

How to Wear a Face Mask and Still Show Dissent Against Tyranny

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I'm not fond of grocery shopping. Doubly so when our [local "natural" food store](#) operates like a cross between a 21st century bio-contamination laboratory and a 1940's Soviet food rationing depot. (It's called Gentle Rain, but Stalin's Reign would suit its recent transformation.)

Nonetheless, one week, back in July, my usual grocery was on holidays, so I found myself waiting in their communist-style breadline. When I finally reached the front, the sentry asked: "Do you have your own mask or would you like to use one of ours?"

"Neither, thank you for asking."

"Well, then you can't come in."

"Can I use my own mask?"

"Sure."

"How about two? That would be better, wouldn't it?"

"I can't argue with that."

Opening my backpack I pulled out a white surgical mask and snapped it around my ears: "Hey! If one mask will save Grandma—" I then pulled out a Guy Fawkes mask and stretched the elastic around my head. "—two masks will save the world."

What's a freedom-loving citizen to do? We either boycott the store (and go hungry) or we get creative.

Introducing my Three-Step Face Mask Dissent Plan:

Step 1: Wear a smiling face:



Step 2: Put on one of the establishment's [scientifically unproven](#) and dehumanizing face masks:



Step 3: Apply a Guy Fawkes party mask (available from [Amazon.com](#), [Amazon.ca](#) and [Amazon.co.uk](#)):



Yes, I realize many identify [Guy Fawkes](#) as a terrorist. I disagree. He did not target civilians; only politicians who had taken away his freedom to practice his religion. He did not try to [explode Westminster Palace](#) to instill fear in the masses; merely to replace the government. He was a freedom fighter. I may not agree with his means, but certainly his spirit and motives.

Indeed, today, it's the governments of the world who are terrorizing us with [inflated death tolls](#) while [taking lives with oppressive lockdowns](#).

Of course, other masks could be worn: Americans might masquerade as George Washington. Canadians could resurrect Louis Riel. Mexicans can don Geronimo masks. East Indians could honour Mahatma Gandhi. With a little creativity we can beat them playing by their own rules.

I must admit I was unsure how my [face mask dissent strategy](#) would unfold at the local health food store. Would they scream? Would they not permit me to enter? Would [the police be called](#)?

Instead, the sentry burst out laughing. I assumed that meant I could enter. I opened the front door and stepped inside.

"Now that's a face mask!" exclaimed the cashier. More laughter from customers and staff. Not what I had expected.

I grabbed a shopping cart and started following their arrows...



Within seconds a “high risk” elderly lady came right up to me – ignoring social distancing rules – and said: “I love your mask! I can’t stand this nonsense. I just go along to get along.”

Later, another lady told me bitterly: “Ever since they’ve started all this COVID stuff they’ve taken away the senior discounts.”

Standing in line to pay, another yelled: “Happy Halloween!”

A few days later I brought my wife along to join in the costume party...



The second time around we skipped the surgical masks – just wore the Guy Fawkes masks. No one complained or seemed to care. One teenager shot me a “That’s awesome, man!” I suspect he knew the [V for Vendetta](#) reference — a graphic novel about a modern day freedom fighter who wore a Guy Fawkes mask.

David Lloyd, the illustrator for *V for Vendetta*, said: “The Guy Fawkes mask has now become a common brand and a convenient placard to use in protest against tyranny – and I’m happy with people using it...”

And I’m happy we have this tool to beat them at their own face mask psych-op game, for those who must join the charade. Guy Fawkes masks are available from [Amazon.ca](#), [Amazon.com](#) and [Amazon.co.uk](#). They became Amazon’s bestselling mask after the [V for Vendetta movie](#). While, I rely on stores that grant me mask-free entry, curbside pick-up or home delivery, I still never leave home without a Guy Fawkes (just in case).

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