Glossary

* Andrew Wakefield
  + Discredited academic and former physician who popularized the myth that vaccine causes autism
* COVID-19
  + The disease at the center of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Discovered in late 2019, this extremely infective virus was the source of many controversies and conspiracies.
* Disinformation
  + False information knowingly distributed, created for a political or personal agenda
* Dr. Fauci
  + The chief medical adviser to the President of the United States (from 2021-present). Targeted by many people who were against the quarantines and mask mandates.
* Fake news
  + Any news that contains misinformation. This term was popularized by former President Donald Trump, who ironically used it to describe accurate news more often than not.
* Fascism
  + Far right nationalist authoritarianism characterized by dictatorships and suppression of the opposition. Notably, does not include asking people to wear masks.
* Mainstream Media
  + Any of the large news corporations in the United States (from the perspective of the United States – the MSM is different in other countries).
* Misinformation
  + Information that is false, but not created with the intention of causing harm
* Pandemic
  + An outbreak of disease characterized by global spread and high transmission
* Vaccine Hesitancy
  + An unwillingness to get the vaccine at any point. Could turn into becoming accepting of the vaccine, or could lead to vaccine misinformation. See misinformation.