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Yes, the “Question Authority” bumpersticker must have seen a big slip in sales this year, eh? It was pasted over by the “Thank you Sir may I have another” bumpersticker.

But if you are still a question-authority person, you may come into contact with a thank-you-Sir person, and this paper is to help you deal with it. Now, if the person is violent or aggressive, I deal with it by carrying a small vial of pepper spray with me everywhere I go now. I just calmly tell them that if they are not in law enforcement, I don't have to engage them in any way, or justify myself to them. I tell them that assault is illegal, and if they don't get out of my face immediately I am going to pepper spray them.

However, that rarely happens, and you may be more interested in dealing with people who aren't aggressive. You may actually wish to try to educate them, which is noble of you. Bless you for your patience. In that case, it helps to have at hand a short list of very persuasive facts. Here they are.

Trying to make laws via executive orders is highly illegal and unConstitutional, even when an emergency has been declared. Executive orders are legal only for the first two weeks of a crisis, after which the state or national legislature is supposed to pass laws either backing up the executive orders or striking them down. This is because laws have to be passed by legislatures, which were created for that purpose. Presidents and Governors don't make laws, they execute them. Meaning, they make sure the laws are enforced. But the people who own the world don't like obeying these rules, since it is easier for them to rule you via the executive branch. There are far fewer people involved, hence fewer people to pay off, and you don't need to worry about majorities. If you rule through a governor you just rule by fiat. Meaning, you rule by just saying it. No legislatures have to meet and vote on it.
That sort of rule is too close to monarchy. If you are going to rule that way, you might as well just have Kings and forget about legislatures. Which is why the US created the Constitution in the first place. Early citizens were tired of being pushed around by Kings. They preferred to elect people to represent them, which is why we call the elected legislators representatives.

This is all government 101, of course, but people seem to have forgotten it, even people who went to college—where government courses teaching this are (or used to be) required. I guess they still are.

If the person you are talking to remains locked down, asking who are you to question everything we are seeing in the media, then tell them it isn't just you. Several judges have already struck down these executive orders in several states. The Supreme Court of Wisconsin ruled them unConstitutional and null and void back in early May. More recently a Circuit Court in Illinois struck the executive orders of his governor down. A judge in Oregon did the same, though the Supreme Court there reversed the decision. So real judges and real high courts are ruling against executive orders. Perhaps not surprisingly, the media is burying these stories, since the media is owned by the very rich families who want to rule by executive orders.

More limited lawsuits have also been filed by churches, gun shops, and other businesses and individuals, and in many instances the courts have ruled in favor of the plaintiffs. Meaning, the judges have agreed that governors are far overstepping their authority in closing businesses, locking people down, and interfering with people's Constitutional rights to assembly and trade. More and more lawsuits are being filed by the day (though still not enough).

You may also tell your friend that sheriff's departments all over the country are refusing to enforce their governors' orders, knowing they are unConstitutional. Many police departments are doing the same. Some are quietly refusing to enforce, while others are admitting it openly, but it is happening nationwide. The rare times these orders are being enforced is by State Police, and we may assume they are owned by the same people making the orders. State Police are also more tightly linked to FBI and CIA, so State Police are under far more pressure to play along.

In addition, many practicing doctors and nurses are going public, the least bold admitting that facemasks are not only unnecessary, but detrimental to health; and the most bold admitting that Covid numbers are being finessed, fudged, or totally manufactured.

If your friend still doesn't believe you, saying that he has heard nothing of it, tell him it is all online. All he has to do is a simple search. If you are already talking to him online, you may wish to provide some links, but it shouldn't be necessary. Adult human beings should know how to search the internet without having everything dropped into their gullets predigested for them. If they aren't capable of a modicum of individual research and critical thinking, then they shouldn't have an opinion. In truth, what they have at that point isn't an opinion, which is by definition the result of thought—rather they have a bug that has been remotely inserted into their head.