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Story About Biden Admin Allegedly Exempting USPS From Vaccine Mandate Changes

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[UPDATE]: The Washington Post reports that the White House is now claiming that U.S. Postal Service “workers are part of the federal vaccine mandate under OSHA jurisdiction, though technically not under the executive order.”

Original report:

Democrat President Joe Biden’s administration has exempted the U.S. Postal Service, which employs nearly 650,000 people, from its executive order requiring all federal employees to get vaccinated against the coronavirus.

“U.S. Postal Service workers were not included in Biden’s executive order requiring all federal employees to get vaccinated against the coronavirus, according to a White House official speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss not-yet-public portions of the president’s plan,” The Washington Post reported. “U.S. Postal Service workers would be strongly encouraged to comply with the mandate, the official said.”

The report noted that the move by Biden to exempt the Postal Service from its highly controversial vaccine mandate comes after “one of the Postal Service’s powerful unions, the American Postal Workers Union, in July criticized the administration’s efforts to require federal workers to be vaccinated and demanded that postal leadership collectively bargain on the issue.”

The American Postal Workers Union, which endorsed Biden for president in June 2020, slammed the administration over the summer, saying in a statement that “it is not the role of the federal government to mandate vaccinations for the employees we represent.”

“This is stunning,” Washington Post reporter Jacob Bogage tweeted in response to the news. “One of the things we’ve learned during the pandemic is the Postal Service is a key part of national infrastructure & homeland security. We’ve seen what’s happened to service when there have been pandemic-related staffing shortages. But USPS workers are exempt.”

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“Of course the powerful postal union will receive an exemption from Biden’s mandate but if you’re 1/100 employees at your job you must obey,” Dr. Roger Marshall, a U.S. Senator from Kansas, responded. “Another favor for their political allies. #hypocrite”

“Biden exempts 644k postal workers, who go out into the community, from his requirement that federal workers vaccinate. Say it with me,” Michael F. Cannon from the Cato Institute tweeted. “Government does not ‘follow the science.’ It follows politics.”

“This is what will kill his mandate in court,” reporter Adam Housley tweeted. “You can’t mandate private business and exclude public agencies...likely because of union pressure. Of course there’s all sorts of other arguments, this is just the easiest. Completely hypocritical.”

“Huh? Is this purely a product of the postal union?” reporter Anthony Adragna tweeted. “What else explains this massive exemption?”

“Come on,” CNN political commentator David Swerdlick tweeted. “You can debate mandates, but if you’re going to mandate federal workers, then mandate postal workers.”