

THE EXTRA POINT

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986 Different Shades of Blue

In early December, my unvaccinated family left Guam for a vacation. Our projected four-week trip would take us to California and New Mexico, both areas controlled by Democrat governors, as is Guam. Would there be differences? I'm Jerry Roberts, and we'll talk about this, next, on The Extra Point.

In 2021, the Biden Administration voiced their clear intent to make life more difficult for those who refused to be vaccinated.

The unvaxxed were made the scapegoats for a failed effort to control a virus, that honest scientists had long proven was uncontrollable.

What treatment would we find when we got to the mainland?

Our first stop was San Diego. We shopped, occasionally forgetting to wear our mask. I had wandered through a department store for maybe 20 minutes, when my wife remarked that I had forgotten the face-covering. I wasn't the only one. There were several people without masks.

Here's the thing, no store employee breathlessly flagged me down, telling me to put one on. No one was panicked.

We walked into a restaurant, and nobody asked for a vaccine card. We sat down and enjoyed our meal, as if we were normal human beings.

Our next stop was New Mexico. The plane was delayed and we got to Albuquerque late, grabbing sandwiches at a place called Firehouse Subs, which we highly recommend.

We had a long drive to our destination, so we bought a few things at Trader Joes before hitting the road. Again, I forgot my mask. Once again, nobody said anything, and I put it on when my wife mentioned it.

Twice over a three-day period, we sat down in

restaurants with family and friends, and nobody cared about our vaccination status. They were happy to feed us.

Now wait, isn't there a precarious healthcare system in San Diego and New Mexico? Why didn't they see us eating in restaurants as a threat to overrun the available hospital beds?

We then spent a week in Ventura County. I forgot my mask in a couple of grocery stores (after a while, it's amazing how you can get used to being without one), but remembered and put one on. This was for the comfort of other shoppers, even if nobody stared at me for my indiscretion.

I had lunch with a friend in San Bernardino County, followed by dinner with another friend in Orange County. The next night, my son and I ate dinner in a restaurant in Los Angeles County.

Our final stop was Northern California, Alameda and Santa Clara counties. Family members there do a lot of Door Dash for takeout, but we also found ourselves seated in restaurants.

In tabulating the scorecard for the month's journey, there were dozens of places we walked into, and several where we simply forgot to wear a mask. Some were big-name businesses, and others were small. Only once was I stopped about the mask, and I went back to get it.

We never touched a Republican state, but might have been in a couple of "red" counties. If we were, we wouldn't have known it by the way we were treated.

Employers of our family members, vaxxed or unvaxxed, have been treated the same. Nobody, to my knowledge, has been harassed over a decision to not get the jab. (Con't.)

One other thing. Covid doesn't seem to be the focal point of everything, as it is in Guam. It's just not discussed as much, and people simply live with it.

I'll have some other comments and references about our trip, but one thing definitely stood out — Guam is a far different shade of "blue" than what I found in California and New Mexico.

That's the Extra Point. Be responsible and make something good happen today. For 93.3 and the Ray Gibson Show, I'm Jerry Roberts.

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