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In conclusion, as a Christian, my beliefs forbid me from taking any vital action that goes against my conscience or lacks truth, including doing something out of fear or using any medical substance that deals with or could modify my healthy blood. Therefore, I could not take the Covid-19 vaccine or believe anything that lacks truth and has an ulterior motive.

I believe that this strict Covid-19 vaccine policy in public schools and what it advocated for could be described as inhumane, unlawful, and criminal.

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