

***Forbid* is not *order not***  
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The notional categories of orders and prohibitions have received much attention in the literature on imperatives on the one hand (e.g. Condoravdi and Lauer (2012); Kaufmann (2011)) and in the literature on attitudes and most specifically expletive negation on the other (e.g. Mari and Tahar (2020)). Among the questions that this literature has left open is the one of the lexical semantics of *forbid*, in contrast and comparison with the lexical semantics of *order*. We argue here that what we take to be the only viable possible worlds-based analysis for *forbid*, namely, that *forbid* is equivalent to *order not*, does not account for the meaning of these two verbs. We propose a causal model-based account that, we argue, accounts rather naturally for data the *order not* analysis cannot.