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I support a mask mandate. People do not have the public health expertise to make these decisions on their own. Liberty is not an absolute right (that's called license); one can't drive however one pleases or no one could drive at all. Not wearing a mask is like running a red light; there's a high chance it will hurt someone. The rights to life and liberty end when actions start to infringe on the life and liberty of others; this was recognized by most political philosophers, including Hobbes, Locke, and Mills. Some not wearing a mask, or getting vaccinated, endangers other people's health (and therefore life and liberty). Furthermore, this is a war, which often necessitates giving up additional liberties in a time of crisis. In a time of crisis, the Roman Republic would appoint a dictator, to help preserve the republic in the long run. So as an American and patriot, I support these mandates, as long as they are designed to accommodate those with legitimate health concerns.

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