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### **Current Event on Ethical Issues in the Real World**

The Covid-19 pandemic has ravaged the entire globe. Whereas some governments and regional administrators are keen on ensuring that people wear masks to protect them against infectious viruses, Arizona banned the mandatory requirement for masks in learning institutions. The Governor of Arizona, Doug Ducey, a vocal champion of the Covid-19 vaccination drive, has promised to hold back millions of dollars in the national pandemic reprieve from schools that enact mask demands in direct contravention of a state statute that goes into effect later in September. Weeks after schools re-opened, the Covid-19 infections have spiked, forcing thousands of school-going children and teachers into isolation.

The moral and ethical issue, in this case, is the lack of leadership from the Governor. Despite several briefings and warnings from medical experts regarding the spread and dangers of the Covid-19 pandemic, Governor Doug Ducey opted to tell the Arizona residents not to wear face masks (Healy, 2021). He even went ahead and threatened to withhold funding for schools that impose the mandatory wearing of masks in schools. In addition to that, many schools are afraid of asking the learners to wear masks because they risk being cited for breaching the law. Presently, everyone is keen on what the World Health Organization has to say regarding the pandemic. The unfolding events in the state of Arizona leave people wondering whether the Governor is morally and ethically correct in championing a mask-free state when the rate of infection is continuing to spike. Ethical and just leadership can never endanger the lives of people, especially children. Parents are in a dilemma to ensure that their children wear protective masks when going to school but are afraid of acting contrary to the state laws. If these anti-choice radicals truly cared about people's health, they will not advise them to endanger

themselves during a global epidemic. There is nothing warranted about putting people's lives on the line on purpose since it is unethical and morally wrong

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