pass holders to buy food and medicine in small shops.

Four days ago, bureaucrats imposed a new restriction on these shops: either limit capacity to only one customer per 30 m2, or ban people without a Pass.

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**MINISTER FOR HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA
HEAD OF STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS AT STATE LEVEL**

**DECISION
OF THE MINISTER OF HEALTH OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA,
HEAD OF STATE OPERATIONS FOR STATE LEVEL EMERGENCIES
OF 13 AUGUST 2021 DECISION NO. V-1864 'ON THE AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATION ON THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS
FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES THROUGH CONTACT AND THE CONDUCT OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES'**

19 October 2021 No V-2360
Vilnius

1. The Decision of the Minister of Health of the Republic of Lithuania, Head of State Emergency Situation State Operations of 13 August 2021, No V-1864 'On the necessary conditions for the provision of services through contact, for the performance of economic activities' shall hereby be amended:

1.1. The first paragraph of sub-paragraph 1.2 shall be amended as follows:

„1.2. to ensure the following conditions for the management of the flow of service recipients at the place of provision of services:".

1.2. To sub-section 1.2.4 shall be added:

„1.2.4. in service outlets located in enclosed spaces referred to in sub-paragraph 31.1 of Decree No 152, where persons who do not meet the criteria referred to in sub-paragraph 3.1.1 of Decree No 152 are served, to ensure a sales area of 30 m2 (i.e., the area of the sales area for the purpose of serving the customers and for the purpose of displaying the goods, including the measuring booths. The sales area does not include the area of administrative premises, warehouses and ancillary rooms, workshops, staircases, corridors, sanitary facilities) per service recipient, or to serve no more than one person at any one time;".

1.3. The first sub-paragraph of sub-section 2 shall be amended as follows:

„2. To oblige service providers, where services are provided only to persons meeting one of the criteria set out in subsection 3.1.1 of Resolution No 152, to comply with the following conditions for the performance of their activities, as set out in subsection 1 of this Decision, with the

Complying with the 30 m2 rule would cause a massive reduction in a store's customer traffic.

For a typical convenience store, the new restriction would mean only 2 or 3 shoppers at a time.

For most pharmacies, it would mean only one customer allowed inside at a time.

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The bureaucrats' new restriction forces small stores to decide: save their own business, or block us non-Pass holders from the only shopping still permitted to us.

Some stores quickly made their decision:

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Lidl will only serve shoppers who have an Opportunity Pass in all its stores in Lithuania. The decision was made following the Ministry of Health's requirement that small stores must either limit shopper traffic to 30 sqm per person, or serve only those with the Pass...

"We assessed both alternatives. In stores where we currently require the Pass, ... the results show that people [] are willing to use the Pass... So we believe the decision to voluntarily require the Pass in all stores is more rational and sustainable in the current circumstances," said [the] CEO of Lidl Lithuania.

Lidl plans to post guards at store entrances to inspect Passes, with additional verifier staff to be hired.



- Lidl Lithuania, official press release, 20-Oct-21

<https://imone.lidl.lt/media-centras/pranesimai-ziniasklaidai/2021/nuo-penktadienio-lidl-kvies-apsipirkti-tik-su-galimybiu-pasu>

The increase in coercion takes from my family the few shopping options we still had.

But it does not confer morality. What was wrong before is still wrong now.

So we'll be buying all our supplies from outdoor markets this winter.

No Pass required.

For now, at least.



Re-vaccination began in Sept. for seniors and healthcare workers, expanding in Oct. to all adults.

Officials plan 4th and 5th boosters afterwards and strongly hint that boosters will be mandatory for the Pass in Lithuania and the EU.

The Pass must be renewed every 60 days.

We definitely plan re-vaccinations. Looking ahead, we're likely to start 4th and 5th booster shots in several months.

- Živilė Simonaitytė, Vice Minister of Health of Lithuania, 1-Sep-21

For now, the validity and rules for the Opportunity Pass and the EU Certificate remain unchanged and don't depend on whether someone has received a third vaccination. In the future, all solutions are possible.

- Lukas Galkus, spokesperson, Ministry of Health of Lithuania, 18-Oct-21

Screenshot, 19-Oct-21, of publicly-owned broadcaster LRT, Lithuania's largest media conglomerate



Revoking some freedoms has opened the door to revoke more.

As the Covid Pass regime has become entrenched, the banishment and segregation it mandates has unleashed an authoritarian fervor to also ban free speech and stifle dissent.

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The Constitution guarantees freedom of speech. However, not only a gun or a knife can kill, but also a word against vaccination, a word about the alleged dangers of vaccines or the alleged dictatorship of global pharmaceutical companies.

Imagine a 'COVID cemetery', with hundreds and thousands of crosses inscribed with the names of those Lithuania has lost in this pandemic. And especially those lost after it was already possible to protect them. Next to these crosses would be a large stone plaque explaining that these latter lives were lost only for the sake of elections. And underneath would be carved the names of those whose populist words resulted in the loss of these lives.

One clear, Christian principle remains paramount: Thou shalt not kill!

Do not kill with your words!

- Opinion article, 25-Aug-21, by Andrius Kubilius. Prime Minister of Lithuania, 1999-2000 and again 2008-2012. European Parliament, 2019-present.

Edited for length. <https://www.lrt.lt/naujienos/pozicija/679/1475751/andrius-kubilius-kiek-gyvybiu-turi-buti-paaukota-busimiesiems-prezidento-ir-seimo-rinkimams>

Principled opposition is stigmatized. Honest debate is dismissed as conspiracy theories.

The entire media universe in our country now openly works with politicians to ban dissent.

We're losing the freedom to say what our rulers do not want to hear.

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Mainstream news site Delfi.lt, 15-Oct-21:

At a time when the public must be more focused, instead unsubstantiated conspiracy theories flourish and public disruption has increased... We will ensure that while freedom of speech is guaranteed, the essence of debate shall not be distorted, and lies and public division shall be prevented.

Mainstream news site Lrytas.lt, 18-Oct-21:

Lrytas.lt joins the initiative to improve vaccination rates... No longer will conspiracy theories be able to spread encouraging fear, disbelief, or to not get vaccinated. We are living in the golden age of medical and scientific progress, so we should believe what medicine and science say, not fictional stories... Some European countries are already applying such solutions, and the Lithuanian news media are among the first to join world leaders.

Mainstream news site 15min.lt, 19-Oct-21:

15min joins with other media sites by banning comments on Covid-19 articles. Freedom of speech is a fundamental value, but it cannot be abused by spreading false information that harms society.

My wife and I refuse to be caricatured as crazed anti-vaxxers.

We are not illiterate, innumerate, or anti-science.

We do not believe in conspiracy theories

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Vaccination against disease can benefit many people. It's a personal medical decision for each individual in consultation with a doctor.

What we deeply oppose is the coercion of the Covid Pass regime and the authoritarianism and segregation where it has inevitably led.

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The government's main approach now is that we encourage vaccination by all means possible, which, perhaps, is sometimes in unpleasant ways.

*Ingrida Šimonytė, Prime Minister of Lithuania
15-Oct-21*

<https://www.delfi.lt/news/daily/lithuania/simonyte-skatinti-skiepytis-kartais-ttenka-ir-nemaloniais-budais.d?id=88438555>

The Covid Pass regime has divided people into two classes.

One class gets rights. The other class is banished.

This is a two-tier society of state-sanctioned segregation.

It is the inevitable result of the Covid Pass.

Covid Pass regime. Lithuania, October 2021.

Library facilities for people with a Covid Pass



Library facility for people without a Covid Pass



Under Lithuania's Covid Pass regime, people with a Covid Pass may use all facilities of the public library (*top*).

Since 13-Sep-21, people without a Pass are restricted by law to only pick up and drop off books. Browsing is not allowed. They may not enter the library through the main street-side door. Instead, the only library facility they may access is the entry chamber of a narrow corridor (*bottom*), which is accessed through a service portal at the side of a driveway adjacent to the library. People without a Pass may only enter the corridor one at a time. They are permitted to be inside maximum 15 minutes per person. They sit on the chair while staff collect the pre-ordered book.

Pictures from Adomo Mickevičiaus, a beautiful and historical public library in Lithuania's capital city of Vilnius.

Hatred. Othering. Us vs. Them.

Restriction by restriction, the new regime has shredded the bonds which hold us all together in one society.

This is the inevitable result of the Covid Pass.

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People who fear vaccines talk about slavery and oppression, but they're really just slaves to their own darkness... Let us leave the night of misery to those slaves, rather than impose that darkness and slavery on all the responsible people...

We must impose movement restrictions on the unvaccinated. If you want to spend Christmas with your family, get vaccinated now.

- Remigijus Šimašius, 21-Oct-21. Mayor of Lithuania's capital city, Vilnius, 2015-present. Lithuanian Parliament 2012-2015. Minister of Justice of Lithuania 2008-2012.

<https://www.facebook.com/SimasiusRemigijus/posts/412448656919844>

Blame for disease. Accusation of wartime betrayal. Death wishes.

Opinion that was repugnant in 2019 has become mainstream in 2021.

This is the inevitable result of the Covid Pass.

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People not supporting the government's decisions bear much of the responsibility for every person who dies unvaccinated.

- *Gabrielius Landsbergis, 20-Oct-21. Minister of Foreign Affairs.*

The anti-vaxxers must be held responsible for their share of the loss of human lives we see today.

- *Monika Navickienė, 16-Oct-21. Minister of Social Security and Labor.*

There are people who deliberately take sides with the enemy... In times of war, such people were shot. But there will no need to shoot the anti-vaxxers, I hope, they will die out on their own.

- *Arūnas Valinskas, 17-Sep-21. Lithuanian Parliament 2008-2012. Speaker of Parliament 2008-2009. Currently a TV host and public intellectual.*

People who do not get vaccinated are a threat to our health, to the country's economy, to business, and to human life... Do not associate with the unvaccinated.

- *Rasa Juknevičienė, 16-Jul-21. European Parliament 2019-present. Lithuanian Parliament 1996-2019. Minister of Defense of Lithuania, 2008-2012.*

Opposition must be criminalized!

Wartime traitors are funded by secret enemies!

Agitators imperil the survival of the nation!

This is not a history textbook. This is the reality of life for my family in 2021.

This is the inevitable result of the Covid Pass.

There is a lunacy where rumor-mongering zealots not only promote anti-social agitation with their "Don't get vaccinated!", but even attack those who do vaccination. What enemies are paying them?

... May the Parliament deal with these agitators for rapid death by changing the Criminal Code. When in war, then in war. Until the vaccine against stupidity is invented.

In Lithuania, we will not survive any other way.

- Vytautas Landsbergis, 3-Oct-21. Leader of the resistance movement which successfully won Lithuania's independence from the USSR. First Head of State of independent Lithuania 1990-1992. Speaker of Parliament of Lithuania 1996-2000. Member of European Parliament 2003-2014..

<https://www.facebook.com/VytautasLandsbergis/posts/417747719721163>

To see liberty's loss is heart-wrenching for my wife and me.

We cry for our land, twisted into a regime of control and segregation.

We cry for our neighbors, as we watch fear close their eyes to the path they walk back to an authoritarianism we overcame only 30 years ago.

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We cry for our children, as the freedoms they have known in their short lives are ripped from them.

And we cry for our unborn child, who we worry will never know a world where strangers interact freely without suspicion, fear, and government control.

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Our society in Lithuania has already been transformed into a regime of authoritarianism and segregation.

But there's nothing unique about our case.

What has happened to us in our society is the inevitable reality facing every society which will impose the Covid Pass.

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QR code to shop. Covid Pass to work. Bureaucrats' approval to buy food, toys, clothes. Segregated libraries and banks. Ever increasing coercion.

And if you don't comply: banishment.

This is the world which the Covid Pass inevitably creates.

Is this the world you want?

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We believe the vast majority of people everywhere would reject this world of control and coercion.

But they don't know it's coming. They don't know it's the inevitable result of the Covid Pass. And they don't know that they - we - all of us - must rise up now to stop it.

Each country which imposes the Covid Pass is cited by other countries to justify their own regime.

So the battle must be global as well.

If the Covid Pass regime is allowed to grow somewhere, it will grow everywhere.

And then it will be too entrenched to stop anywhere.

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Despite the hardships we face, my wife and I have hope.

Many people around the world are already fighting the Covid Pass in their own countries.

And we believe that many, many more would join if they see the reality of where the Covid Pass inevitably leads.

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So this is my request to you: please help by sharing this message about the inevitable reality of the Covid Pass regime.

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We believe that if enough people see the authoritarianism and segregation in our society, they will rise to block it in their society.

And then we can join together, across all societies, to stop this madness everywhere before it's too late for all of us.

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