

Video of Canadian Pastor Standing Up to Police, Health Officers Goes Viral

“Please get out. Get out of this property. Immediately get out.”

Pastor Artur Pawlowski, pastor of Calgary’s Street Church in Alberta, Canada, gave this emphatic response to police, city and health department officers who interrupted a worship service he was holding Saturday at the Fortress (Cave) of Adullam per Calgary CTV News. The video he posted of this encounter has now gone viral, with a reported 1 million views as of Sunday morning, per the *Washington Examiner*.

A spokesperson for Alberta Health Services told Calgary CTV the officers were “there to observe whether the organization was following” Alberta’s health guidelines laid out regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Those restrictions include limiting capacity to 15% and requiring attendees to wear masks and maintain physical distancing.

“Gestapo is not allowed here. ... out! Get out of this property. ... Go and don’t come back without a warrant!” Pawlowski shouts at the intruders, who can be seen backing down the stairs and exiting the property during the video.

“Can you imagine those psychopaths? Passover: the holiest Christian festival during the year, and they’re coming to intimidate Christians? ... How dare they?” he asks. He also urges viewers to “wake up, stand up,” warning them against a potential future with government control and pressing his fellow Canadians to join the fight.

“Our rights are being taken away from us so quickly; it’s unbelievable,” Pawlowski says.

No arrests were reported during the encounter. But as head of Canada's Rebel News Ezra Levant noted in another tweet, this wasn't Pawlowski's first encounter with law enforcement. He was fined in April 2020 for feeding the homeless:

Attentive viewers will recognize that Christian pastor as Artur Pawlowski. He was the very first client of our civil liberties project. @CalgaryPolice thugs fined him \$1,200 for feeding the homeless. I'm not kidding – here's the video:

– Ezra Levant (@ezralevant) April 4, 2021

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