

We know who you are

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“We know who you are. You can leave freely but we will find you. We know who you are. “

“You will never be allowed in public again.”

These are the type of threats one might expect to hear from people confronting child abusers, rapists, or war criminals. Instead, the news today contains unedited video of people shouting these words at their neighbors. The parents of their children’s friends. Members of their immediate community.

Parents at a school board meeting. Don’t believe me? Think I’m being hyperbolic? Enter ‘we know who you are’ in your search engine and prepare to be aghast.

The parent on the receiving end of these threats had supported a requirement for children to wear masks in school. Calmly and respectfully, voiced his opinion and concerns. And then tried to leave. And was attacked by the bullies lying in wait in the parking lot.

Someone reading this might say I’m getting political here. And there’s the rub. Not that I’m getting political; I’m not. This isn’t properly a political issue. It is an issue of public health. And it is about a fundamental duty of citizens in a free society, that of the protection of children and those who care for and teach our children.

But even if we can argue about whether the wearing of masks is necessary (and if you think not, go ahead and try to argue that side but you’ll lose), there is no excuse for making the threats we see on this tape.

“We know who you are.”

Wow...

I have to wonder at this point, do we know who *we* are?