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Dear Scouts,

today, Scouting celebrates World Thinking Day.

On this day, we'd like to stimulate a reflection so that justice, legality and the respect of them will, once again, become part (also) of the Italian Scouting.

In fact, we believe that only the commitment to mutual acceptance will be able to bridge the gap that has been created due to the provisions issued on the subject of the green pass and vaccination obligation.

We, therefore, ask you to take this message into consideration and to disseminate it in the Regions and Sections, in the Zones and in the Head Communities, through the means you prefer, because it is not intended exclusively for the top of the associative structures, of which we think no member can delegate their individual choices. This message is aimed to all members, so that each one assumes the responsibilities that are their own and that inevitably follow with every choice made; for this reason we'd like to reach even the smallest of cubs and ladybugs.

Since the publication of the document "Zaini in Spalla" (Backpacks on the Shoulders) by AGESCI and the circular prot. B&S.01.0149.21/22 of last January 13 by CNGEI with which the associations have effectively established the expulsion from the activities of all the leaders and young people who don't intend to accept the dynamics that revolve around the Italian formulation of the various *green pass* and vaccination obligations, a very deep rift has arisen in the Scouting of our Country.

This stance seems to contrast with vocation to confront, to open minds and hearts to which each group aspires to lead their boys and girls and how they may feel in the face of this circumstance.



Therefore, throughout Italy, a new Scout Movement was born around the theme of the protection of human dignity and freedom of choice, as sanctioned not only by our Constitution, but also by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights¹ the Nuremberg Code², a movement of people who have nothing to do with the proposed/imposed policy. For clarity, we insert a small note of the regulatory aspects to which we refer.

These are superordinate regulations to those of the State, to which our Government has not asked for any derogation and, therefore, fully in force in Italy³.

The European Regulation 953/2021, with which the green pass has been established, is also superordinate and in force and in Recital 36, it reiterates: *"It is necessary to avoid direct or indirect discrimination of people who are not vaccinated [...] or have chosen to not be vaccinated"*.

It is also necessary to clarify that individual freedom is implemented through the actions of each one which become a fault only and exclusively when recognized by the law as such and this is not the case.

Otherwise, personal choices are protected by art. 3 of the Italian Constitution which specifies, among other things, that *"It is the duty of the Republic to remove the obstacles of an economic and social nature which, effectively limiting the freedom and equality of citizens, prevent the full development of the human person and effective participation of all workers in the political, economic and social organization of the Country."*

The topic was recently taken up by Amnesty International Italia which spoke out against the work of the Italian Government in terms of green passes and vaccination obligations, calling it to respect fundamental human rights: <https://www.amnesty.it/posizione-di-amnesty-international-italia-sulle-misure-adottate-dal-governo-per-combattere-il-covid-19/>

There are ethical, political and deeply human aspects that have led us to distance ourselves from the management policy of the pandemic by the Italian Government that instead, AGESCI and CNGEI have decided to fully accept, going well beyond the legislation. Let's try to summarize our point of view here, hoping that it could be a stimulus for common reflection:

The essential premise of the *green pass*, as defined by European Regulation 953/2021, is to guarantee the immunity of those who own it. However, since it was found with the evidence of the facts that the association of immunity to the three identified categories is completely negligible and hardly definable, any distinction between these (as well as outside of these) becomes a discrimination.

And so, in Italy, the *green pass* has become a brand that grants timed freedom, binding them to the will of the Government, according to its liking, rather than to scientific evidence regarding the effective immunity of the subjects who possess it.

In this regard, we would like to share with you a food for thought that comes from epidemiologist John Johannidis, in a recent article entitled "Let's save democracy from pandemic":

[...] "the worst way to manage the risks of the pandemic is to insist on the attempt to dispose of concrete values such as freedom and equality in exchange for safety and health, under the guise of science and of a greater good."

¹ The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights in art. 7 reads: *"No one can be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, no one can be subjected, without his/her **free consent**, to a medical or scientific experiment"*.

² The Nuremberg Code, at the first point, establishes that the person involved must be *"in the condition of being able to exercise **free decision-making power** without intervening with force, fraud, deception, threats or exhorting with any form of constraint or coercion"*.

³ We invite those who could still be doubting about the experimental nature of the products that the Government would like to force the administration, to consult the EMA's website directly https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/product-information/comirnaty-epar-product-information_en.pdf.



No reasonable person would question that all of these values and goals are worth every effort. But when they oppose each other (or they are described as conflicting), democratic societies must make decisions about which of these are prioritize. And once individual freedom is downgraded on the priority scale, it's hard to come back".

With the Draghi's Government, the situation worsened further by perpetrating the strategy of the *Dividi et Impera* which is in itself a crime against humanity and against its own people, an expression of sadism and de-responsibility.

Here, in these cases, in history, the strategy of the irresponsible and cowardly leaders is to unleash a civil war of attrition in the people, identifying a part of it as a scapegoat and at the same time saving his own face. This has become the *green pass* in Italy today, with all the propaganda and ideological fury that accompanied it.

The Italian Scout Associations have become complicit in this government strategy; and it is precisely adherence to this highly effective strategy that urges us to contact you to reflect on the decision taken.

The Head Communities and Sections that have chosen to not accept the recommendations given from above, to which we all respect, are dramatically few; some, on the other hand, went even further, tightening measures to expel unvaccinated children over the age of 12.

In this period of profound awareness on the part of all of us, in which the attempts to open a dialogue on the subject at all associative levels have been many and varied (but also mainly ignored by the recipients), we are, therefore, building an alternative that we desire to tell you:

We have been working actively for only a few weeks and we are constantly increasing, daily, both in terms of number of heads and of children and families. A sign that awareness is contagious and rampant!

We are organizing ourselves on the territory to carry out activities in total safety, without individual law conflicting with the collective interest and the other way around, nor should respect for the human person ever prevail (Italian Constitution, art. 32⁴).

We also say this to demonstrate how much one, the other and the other are absolutely conjoinable, without the need to resort to tools of social discrimination as it's recommend and implement; furthermore, we add that this choice entails management by the Head Communities and Sections in the name of the most total illegality, given the inevitable lack of legal requirements by the members of the association to control green certifications of any kind and to treatment of the health data of children in relation to the *green pass*.

In this regard, we invite you to read and reread, again and again the letter¹ that many of us have already sent to the Central/National, to the Regions/Sections, to the Zones and to their own groups and that you can find on our socials⁵, because the concept of the "*overturning of the perception*" of what is right and what is not, criminally implemented by this Government on the population with respect to what is sanctioned by the legal system of our Country, appears with such clarity that it has obtained the most varied reactions: in some Head Communities there, in fact, have been profound rethinking on the subject which, if compulsively approached from the only point of view in line with the current Government's policy, deprives itself of all the others and tramples on their dignity.

⁴ Art. 32. The Republic protects health as fundamental right of the individual and in the interest of the community, and guarantees free medical care to the indigent. Nobody can be obliged to a specific health treatment except by the law. The law cannot under any circumstances violate the limits imposed by the respect for the human person.

⁵ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Scout-Resistenti-100494972579920/>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/scout_resistenti/?utm



We've got a public channel on Telegram, "Scout Resistenti"⁶ (Resistant Scouts): the electric resistance is a gift/symbol that Paolo Borsellino gave, shortly before his assassination, to some Italian scouts in 1992, including a member of this group who still keeps it attached to the handkerchief.

As you can see on social media, we started our journey inspired by the Aquile Randagie (Randagie Eagles), so we report below an extract from an interview with Don Giovanni Barbeschi, a few years ago:

Many years have passed since then and you are one of the many heroes who helped free Italy from Fascism and Nazism. What country did you dream of? Are we on the right track?

Of course we did not think so the Country we dreamed of... In this light I ask myself: have we freed ourselves, or have we killed a pharaon and witnessed the appearece of other pharaons? Fascism is a way of life that is always in ambush, in which one surrenders for the sake of a quiete life or carreer; Fascism is a mentality. It is not the other that liberate us, it is not the structure or the ideologies. As we wrote in Il Ribelle (The Rebel): "There are no liberators, only man who free themselves".

History teaches us what happens to peoples who abdicate their ability to choose, the very one that the scout's path teaches our children from their first steps il L/C ("L" as "lupetti": cubs; "C" as "coccinelle": ladybugs) and finds its culmination in R/S.

When, in the last century, someone decided that there were people with more rights than other, Scouting said: NO!

When someone decided that you had to had a Party card to work and to carry out any activities, Scouting said, again: NO!

Of course, they were different times, but the Aquile Randagie fought to keep Scouting alive in Italy, because they belived that everyone deserved to be able to live in their own diversity, even their persecutors! Durind the roundups they saved Jews and dissident Italians; after 8 September, Fascists and Nazis!

In the light of what they did and sacrificed, in the light of what big-hearted people do daily at the service of the least, how can Scouting supinely accept to submit to this blatant violention of individual freedom?

How can It not have called every leader to resist with the instrument of the civil disobedience present in our educational method? Should we belive that fear grips the hearts of our Associantions to the point of turning our backs on those values we have taught for so many years, or worse, that these are in favor of all of this?

We will pray to give thanks, because this moment has allowed us to discover within ourselves a strenght that we did not know we had. Whatever your choise, we have done ours and will do our best to honor it: we promised it before God and our coscience.

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⁶ <https://t.me/ScoutResistenti>



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