I want you to see what has happened in Lithuania.

Now you may say, "Woods, I don't live in Lithuania."

Maybe so. But other countries can be indicators of where a particular policy tends to lead.

Also significant: not a single word of rebuke toward Lithuania or Australia from the U.S. regime, which means they have no fundamental objection to it and would emulate these systems if they thought they could get away with it.

This <u>thread</u> comes from a citizen of Lithuania. This is where these Covid passes lead.

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:

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.

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.

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.

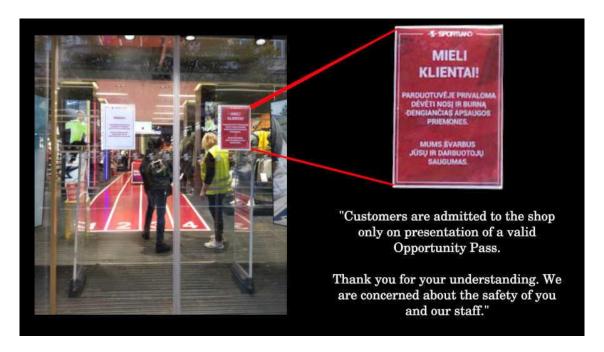
This is a clothing store. By law, it must ban my wife and me because we don't have the Covid Pass. Clothing is not considered essential.



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.



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.

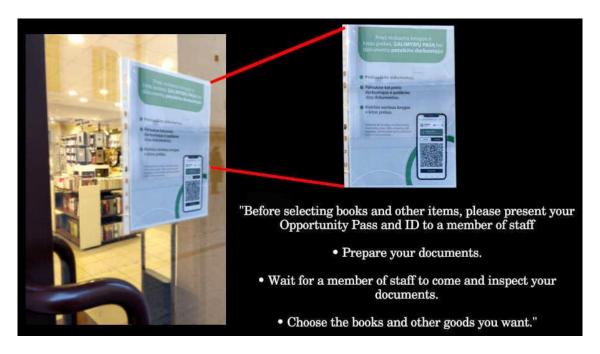


At all supermarkets larger than 1500 square meters, guards scan each customer's Pass. My wife and I may not shop in these supermarkets: no Pass, no entrance.

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.



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.



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

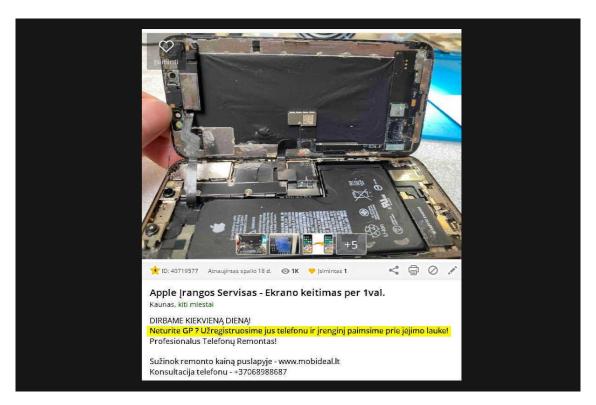
Without a Covid Pass, we can't take our children to art supply stores. We're also not allowed to pick up online orders.

We're not allowed to receive any beauty services, e.g., hair, nails, skincare. This is a barber. No Pass, no entrance.

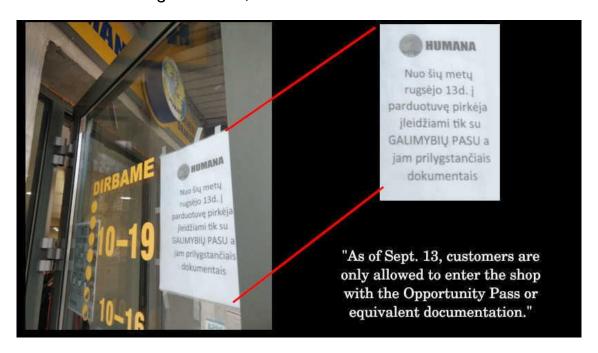


Without a Pass, we may not receive repair services which last longer than 15 minutes. This is an online ad for a shop which repairs iPhone screens:

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



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.



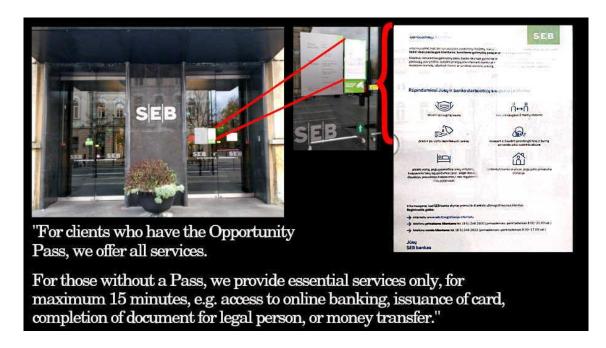
Without a Pass, we may not visit patients in medical facilities or senior care/residential homes. The only exception is for terminally-ill patients,

pregnant women, or children under 14 years of age, if the doctor gives advance permission.

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."



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.



Bubble tea cafe.

Sushi restaurant.

After-work bar.

Latin eatery and salsa club.

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

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"



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.

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."

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.

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....

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.

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....

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.

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....

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 square meters, or ban people without a Pass.

Complying with the 30 square meter 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.

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.

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.

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.

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....

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.

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....

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?

Well, the lizard people want that world. But a normal person does not.