

Letters to the editor

Let's keep freedom, not 'free-dumb'

Editor:

Freedom in 1942 meant giving up the right to buy unlimited gasoline for the greater good. Everyone did it to help people they didn't know and who would never thank them.

A wartime comparison is appropriate to 2020 if you look at the COVID deaths. Religious freedom means recognizing that the creed you follow says you should think of the greater good all the time, not just in extreme circumstances. Attending an indoor service without a mask even if you are socially distanced contradicts your professed creed and would be religious "free-dumb."

You can feel fine and still spread COVID, so how you are currently feeling is not a good barometer after attending a super-spreader event. Indoor praying in a packed church won't prevent COVID — it has been tried in many countries and you can see the results.

Instead of bristling with outrage about liberty and free-dumb, just pray outside socially distanced or online — who you are praying to doesn't mind at all.

Having your religious freedom temporarily inconvenienced is very different than having it taken away.

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