

WHY DO LEFTISTS STILL LOVE MASKS?

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On March 24, anti-Jewish protesters showed up at Columbia University [chanting, “Long live the intifada.”](#) Many were wearing masks, and speakers urged students to follow suit. But wearing a mask while protesting has been [illegal in New York City since 1845](#). It was later used to combat the Ku Klux Klan. Today, it is invoked to combat supporters of left-wing pro-Hamas terrorists.

It is easy to understand why the pro-Hamas gang likes to wear a mask: they want to conceal their identity from the police. But what explains why those on the left are fond of wearing a mask for alleged health reasons?

Recently, Sen. Bernie Sanders, a professed socialist and communist sympathizer, urged supporters in Denver [to show up at a rally wearing masks](#). His request had nothing to do with protecting their anonymity; it was a throwback to his mask advocacy during the pandemic.

Even during Covid, his plea would have made no sense—the event was outside. But that didn’t matter. Sanders loves masks. Three years after Covid, at the State of the Union in 2023, [he was the only Congressman](#) to show up wearing a KN95 Mask.

Today, four percent of Americans still wear masks going to the stores and other businesses. Who are they? [A recent Pew Research survey](#) revealed that they are mostly Democrats. This explains why the majority of Republicans (62 percent) said

that during the pandemic there should have been fewer restrictions, but only a few Democrats (15 percent) agree. The conclusion is inescapable: those on the left like masks.

This is consistent with what we learned during the pandemic. In a 2021 survey of college students, who are much more likely to be taught by Bernie Sanders-like professors than Donald Trump-like professors, found that [eight-in-ten favored mask mandates](#) for indoor settings. [In 2022, dozens of students walked out of class](#) at the University of Nevada, Reno to protest the repeal of the mask mandate. But why? Why would students demand that they be ordered to mask up?

There is something weird going on here. These same students would scream bloody murder if they were ordered not to have an abortion, or not to take drugs. They would insist on bodily autonomy.

To illustrate this point, consider Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer. She likes to [flash a T-shirt that says, "My Body, My Decision."](#) This is done to show her support for abortion. But why is it that during the pandemic she insisted that everyone wear a mask? Why didn't the injunction, "My Body, My Decision," work for those who disagreed?

It boils down to narcissism and a need to control.

Liberal young people want to have sex without consequences. Hence, the need for abortion. Drugs can be fun, too, and while there are negative consequences, that is a risk they are willing to take. When it comes to masks during a pandemic, forcing everyone to wear one guards against illness, allowing them to maintain their hedonistic lifestyle. So they opt for control.

Control. This is the signature of left-wing ideologues and their minions. Nothing matters more to them. Take Bernie Sanders.

He not only loves masks, his radical left-wing politics explains why he chose [to go on his honeymoon to the Soviet Union](#), home to the genocidal maniac, Joseph Stalin.

In 1988, when he was Mayor of Burlington, Vermont, he traveled with his newlywed to the Soviet Union, fraternizing with Communist leaders. He wanted to establish Burlington as a “sister city” with a small Russian town. He gave gifts to his comrades, praised their wonderful system, and publicly attacked the United States. In a show of complete deference to his Communist buddies, he never mentioned the mass murders that occurred under them, nor did he reference any of the litany of human rights abuses, including the world’s first man-made famine in the Ukraine in the 1930s.

Sanders is a control freak. So are those who like to mandate masks during a pandemic. Their goal is to induce in the masses a readiness to accept the dictates of a left-wing ruling class. It’s all about nurturing compliance, having nothing to do with public health.