

## Put Your Mask On!

Contractual Sociality at Work in the Pandemic

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The pandemic has forced many Americans to re-evaluate how the workplace functions as a site of private government. Every workplace contains people with a wide range of attitudes to risk, and yet workplaces have to coordinate around new practices to prevent spread. During the pandemic, Americans have been made vividly aware of the tacit social contracts shaping their workplace commitments. They have traded autonomy for some security -yet what kind of security is it when to do one's job, one has to work in-person dealing with co-workers, and/or customers, patients, and students? I discuss what the pandemic has revealed about Americans' political imagination about how to govern and be governed in the workplace, with a focus on the role that contractual sociality plays in structuring this imagination.

## **Details**

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