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The United States is in the middle of the second-largest measles outbreak (https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/4/8/1848876/-78-new-measles-cases-makes-this-second-largest-outbreak-since-disease-eliminated-in-2000-it-s-April)since the disease was considered eliminated around 2000. Areas like New York City and Washington state have declared states of emergency (https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/1/28/1830317/-Governor-declares-State-of-Emergency-as-measles-outbreak-in-unvaccinated-region-of-Washington-grows) over the very infectious disease’s penetration of their communities. Meanwhile, the anti-vaxxer movement, the main driver of an uptick in the number of measles cases in the U.S. over the past two decades, continue to throw “measles parties,” events at which children are put together deliberately to catch the illness. Meanwhile, in Madagascar, a country with, due to poverty, a 58 percent vaccination rate against measles, is dealing with the largest outbreak in its history.

According to the Associated Press, there are well over 115,000 cases (https://apnews.com/0cd4deb8141742b5903fbef3cb0e8afa) of measles in the island country, and over 1,200 deaths. Once again, this is because the country lacks the resources to bring its vaccination rates above 90 percent. The outbreak has been compounded by malnutrition in 50 percent of the child population of Madagascar. The World Health Organization has begun a third campaign to vaccinate children in the country this year.

The thinking that measles is some benign childhood illness that we as a nation have become too soft to endure is idiotic and dangerous (https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/2/3/1830972/-The-measles-virus-is-not-a-

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benign-childhood-disease). The more people opt out of their responsibilities to our collective health as a society, the more danger we are all in. It is not simply *your* child that is at risk. It is every child, every adult, and every senior who cannot be immunized for real medical reasons.

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nilso (/user/nilso) April 15 · 04:21:18 PM (/comments/1850505/73581808#comment_73581808)

Worldwide, cases are up something like 4 times over last year. This is looking to become a dangerous feedback loop from poorer countries, to western countries, and back, escalating the death toll as exposure spreads.

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On Madagascar most of the dead are under 15 years old. The parents there want the vaccine, but it’s difficult to get in the rural areas (per Foreign Affairs update this morning).

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That is truly horrible.

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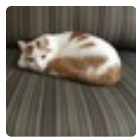
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Its too bad the mainstream media, and Fox! don't publicize the measles epidemics around the world 24/7 the way they publicized Ebola, which isn't nearly as contagious. Too bad various governors and such aren't incarcerating nursing staff who've visited those countries!

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Measles parties? What is wrong with these people?

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You may have noticed some writers here have a tendency for hyperbole. With no link I'd be suspect, this is certainly something we'd have heard about if parents were legitimately trying to kill their kids via measles

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From the Daily Beast, dated 6 days ago:

In light of a growing crisis, New York City Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot warned against parents throwing “measles parties” to purposefully infect their children. “Back in the day people were having parties to expose their kids to chicken pox,” said Barbot. “We live in a different world now ... there are serious consequences to that.” Measles parties are dangerous and can lead to serious illness—and even death—for infected children.

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The ignorance here is staggering.

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So let me outline a narrative. These people want to give their kids immunity by putting the virus into the system of kids, which will trigger an immune system reaction where the body creates antibodies to fight the virus. The idea is that if the kids get measles while healthy, you can control the outcome a little bit.

So what if we could develop an almost magical way of putting the virus into their system, but without any of the potentially deadly effects? If we could come up with this system, then you could create the same immune system reaction, just as surely as the above, with none of the deadly risk?

How amazing would that be? I can even think of a name for this miracle preventative: vaccine.

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When I was a child (70 years ago) there were mumps parties, chicken pox parties, measles play dates for preschoolers to catch the childhood diseases. My mother didn't send me. She grew up with friends and cousins who died from diphtheria and whooping cough. Are the antivaxxers getting that one?

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Probably not. I can't imagine they are getting any of them. I had the German Measles at age 7. The very next year they came out with the vaccine. My mother survived polio, she was very on top of getting all of us vaccinated. We all went to the state Health Department and got our vaccines. I made sure my kids all were vaccinated and their children are as well. With every available vaccine. I also got my Pneumonia shot and



every year get a flu shot. I had the flu last in the mid 80's, was so darned sick I never wanted to go through that again. Why anyone would want to be sick when you can prevent it is beyond me.

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My grandmother's twin brother died of diphtheria at age seven. Five other of her siblings died of now preventable diseases like whooping cough. I think their parents, my great-grandparents, would be horrified that there are people now who willingly put their children at risk. I had measles as a child before there was a vaccine and it was miserable. I am old enough to remember the polio epidemic in the 50's and how it was a miracle when a vaccine became available. Are people really aware of what they are exposing their children to? It's just unthinkable.

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I inadvertently did the same thing. Back then, kids didn't have birthday parties every year. I guess my mom decided that turning 10 deserved a party. I woke up that morning feeling crappy and with a rash on my chest, but mom didn't notice and I wasn't going to give up a party! So, the rest of the kids in the neighborhood had chicken pox a week or so later (whatever the incubation period is).

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G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Done4nau**

April 16 · 12:27:13 AM (/comments/1850505/73587207#comment_73587207)

Antivaxers' kids are getting whooping cough as well as measles and chicken pox.

In light of Republican campaigns to force doctors to show pregnant women videos of developing fetuses, we should introduce a bill requiring doctors to show antivax parents videos of babies with whooping cough.

I'm told those videos are "hard to watch" and I'm not about to go watch one to find out.

(Any such bill will probably face opposition from Republicans who have antivax constituents. Good, make 'em squirm. BTW this tactic is called "prescribe the symptom," which means, in short, giving someone a dose

of their own behavior to try to get them to stop it.)

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/FarWestGirl)

FarWestGirl (/user/FarWestGirl) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 02:13:56 AM (/comments/1850505/73587680#comment_73587680)

They are, watching a baby or toddler trying desperately to breathe is excruciating, more so if you have children and can see them in the sick kid’s place.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/rflctammt)

rflctammt (/user/rflctammt) ▶ Done4nau

April 16 · 09:47:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73589013#comment_73589013)

It might make sense for chicken pox, maybe. Back then vaccinations didn’t exist for most of those, and they tended to be worse the older you got. But measles? Even what we called the German measles was dangerous to some...esp. pregnant women as I recall.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Mathy Kathy)

Mathy Kathy (/user/Mathy Kathy) ▶ frankzappatista

April 15 · 05:29:34 PM (/comments/1850505/73582762#comment_73582762)

Chickenpox lolly pops Rueters (<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-chickenpox-lollipops/swapping-chicken-pox-infected-lollipops-illegal-idUSTRE7AB0SW20111112>)

Pox Party Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party)

Measles Party and lolly pops LA Times (<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-measles-parties-20150209-story.html>)

★ 26 Recommend

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Mathy Kathy

April 16 · 12:31:54 AM (/comments/1850505/73587235#comment_73587235)

Sending those infected lolly pops through the mail is a felony.

What we need to do: Infiltrate the hell out of those antivax groups online, take date/time-stamped screenshots, and send them to the Postal Inspection Service (America’s oldest federal law enforcement agency; they never lose a case).

That will ensure quick action, or as quick as possible given the need for investigators to get the names and then catch one of the biohazardous parcels going through the mail or parcel courier.

When the busts go down, that will deal a serious blow to these purveyors of dangerous diseases.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Mathy Kathy)

Mathy Kathy (/user/Mathy Kathy) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 06:19:35 AM (/comments/1850505/73588021#comment_73588021)

It is such a travesty that the FBI is having to investigate criminals in the White House and stuff like this gets put on the back burner.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Mathy Kathy

April 16 · 10:05:14 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589159#comment_73589159)

Even in normal times, FBI wouldn’t need to be involved in this type of case, or if they were, would be in a smaller supporting role. This is squarely the Postal Inspectors’ territory, and they are ferociously good at it.

The public’s image of the Postal Inspection Service is as a kind of sleepy second-string agency that deals with things such as counterfeit stamps. And while they do deal with routine mail fraud, they really are first-rate and have full capacity to handle serious crimes and major threats that in any way involve the US Mail. (That also includes many serious types of white-collar crime, child porn rings, etc.)

Speaking from slightly more than casual knowledge of the subject, having heard this from people who are regularly in touch with all of the usual agencies.

IMHO it would be cool as hell to see a TV series about the Postal Inspection Service. Even a mini-series covering different types of cases.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/CyberMindGrrl)

CyberMindGrrl (/user/CyberMindGrrl) ▶ frankzappatista

April 15 · 06:20:54 PM (/comments/1850505/73583457#comment_73583457)

Wrong. This is what parents used to do before the advent of vaccines.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/flo58)

flo58 (/user/flo58) ▶ CyberMindGrrl

April 15 · 06:50:53 PM (/comments/1850505/73583898#comment_73583898)

Right, because before vaccines, the only way to have immunity to these diseases was getting the disease. And getting measles as an adult is much more dangerous than getting it as a child. People die of measles when they get it as adults.

★ 18 Recommend

[new]



(/user/juggalo1)

juggalo1 (/user/juggalo1) ▶ flo58

April 15 · 07:21:21 PM (/comments/1850505/73584281#comment_73584281)

I can understand deliberately infecting for chickenpox since the risks of complications are much lower, but complications for measles are fairly common even among children.

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/flo58)

flo58 (/user/flo58) ▶ juggalo1

April 15 · 07:30:45 PM

(/comments/1850505/73584423#comment_73584423)

Yes, but... Before vaccines, there was no protection for an adult who managed to get through childhood without getting the measles. And getting measles as an adult is much, much more deadly than getting it as a child. So when there were no vaccines, it made sense to expose your children to measles. With the advent of effective vaccines, there is no longer any reason to have a measles party.

★ 13 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chickenfarmerwood)

chickenfarmerwood (/... ▶ flo58

April 15 · 08:22:50 PM

(/comments/1850505/73585063#comment_73585063)

I worked in the 80’s in a school and one of our teacher assistants had never had chickenpox. She got them and ended up in the hospital. Had them in her throat, her eyes. These childhood diseases are dangerous to adults.

★ 17 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Non... ▶ chickenfarmerwood

April 16 · 12:36:29 AM

(/comments/1850505/73587265#comment_73587265)

And most of the time, when adults catch them, they catch them from children.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/PlinytheWelder)

PlinytheWelder (/user... ▶ Nonpartay

April 16 · 04:00:40 AM

(/comments/1850505/73587867#comment_73587867)

I just got the new shingles vaccine...

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/javax2)

javax2 (/user/javax2) ▶ PlinytheWelder

April 16 · 08:24:25 AM

(/comments/1850505/73588427#comment_73588427)

I got it too.

I had Chicken Pox.

I bet every kid in the 50’s got ‘em.

That’s where it belongs.

Left back in the 50’s

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/left sorta)

left sorta (/user/left s... ▶ chickenfarmerwood

April 16 · 01:27:02 AM

(/comments/1850505/73587516#comment_73587516)

Even if you've had chickenpox, shingles can be pretty nasty later. I was lucky and it was minor for me. Hoping I don't have it again.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Non... ▶ left sorta

April 16 · 12:25:52 PM

(/comments/1850505/73590610#comment_73590610)

You won't have it again with the shingles vaccine. If you don't get it, however, you could. For some reason, having shingles doesn't prevent you from having it again.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/JoanNJTN)

JoanNJTN (/user/Joan... ▶ flo58

April 16 · 02:02:00 AM

(/comments/1850505/73587631#comment_73587631)

Many soldiers during the Civil War died due to the measles, that they caught in the army camps. Country boys exposed to a disease that had never where they had lived before.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/RepublicanKos)

RepublicanKos (/user/Repub... ▶ juggalo1

April 15 · 07:32:33 PM

(/comments/1850505/73584461#comment_73584461)

Not a good idea either. There is a vaccine so no reason to risk complications from CPox as a kid or Shingles as an adult later in life.

★ 9 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user... ▶ juggalo1

April 16 · 01:22:02 AM

(/comments/1850505/73587502#comment_73587502)

Well if you think that is extreme I guess you aren't familiar with the *smallpox parties* (keyword: Variolation) they used to have before they discovered the use of cowpox as a vaccine. The idea was that when one person got smallpox they would pick off a bunch of scabs, have all the other kids come over, and have each of them inhale one of the scabs or they would be powdered and rubbed into shallow cuts that were made for that purpose. If successful the result would be a mild case of smallpox with “only” about a 1% fatality rate.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Non... ▶ Throw The Bums Out

April 16 · 12:27:41 PM

(/comments/1850505/73590629#comment_73590629)

I'll take the vaccine. :) Fortunately, we don't have to resort to these methods since the disease has been eradicated.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (... ▶ Nonpartay

April 16 · 12:58:46 PM

(/comments/1850505/73591006#comment_73591006)

Same here. I only wish they had the chickenpox vaccine when I was a kid but fortunately that is the only one I missed out on as a kid (other than HepB which I made sure to get and since Twinrix was the same copay as the B only one I went ahead and got that).

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/grapeslick)

grapeslick (/user/grapeslick) ▶ flo58

April 15 · 09:18:53 PM (/comments/1850505/73585659#comment_73585659)

When I was 13, I made a point of using the same cup as my pox afflicted sister, as I wanted to get that shit over and done with before I got too old. Worked a charm! (In reality, I probably would have come down with it no matter what I did.)

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/flo58)

flo58 (/user/flo58) ▶ grapeslick

April 16 · 11:23:15 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589911#comment_73589911)

I had a similar experience. I spent my 13th summer living with my oldest sister when her kids had the chicken “pops” as my 3 year old nephew called them. I remember my mom being glad for the exposure, because she wanted me to get the chicken pox before I got too old. It worked.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/kurious)

kurious (/user/kurious) ▶ frankzappatista

April 15 · 06:33:30 PM (/comments/1850505/73583642#comment_73583642)

“Parents have been holding dangerous 'measles parties' in New York City to expose unvaccinated kids to the disease (<https://www.businessinsider.com/why-measles-parties-dangerous-new-york-city-parents-outbreak-2019-4>)(Business Insider, 4/9/19):

“...During a press conference, officials also said they received reports of New York City parents hosting "measles parties" to infect their unvaccinated children with the disease and help them get it over with...”

Why ‘Measles Parties’ Are A Bad Idea For Parents
(<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2019/04/09/why-measles-parties-are-a-bad-idea-for-parents/>) (CBS New York, 4/9/19):

*“...**NEW YORK (CBSNewYork)** – Health officials made a specific point to condemn the resurgence of “measles parties,” get-togethers where parents gather unvaccinated children with kids already suffering with measles in order to intentionally infect the group at a young age.*

“...The practice has its own faulty logic based on how humans fight off the disease...”

★ 18 Recommend

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(/user/romalasa)

romalasa (/user/romalasa) ▶ kurious

Measles impairs your inmune system for many years after the infection is over. People die from measles, but many, many more die from other, unrelated diseases because the measles virus deletes your inmune system catalog of disease-fighting macrophages, thus exposing, especially children, to any and all other infections for many, many years. Those parents should be charged with attempted murder & their parental rights terminated.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ kurious

April 16 · 12:34:41 AM (/comments/1850505/73587253#comment_73587253)

Prosecute the hell out of them for child endangerment.

Anyone who does that to their kid is risking the kid ending up in the hospital or dead. They do not deserve to be parents at that point. A few dozen of them cooling their heels in cells for a year or two will put a damper on this dangerous bullshit.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/elginblt)

elginblt (/user/elginblt) ▶ frankzappatista

April 15 · 09:43:04 PM (/comments/1850505/73585883#comment_73585883)

I've seen this in Facebook comments from anti-vaxxers. For real.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ elginblt

April 16 · 12:36:35 AM (/comments/1850505/73587266#comment_73587266)

If you ever see any of them talking about sending infected lolly pops or clothing (etc.) to each other such as via the mail:

Take date/time-stamped screenshots, call up the Postal Inspection Service, and send 'em in. Sending that stuff through the mail is a federal felony for good reason: it exposes postal workers and the general public to infection risk. People who do that deserve to have to explain themselves to judges.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/majcmb1)

majcmb1 (/user/majcmb1) ▶ mockingjay

April 15 · 07:55:58 PM (/comments/1850505/73584768#comment_73584768)

It's real and they do it for chicken pox too.

KY Gov. Bevin Infected 9 of His Kids At Chicken Pox Party
(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/03/21/gop-governor-doesnt-believe-chickenpox-vaccines-he-took-his-nine-kids-pox-party-instead/>)

★ 11 Recommend



(/user/Things Come Undone)

Things Come Undone (/user/Things Come Und... ▶ majcmb1

April 15 · 10:38:11 PM (/comments/1850505/73586355#comment_73586355)

These people really do not know how to throw a party.

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Things Come Undone

April 16 · 12:38:13 AM (/comments/1850505/73587280#comment_73587280)

Sooner or later one of ‘em is going to show up with an ounce of California cannabis.

“Hi!, I’m here for the pot party!”

“Uh, it’s not a **pot** party, it’s a **pox** party.”

“Ooops! Byebye!”

★ 0 Recommend

(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Nonpartay) ▶ mockingjay

April 16 · 12:31:29 AM (/comments/1850505/73587234#comment_73587234)

Everything is wrong. Apparently, they were vaccinated themselves, along with all their little friends, when they were children so they have no idea how miserable it is to get measles. Since it was something most kids got when I was growing up, myself included, we would never do something so stupid and heartless as not getting our kids MMR shots. What kind of parent thinks it’s a good idea to have their children endure the risks of this disease? They need to talk to some old people and find out what we went through when we were kids, being kept out of school for a couple of weeks, lying in bed in the dark, scratching my skin raw because it itched so much, it was just awful, not to mention my mother, who worried I might die. I got my kids vaccinated as soon as it became available. I would do the same for chicken pox and all the rest of the diseases vaccines prevent. But then, I’m not at the mercy of a bunch of nut jobs spouting propaganda based on a load of crap.

★ 6 Recommend



(/user/Old Guild Guy)

Old Guild Guy (/user/Old Guild Guy) April 15 · 04:45:21 PM (/comments/1850505/73582207#comment_73582207)

Jesus H Christ on a skateboard! I didn’t believe it at first, had to search on it...

Felony child endangerment, anyone...?

★ 34 Recommend

[new]



(/user/RepublicanKos)

RepublicanKos (/user/RepublicanKos) ▶ **Old Guild Guy**

April 15 · 07:34:20 PM (/comments/1850505/73584486#comment_73584486)

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(/user/left sorta)

left sorta (/user/left sorta) ▶ **RepublicanKos**

April 16 · 01:38:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73587563#comment_73587563)

Thanks for a laugh. However, if JC had any sense, he’d avoid crosses after that 1 bad experience.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Things Come Undone)

Things Come Undone (/user/Things Come Undone) ▶ **Old Guild Guy**

April 15 · 10:43:13 PM (/comments/1850505/73586404#comment_73586404)

Attempted murder? facts are facts we assume he likes his kids because he is a parent. But if someone wanted to get away with murder and not get caught.... and thats the thing anything that sounds like it could be a murder plot for a lifetime tv movie should get you jail time in real life and you lose custody of the kids but pay child support.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Old Guild Guy**

April 16 · 12:39:22 AM (/comments/1850505/73587288#comment_73587288)

Felony child endangerment: I'll vote for that.

If a dozen or two of these idiots are locked up for a couple of years, that might just deter more of them.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/shmuelman)

shmuelman (/user/shmuelman) April 15 · 05:02:57 PM (/comments/1850505/73582431#comment_73582431)

Don't worry, if we all work together, we can achieve the same results here as in Madagascar.

There was an incredible outbreak of the more deadly diphtheria (https://academic.oup.com/jid/article/181/Supplement_1/S237/842229) when the Soviet Union broke up and immunization rates went way down with far reaching effects as this article points out.

★ 18 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **shmuelman**

April 16 · 12:39:58 AM (/comments/1850505/73587296#comment_73587296)

Make Measles Great Again!

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Sophie Amrain)

Sophie Amrain (/user/Sophie Amrain) ▶ **G2geek**

April 16 · 04:12:24 AM (/comments/1850505/73587878#comment_73587878)

ouch!

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/AjaxtheGreater)

AjaxtheGreater (/user/AjaxtheGreater) April 15 · 05:19:23 PM (/comments/1850505/73582654#comment_73582654)

It's shocking so many still refuse to have their kids vaccinated — schools should refuse to allow their children to attend until they are vaccinated.

★ 30 Recommend

[new]



(/user/belinda ridgewood)

belinda ridgewood (/user/belinda ridgewood) ▶ AjaxtheGreater

April 15 · 06:40:44 PM (/comments/1850505/73583742#comment_73583742)

Thanks for your first comment, AjaxtheGreater.

I'm always astounded by the ignorance of the refusal to vaccinate.

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~~ from the DK Partners & Mentors Team
(<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2013/03/22/1196175/-Announcing-Partners-Mentors?detail=hide>)

★ 9 Recommend

[new]



(/user/AjaxtheGreater)

AjaxtheGreater (/user/AjaxtheGreater) ▶ belinda ridgewood

April 15 · 07:47:09 PM (/comments/1850505/73584655#comment_73584655)

Thank you so much for the warm welcome.

★ 10 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Katastrophe)

Katastrophe (/user/Katastrophe) ▶ AjaxtheGreater

April 15 · 07:54:52 PM (/comments/1850505/73584753#comment_73584753)

They USED to! I had to show my kid's immunization record from the dr in order to enroll them in school and that was in the 60's. I'm in CA, maybe they still do here — hope so! I allowed my kids to be exposed to chicken pox because there was no vaccination for it then and it was more dangerous for adults. My children are THRILLED to have their children vaccinated against chicken pox since it became available. Because of these idiot anti-vaxxers, we now have to continue vaccinations as adults for pertussis (whooping cough) and other illnesses so it doesn't get passed to newborns and other at risk people. (You want to see something horrifying, google a video of a child or baby with pertussis.) These anti-vaxxers are selfish fools who put their children and other at risk people in

serious danger because they listen to people with no medical knowledge. This makes me mad enough to spit (and I'm not a spitter) every time I read of a new outbreak of these diseases for which we have vaccinations.

★ 17 Recommend



[new]



(/user/rlk)

rlk (/user/rlk) ▶ Katastrophe

April 15 · 10:46:06 PM (/comments/1850505/73586435#comment_73586435)

My wife and I both had pertussis something like 15 years ago. It was miserable. She didn't have the whooping noise, but I did. Toward the end, I passed out and came to to find that I had vomited — that could have killed me. Yes, we're both vaccinated, but immunity isn't permanent.

I suspect that a lot of "lifetime immunity" always amounted to being constantly re-challenged by the various viruses (and bacteria, in the case of pertussis and I believe diphtheria). That doesn't happen now; the answer is not to throw up our hands and say that vaccines aren't perfect so they're useless, but to continue vaccinations as an adult (e. g. TdaP).

My sister had a measles titer done because she was expecting to travel somewhere where measles is a problem. She found that her level was too low and asked to receive a booster. I'm going to get that checked before my next physical, too. Small price to pay.

★ 4 Recommend



[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ rlk

April 16 · 12:45:31 AM (/comments/1850505/73587331#comment_73587331)

Ugh, sorry to hear it, that must have been awful. Pertussis does require regular boosters every few years, easily obtained from any doctor or pharmacy.

I got an MMR booster when there were a couple of cases of measles reported in the East Bay (San Francisco Bay Area).

One of them got on BART (local urban rail system).

Measles is R=17, meaning each case has potential to infect 17 other people in an unvaccinated population.

Put one case on a subway and you could be looking at dozens very quickly, and then a generalized outbreak. So I took no chances.

Fortunately there were only two or three cases in total, and no further spread. There's no predicting what might happen the next time.

That said, I need to check my DPT status next time I'm at Kaiser.

Thanks for the heads-up.

★ 2 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user/Thro... ▶ **G2geek**

April 16 · 01:26:23 AM (/comments/1850505/73587514#comment_73587514)

Actually, the reason for needing pertussis boosters every three years is because of the switch to the acellular version which while much safer, is not nearly as long lasting as the older “whole cell” version. Hopefully with some of the newer techniques being developed a pertussis vaccine can be made that is as safe if not safer than the current aceullar version while being as effective if not more than the old whole cell version.

★ 2 Recommend

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Throw The Bums Out**

April 16 · 10:08:00 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589180#comment_73589180)

Yes, I’ve heard this.

Of course the usual nincompoops are running around saying it’s all so Big Pharma can make gazillions more in profits.

Anyway I don’t object to getting a shot every few years, and another one every Fall (flu). That’ll also keep the tetanus immunization up to date.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user/Throw The ... ▶ **rlk**

April 16 · 01:24:30 AM (/comments/1850505/73587508#comment_73587508)

Actually, the reason you need boosters every few years (as low as three) is because of the switch to the TdaP vaccine. If you can get it, the TdWP vaccine (whole cell pertussis) provides much better protection but at a higher risk of severe, possibly fatal, side effects.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Done4nau)

Done4nau (/user/Done4nau) April 15 · 05:22:27 PM (/comments/1850505/73582690#comment_73582690)

It can work well if the mother breastfed the newborn child, and had had the disease in question. With that protection a child is likely to get the disease with mild symptoms but still get immune system pumped up. Why would someone want to take a chance with their child’s life, intellect, hearing, sight?

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/gramofsam1)

gramofsam1 (/user/gramofsam1) ▶ Done4nau

April 15 · 05:30:55 PM (/comments/1850505/73582782#comment_73582782)

That protection, such as it is, is very temporary-

A mom who has been vaccinated or who had measles at some point in her life passes protective antibodies to her fetus via the placenta—so much so that the baby’s blood concentration of these antibodies at birth often exceeds her mother’s. (Premature babies don’t get as much protection because most antibodies are transferred in the last four weeks of pregnancy.)

A full-term infant is typically protected against measles for about a month after birth if her mom has been vaccinated against measles, and she is protected for a little longer if her mom actually had the measles. But once these maternal antibodies break down, a baby is vulnerable until several weeks after she gets her first MMR shot.

★ 18 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Mathy Kathy)

Mathy Kathy (/user/Mathy Kathy) ▶ Done4nau

April 15 · 05:31:03 PM (/comments/1850505/73582785#comment_73582785)

That may be an old wives tale.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Flying Goat)

Flying Goat (/user/Flying Goat) ▶ Done4nau

April 15 · 07:06:59 PM (/comments/1850505/73584104#comment_73584104)

This is false — breast milk may provide some antibodies to a disease, but it does not provide immunity. Which is why the entire world’s human population isn’t eternally immune to measles, even though literally everyone’s grandparents, great grandparents, and great great grandparents had the disease — the disease is that contagious.

★ 5 Recommend



Huskers (/user/Huskers) April 15 · 06:00:45 PM (/comments/1850505/73583145#comment_73583145)

★ 16 Recommend

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gosoxataboy (/user/gosoxataboy) ▶ Huskers

Are these the same people who tried to say Obama was letting in Ebola?

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Gwennedd (/user/Gwennedd) ▶ gosoxataboy

No...these are likely fairly wealthy parents. And mostly Democrats. People believe nonsense and conspiracy theories on both sides of the political spectrum sometimes.

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G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Gwennedd

Antivax sentiment is pretty evenly spread between Rs and Ds.

For Rs it's distrust of gov and a certain amount of "rugged individualism."

For Ds it's distrust of pharma and a certain amount of "back to nature."

Equal-opportunity destroyer.

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left sorta (/user/left sorta) ▶ G2geek

Looking at vaccine pricing indicates to me that big pharma isn't even trying to gouge. So much more profit potential in medicines you have to keep taking all the time. Of course, that probably has something to do with the lack of research on new vaccines.

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(/user/entrelac)

entrelac (/user/entrelac) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 08:08:50 AM (/comments/1850505/73588342#comment_73588342)

I have been very active in the mommy group world for going on 20 years and in the crunchy groups there exists this weird point where extreme left and right political beliefs meet and intermingle into crazy pants essential oil woo, naturopathic beliefs that are based on "all natural = safe because Mother Nature/God", and antivax bullshit.

It is a wild scene where you have to check your logic at the door.

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ entrelac

April 16 · 10:23:35 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589301#comment_73589301)

I hear you and I've heard of this.

BTW that's called "horse shoe politics" where the extreme left and extreme right come around the arc to be right next to each other.

As is often mentioned, naturopathy includes homeopathy, which is the paradigm case of quackery.

When you hear people misuse the word "natural," you could try poking at them by juxtaposing it to "supernatural (medicine, healing, etc.)" or "all-natural chemicals" or something like that.

Alternately (heh;-) try starting up some "science-based mommy" groups and see who joins up.

I'd bet that a lot of the participation in the wooley mommy groups is for social support among fellow parents, and then people get indoctrinated via peer reinforcement.

But if people who are looking for that social support see a science-based option, some of them will join, and you'll all be allies. And, allied in the pushback against antivaxers threatening the health of your own kids. Solidarity is a powerful force to be reckoned with. We need this.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Huskers April 16 · 12:49:24 AM (/comments/1850505/73587352#comment_73587352)

Sssh, don't give them any ideas.

Though as a matter of fact, get on DuckDuckGo.com and keyword search “permafrost melt” + “emerging diseases.”

Bodies buried in shallow graves in the permafrost, will be coming to the surface as it melts. Including people who died of smallpox, 1918 pandemic flu, etc. Those pathogens will still be viable, as scientists have determined by studying other things that have come out of the melting permafrost.

It will only take an animal vector and a nearby human settlement, and then it's Game ON for something that will cut a wide swath across the globe.

Public health scientists have been sounding fire alarms about this for about five to ten years that I know of.

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[new]



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user/Throw The Bums ... ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 01:31:09 AM (/comments/1850505/73587541#comment_73587541)

Well there is some good news in that I have heard there is some work being done on making a safer and easier to use smallpox vaccine. The current one isn't very good if you compare it to modern vaccines since you have to be very careful as you can infect other people or even end up blinding yourself if you aren't careful.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Throw The Bums Out

April 16 · 10:11:58 AM (/comments/1850505/73589209#comment_73589209)

Thanks and yeah I saw another comment here saying this.

And the only reason anyone is working on a better vax for a disease that's been “vanquished off the map” is that they expect it to come roaring back.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/doingbusinessas)

doingbusinessas (/user/doingbusinessas) April 15 · 06:51:15 PM (/comments/1850505/73583902#comment_73583902)

Having family members who has brother/sisters who died from some of these diseases. I went to HS with a guy who has polio as a child... still had his braces and used his crutches.

My grandmother's twin died of influenza (Spanish Flu), my uncle had mumps when he was 14 (sterile from it)...

I had chicken pox as a child (I was so glad when I got older to grow a mustache over the scar), but the shingles I have 4 eruptions of it in the past 8 yrs... I was so glad that my younger crew has had the chickenpox vaccine as they will never know what I have been thru.

★ 14 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Nonpartay) ▶ doingbusinessas

April 16 · 12:46:14 AM (/comments/1850505/73587333#comment_73587333)

You should get the shingles vaccination. It can prevent any further outbreaks.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/doingbusinessas)

doingbusinessas (/user/doingbusinessas) ▶ Nonpartay

April 16 · 10:36:46 AM (/comments/1850505/73589399#comment_73589399)

I will as soon as the local pharmacy opens up the list. In our area the shingles vaccine is short supply. My local pharmacy has a 400 person waiting list.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/solesse413)

solesse413 (/user/solesse413) April 15 · 07:01:41 PM (/comments/1850505/73584038#comment_73584038)

So irresponsible!

We’ve learned it goes beyond having measles, because wait, there’s more:

But danger lurks even for those who survive an outbreak. Measles not only weakens your immune system in the short term, bouts with the virus seem to wipe your immune system's memory, causing the body to forget how to fight off things that you may have already conquered. For some people, this “immune amnesia” may linger for more than two years.

★ 14 Recommend

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(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Nonpartay) ▶ solesse413

April 16 · 12:47:32 AM (/comments/1850505/73587339#comment_73587339)

Come to think of it, it seems like I was sick a lot as a child, much more than my kids were. Perhaps my having had measles had something to do with it.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/juggalo1)

juggalo1 (/user/juggalo1) April 15 · 07:17:51 PM (/comments/1850505/73584229#comment_73584229)

Why would you deliberately infect your child with measles?!? I understand with chicken pox. The hospitalization rate is about 0.1-0.2%, with death at about 1 per 60,000. But with measles the numbers are 1 death per 500 (for healthy children) with a complication rate closer to 10-15%. The two diseases are NOT comparable. Of course, these are anti-vaxxers, so by definition they don't use data or logic to drive their decisions.

★ 10 Recommend

[new]



(/user/officebss)

officebss (/user/officebss) ▶ **juggalo1**

April 15 · 07:42:50 PM (/comments/1850505/73584596#comment_73584596)

Chicken Pox stays in your body *for decades* after you are over the original illness, and there's a very high chance that it will hit you again as an adult, but as *Shingles* — which nearly cost my husband his EYESIGHT because he had such a severe case on his face in his late 30s. He got very lucky — the medication for Shingles was newly available, and our MD referred him to an eye specialist who had just read a report that massive doses of the medication could stop damage to the optic nerve, so he increased the prescription to FIVE times the normal dose. It very expensive and wasn't covered by our health insurance, but worth every dollar to save his eyesight.

I had to make a chart for all the meds, because he also had to take an anti-nausea drug, a tranquilizer, B-vitamin complex, an antibiotic, and some others I can't remember, but every one of them had different instructions — with food, without food, every four hours, twice a day, etc. etc.

He stayed in our darkened bedroom for over a month before he was healed enough to be exposed to light again, and he was unable return to work for over two months, and then only part-time for an additional four weeks. We lost all our savings, and went deeply into debt.

Chicken pox is NOT a disease to take lightly.

★ 18 Recommend

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(/user/romalasa)

romalasa (/user/romalasa) ▶ **officebss**

April 15 · 10:25:32 PM (/comments/1850505/73586261#comment_73586261)

So you're saying I was sooooo lucky to have shingles "only" on my back! The pain was unbearable & there was no medication at the time, so I spent a long time unable to move without pain, or to stand without excruciating pain all over my spine... And I was lucky!

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/officebss)

officebss (/user/officebss) ▶ **romalasa**

April 15 · 10:35:14 PM (/comments/1850505/73586338#comment_73586338)

There’s nothing lucky about a severe case of Shingles!

But these parents who aren’t vaccinating their children aren’t just exposing them to the dangers of childhood diseases, they are setting them up for the agony you and my husband endured as adults, when if they’d just vaccinate their kids, Shingles could become a disease of the past.

★ 6 Recommend



(/user/jello5929)

jello5929 (/user/jello5929) April 15 · 07:25:51 PM (/comments/1850505/73584348#comment_73584348)

I don’t understand Measles parties at all.

You want your kid to have chicken pox antibodies before puberty. But I don’t think that applies to Measles.

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Katastrophe)

Katastrophe (/user/Katastrophe) ▶ **jello5929**

April 15 · 07:58:48 PM (/comments/1850505/73584806#comment_73584806)

We have excellent vaccinations for chicken pox now — no need for any child to get the disease any more.

★ 12 Recommend



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(/user/Black Knight)

Black Knight (/user/Black Knight) ▶ **Katastrophe**

April 15 · 09:23:18 PM (/comments/1850505/73585709#comment_73585709)

There are children who cannot be vaccinated for legitimate medical reasons. That’s part of the point of getting everyone else vaccinated, to protect those who can’t be.

★ 4 Recommend



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(/user/Katastrophe)

Katastrophe (/user/Katastrophe) ▶ **Black Knight**

April 15 · 10:00:48 PM (/comments/1850505/73586066#comment_73586066)



Exactly! That was what I said (other high risk people) in my earlier comment, but obviously could have said it better! Yes, those children used to be protected by everyone else getting vaccinated. It's very maddening that anti-vaxers now think everyone else's children should protect theirs!

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Katastrophe

April 16 · 12:56:45 AM (/comments/1850505/73587398#comment_73587398)

“It’s very maddening that anti-vaxers now think everyone else’s children should protect theirs!”

Selfish free-riders who look down on “herd immunity” because they’re “above the herd.”

★ 2 Recommend

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(/user/mrobinson)

mrobinson (/user/mrobinson) ▶ Black Knight

April 16 · 12:54:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73587388#comment_73587388)

Infants can’t get measles vaccination.Only after one year old.

★ 2 Recommend

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(/user/Katastrophe)

Katastrophe (/user/Katastrophe) ▶ mrobinson

April 16 · 01:53:38 AM (/comments/1850505/73587606#comment_73587606)

That’s why we had to be up to date on all our vaccinations in order to help with our grandchildren when they were newborns.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/jello5929)

jello5929 (/user/jello5929) ▶ Katastrophe

April 15 · 11:02:55 PM (/comments/1850505/73586573#comment_73586573)

I know about the chicken pox vaccines.

What I’m saying is that even when I was a kid, I recall chicken pox parties and measles quarantine. The measles vaccine was not yet widely available and was still a live vaccine.

My episode with Measles was two weeks in the basement of my grandparents house with only my grandmother (who had measles prior) coming down to take care of me.

Which is the opposite of when I had chicken pox. My friends were sent over for play dates.

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(/user/JoanNJTN)

JoanNJTN (/user/JoanNJTN) ▶ **jello5929**

April 16 · 01:42:49 AM (/comments/1850505/73587570#comment_73587570)

Exposing children to chicken pox is not a good idea either, because children do die from chicken pox. We don't think of it as a killer disease but it can and does kill sometimes.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/IdleMindness)

IdleMindness (/user/IdleMindness) April 15 · 07:34:42 PM (/comments/1850505/73584494#comment_73584494)

It is vital to understand exactly what is causing the current rise in measles in the US, before jumping to vilify anti-vaxers as the sole reason.

I do not side with anti-vaxers, and the reason I do not is because I understand the science behind vaccines, how they work, why they work, and why vaccinated people actually protect those who choose not to have their children vaccinated.

But, as is typical with any news story about issues related to science of any kind, I am always leery of accepting the headline and the rather vague and grossly insufficient story below it.

Anti-vaxxers demonstrate a major deficiency in modern America, a deficiency in critical thinking, along with an amazingly arrogant want to elevate their self choose ignorance and stupidity as some logical "fight" at combating "Big Pharma" and it's want of profits.

Yes, there is a serious issue with pharma companies who value increased profits over lower cost medications. However, conflating the capitalistic issue of drug company profits with the proven science of vaccination, is but another symptom of the self chosen stupidity and lack of logic that permeates modern America, and much of the broader world for that matter.

Too many people view every issue and topic through the same lens as if everything and anything can be known and thought about in the same manner using the same metrics and same methods. Those are the people who think that they can fix anything and everything with just a set of pliers and a hammer, can that's it.

It's unfortunate for humankind that natural selection has been halted due to the efforts and work of the vastly smaller number of intelligent humans, who through their work and efforts have created the things that have allowed the survival of massive numbers of ignorant and stupid humans to survive and multiply to the numbers in existence today.

But then, maybe the existence of this multitude of stupidity is nature's way of taking back the natural order of things and removing the idiots from the population. It's a hard thing to say and accept, but if those who think they can live and thrive without science, then nature will find a way to keep human numbers lower than they are. It seems we humans may have expanded too quickly and artificially, into a false sense of universal superior evolution. It's obvious that the promotion of

our grand “human intelligence” has been premature. As a group, we humans have not evolved intelligence universally. We still have massive amounts of idiots who thought that their larger brain size equaled greater intelligence. Clearly, many humans were not yet ready to leave their primal minds behind, as many are still trying to work out if fire will burn them. Smarter humans have told them not to put their hands in the fire or they will hurt themselves. But, those primals thought they were given fake news as they want to put their whole bodies into the fire to prove how wrong those “smarty pants scientists” really are.

Go for it! :)

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(/user/mainstreamliberal)

mainstreamliberal (/user/mainstreamliberal) ▶ IdleMindness

April 16 · 12:43:11 AM (/comments/1850505/73587316#comment_73587316)

It is very true. People can get a college degree and still lack critical thinking skill —**especially** in science. We are so bad about teaching decent science. Most of my public school science teachers were very inadequate. Of course, people with science skills have better-paying job opportunities than teaching, but that just means that we have to push the new STEM programs all that much harder. And make absolutely certain that the girls (i.e., future mothers) are not left out or overlooked. They, in particular, should be recruited.

★ 1 Recommend

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(/user/romalasa)

romalasa (/user/romalasa) ▶ mainstreamliberal

April 16 · 04:51:55 AM (/comments/1850505/73587919#comment_73587919)

Tidbit recently read somewhere, I say: Whenever women receive proper education, excessive population disappears. Critical thinking, taught to, and applied by, women, who are the ones with practical, high-density neuron brains, as opposed to men, who are only looking to be entertained, solves the overpopulation crisis. In less than a generation.

(I spent a long time looking for the URL of the study which stated it, but I think a crash in my system—whether internal (my brain) or external (my Mac) I don’t know—is preventing me from getting it out.)

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ IdleMindness

April 16 · 12:59:40 AM (/comments/1850505/73587415#comment_73587415)

Those who rant about pharma’s profits need to be reminded that they aren’t paying for them: they’re free under every medical plan in America since Obamacare.

Of course that means they’re built into the rates, but the cost is lower than if the diseases ran rampant and had to be treated, so there is a net savings compared to if they were not built into the plan.

★ 3 Recommend

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(/user/left sorta)

left sorta (/user/left sorta) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 01:51:34 AM (/comments/1850505/73587597#comment_73587597)

Pharma profit on vaccines isn't very large compared to other drugs.

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ left sorta

April 16 · 10:26:04 AM (/comments/1850505/73589311#comment_73589311)

Yes, I know this. BTW I regularly read Orac's column, and Skeptical Raptors' posts on DK.

Though, it's good to post it early & often, to keep reminding people.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Mercy Ormont)

Mercy Ormont (/user/Mercy Ormont) April 15 · 07:51:57 PM (/comments/1850505/73584718#comment_73584718)

So people deliberately expose their children to measles?

This ought to qualify as prosecutable child abuse.

★ 7 Recommend



(/user/chickenfarmerwood)

chickenfarmerwood (/user/chickenfarmerwood)

April 15 · 08:32:40 PM (/comments/1850505/73585154#comment_73585154)

Something I never see mentioned about German Measles. When I had mine at age 7, my mother was pregnant. She was not allowed to go near me while I was sick, and I was quarantined to my bedroom and bed. Shades were pulled, no lights allowed on and I was not allowed to read. No TV's in the bedrooms in those days either. My mother was not allowed near me because she was pregnant and pregnant women exposed to the virus could have babies with birth defects. I wonder how many babies will be born with problems because of this. So sad. My stepfather had to bring me meals, he sat them on my desk and left, didn't get close to me. I remember feeling so alone and scared. Thankfully my little brother was born with no problems.

★ 14 Recommend



(/user/Christy1947)

Christy1947 (/user/Christy1947) April 15 · 08:42:07 PM (/comments/1850505/73585264#comment_73585264)

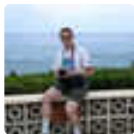
Another vaccine story. I have a kinsman who is six years old and whose family moved from one state to another far away from the first one in the middle of his first grade year. He had in his old state gotten the chicken pox shot in order to be able to go to Kindergarten there, but once he got to school in the new state, he got a case of Chicken pox, a light one not the hammer my family usually gets for that, within a six weeks of starting first grade there. The docs say that it seems some vaccines are expected to provide immunity, but the one for children for c-pox only will be bound to saying that if they catch chicken pox again, the vaccine will make it only a mild case, just as the shingles shot I got at 65 did not guarantee immunity but only a mild case if I, as a chicken pox survivor from the fifties, got shingles from that childhood experience.

This is a bit of a separate problem with vaccines, but one which accords to my understanding of the approximate targeting of vaccines which is currently possible for a very bad infectious agent. Given what happened, it probably still makes sense to get the c-pox and shingles shots (although someone now claims to have a more decisively effective anti shingles shot, like the suddenly stronger in the 70 year old version of the pneumonia shot.

This is a problem of disclosure which needs to be addressed, although it is certainly true that my tiny kin got the dishwater chicken pox only.

★ 3 Recommend

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(/user/rlk)

rlk (/user/rlk) ▶ Christy1947 April 15 · 10:52:48 PM (/comments/1850505/73586493#comment_73586493)

It absolutely makes sense to keep getting vaccinations until a disease is *completely* eradicated. Right now that only means smallpox.

That vaccination actually does have real risks associated with it. It truly does give you a mild disease (vaccinia, not quite the same as cowpox), and that disease is contagious, but that gives cross-immunity against smallpox. And in a very few people it did give a more serious disease, with a very small but clearly non-zero fraction of deaths (I believe 1 in a million or thereabouts). But curiously enough, nobody really objected to it. The alternative was obviously much worse.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user/Throw The Bums ... ▶ rlk

April 16 · 01:38:17 AM (/comments/1850505/73587561#comment_73587561)

Well considering the original method of smallpox “vaccination” was through smallpox parties where the scabs would be picked off, ground up, and then either inhaled or rubbed into cuts made on the skin for that purpose you can see how the smallpox vaccine became popular since even though it is dangerous by modern standards was much better than 1 death for every 100 people who were vaccinated by the older variolation method.

Fortunately there is some work being done on a safer smallpox vaccine that is not cowpox based but rather made using modern vaccine production methods which could very well come in handy if the melting permafrost ends up bringing smallpox back into the world.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Throw The Bums Out

April 16 · 02:44:14 AM (/comments/1850505/73587763#comment_73587763)

“...if the melting permafrost ends up bringing smallpox back into the world.”

I’d rate that as a “when” rather than an “if.”

And 1918 pandemic flu.

So it’s good that they’re working on a better smallpox vax. We are going to need it, probably sooner than later.

One timeline into the future goes:

Democrats win next year, we make improvements in Obamacare, and then some time after that, smallpox makes its comeback. But with the new public health infrastructure, people get the new vaccine, and smallpox is stopped in its tracks, and anti-vax BS is thoroughly discredited.

Another timeline into the future goes:

Trump gets a second term, survives an impeachment attempt, and somehow manages to gut Obamacare. Smallpox makes its comeback, the public health infrastructure is a mess, the uninsured population is high, and access to the new vaccine is limited. Smallpox tears through America, ravaging the population. Anti-vax BS continues, and other diseases become endemic, taking their toll as well.

That’s also part of what’s at stake next year. GOTV as if millions of lives depend on it.

★ 1 Recommend

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(/user/romalasa)

romalasa (/user/romalasa) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 04:58:28 AM (/comments/1850505/73587927#comment_73587927)

Erm... “GOTV as if millions of lives depend on it.”

Shouldn’t it be “GOTV as millions of lives depend on it”?
No *if* involved, right?

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ romalasa

April 16 · 10:27:58 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589328#comment_73589328)

Yes, excellent point.

Consider the slogan updated, thanks to you catching that unnecessary “if.”

I’m an engineer, so I pick up stuff from scientists, including the cultural custom of phrasing everything in probabilities.

Anyway, no more “if” in that statement. Thanks!

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Christy1947

April 16 · 02:27:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73587722#comment_73587722)

There is a known percentage of people for whom immunization doesn’t take, wholly or in part. It varies by disease from about 1% to about 3%.

This is one of the reasons we need to have a high immunization rate, up to 95% of the population for some diseases such as measles. And it’s one of the reasons we can only allow valid medical exemptions rather than any sort of personal or belief exemptions.

Everyone protects everyone else. That’s part of what makes civilization work.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/A Citizen)

A Citizen (/user/A Citizen) April 15 · 08:58:50 PM (/comments/1850505/73585466#comment_73585466)

Roald Dahl’s daughter died from measles. (Dahl was the author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). Someone wrote a book “Melanie’s Marvelous Measles”, claiming — without irony — that measles was good. If that title looks familiar, it’s probably because Dahl wrote a children’s book entitled “George’s Marvelous Medicine.”

This anti-vaxer doesn’t just present a lie that measles is somehow good for you, but uses the title to mock a man whose daughter died from measles.

★ 12 Recommend

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ A Citizen

April 16 · 03:02:00 AM (/comments/1850505/73587795#comment_73587795)

Ugh, I’d heard about Melanie’s Marvelous Measles but I hadn’t heard about the cruel irony involving R.Dahl.

What’s needed is a series, playing on the idea that horrible diseases are good things in the minds of idiots:

Cathy's Comfortable Cholera, Sarah's Successful Smallpox, and let's have at least one for the boys, William's Wonderful Whooping cough.

“Cathy produced a river of diarrhea. She never expected she could make a whole river! What an achievement!...”

“Sarah looked like a battlefield all over. She joked that it was as if the Marines had landed and stormed the beach...”

“William’s Mom said he sounded like a locomotive blowing its horn. William sure was proud...”

While we’re on the subject of children’s books, how about one titled President Steven Miller?

The scene opens with a family watching TV after dinner as Miller speaks from the Oval Office. Some of what he says are real quotes from him (marked with an asterisk and footnote). Some of what he says is what we know he’s really thinking.

Pretty soon government services are eliminated. Garbage piles up in the streets, fires rage and houses burn down, people die of crimes and terrible diseases, and from natural disasters caused by climate change.

Eventually the family's house is in ruins so they pack their bags and trudge off to live in a cave. Then they all get sick from tainted food and die, one by one. Because after all, not every story has a happy ending.

And the moral of the story is, *“GOTV as if your life depends on it!”*

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/grapeslick)

grapeslick (/user/grapeslick) April 15 · 09:22:47 PM (/comments/1850505/73585701#comment_73585701)

Man. :(That is one serious death toll- greater than 1 in every 100 who’ve contracted the virus. Anti-vaxers really need to be reading this.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/rlk)

rlk (/user/rlk) ► **grapeslick** April 15 · 10:54:01 PM (/comments/1850505/73586502#comment_73586502)

More like 1 in somewhere between 1000 and 10000 from what I've read. Which is still a horrible death toll, considering that it’s completely unnecessary and the prevention is so simple.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/grapeslick)

grapeslick (/user/grapeslick) ► **rlk**

April 15 · 11:09:17 PM (/comments/1850505/73586623#comment_73586623)

Ah. I was going by the 115,000 number. One in 100 does seem like an especially heavy toll.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Flying Goat)

Flying Goat (/user/Flying Goat) ▶ grapeslick

April 16 · 12:34:54 AM (/comments/1850505/73587255#comment_73587255)

Note that local conditions can affect things a lot — access to quality health care, familial wealth, average age of those who are infected (Which is also presumably affected by the distribution of MMR vaccinations received among various age groups), etc.

★ 3 Recommend



(/user/Things Come Undone)

Things Come Undone (/user/Things Come Undone)

April 15 · 10:52:03 PM (/comments/1850505/73586488#comment_73586488)

Just what do anti vaccine nuts tell their wives when their child dies? What do wives tell their parents?

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/Violetto)

Violetto (/user/Violetto) April 15 · 10:56:47 PM (/comments/1850505/73586526#comment_73586526)

What kind of a moron has a “measles party?”

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Violetto April 16 · 03:02:32 AM (/comments/1850505/73587796#comment_73587796)

Yes.

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(/user/stlmoz)

stlmoz (/user/stlmoz) April 15 · 11:46:55 PM (/comments/1850505/73586920#comment_73586920)

My state legislature is proposing a law that protects the rights of anti-vaxxers, who certain legislators say are being bullied. It seems both fundamentalist Christianity and anti-vaxxers (who are often the same people) have three things in common: paranoia, doubt about science, and a persecution complex due to both. So, my state is choosing the most backward measure to make into law.

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ stlmoz April 16 · 03:03:34 AM (/comments/1850505/73587799#comment_73587799)

What state is that? Sounds like y'all could use an infusion of serious Democratic activists and donations to help stop that, or if it passes, throw the bums out of office and repeal it.

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(/user/mamajo2k)

mamajo2k (/user/mamajo2k) April 16 · 12:36:17 AM (/comments/1850505/73587264#comment_73587264)

I had to have boosters to all my childhood vaccinations when I started nursing school... it was required, because first we were going to be exposed to everything, and 2nd because over time some people's immunity fades or weakens... we knew that then... that was over 40 years ago... got my kids their boosters when they hit high school... got the meningitis vaccine for them too...

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(/user/mrobinson)

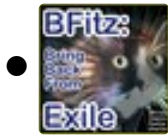
mrobinson (/user/mrobinson) ▶ mamajo2k

April 16 · 12:53:37 AM (/comments/1850505/73587380#comment_73587380)

I had boosters to all my childhood vaccinations when my first grandchild was about to be born.

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(/user/mamajo2k)

mamajo2k (/user/mamajo2k) ▶ mrobinson

April 16 · 02:45:07 AM (/comments/1850505/73587765#comment_73587765)

more people should...

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(/user/entrelac)

entrelac (/user/entrelac) ▶ mrobinson

April 16 · 08:18:47 AM (/comments/1850505/73588401#comment_73588401)

You are rare. I would say that more soon to be grandparents fight getting their boosters or lie about getting them if reading moms groups has taught me anything. Asking is usually a guaranteed family fight starter.

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(/user/mainstreamliberal)

mainstreamliberal (/user/mainstreamliberal) April 16 · 12:38:54 AM (/comments/1850505/73587287#comment_73587287)

One of my earliest memories is taking a long drive and standing in a huge line with my parents and brother to get the polio vaccine in a sugar cube. Actually, we had to do that twice because it came in two doses. My mother later told me of perfectly healthy neighbors who had “dropped dead” of polio in a day or several. It was brutal on adults, but a life-long trial on children. I was born too early to get measles or chicken pox vaccine, but I have had all the others and recently was inoculated against shingles (I learned from my mother’s experience).

If you have any family histories to tell, tell them now to your younger generation so that (maybe) they don’t get sucked into any stupid arguments.

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(/user/JoanNJTN)

JoanNJTN (/user/JoanNJTN) ▶ **mainstreamliberal**

April 16 · 01:31:05 AM (/comments/1850505/73587540#comment_73587540)

I remember the sugar cube vaccine being given in my elementary school. My Mom, her brothers, sister and cousins who all lived in NY (Mom grew up in Brooklyn) would spend their summers at their (Mom’s family) summer home north of NYC. , which was built on the family farm. The cousins stayed with the Great Aunts who lived in the old farmhouse. One summer they did not go back home in August to get ready for school to begin in September. Why? There was a polio outbreak in the city. They stayed in the country until October that year. Early or mid 1930’s. They were lucky they could get away. I guess it was such a scary thing for them because they had an aunt who contracted polio when she was a girl. She survived, but had one hand that could hold very little and she had to use a cane all her life.

My Mother’s Father almost died from Diphtheria when he was a child.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/mrobinson)

mrobinson (/user/mrobinson) April 16 · 12:51:29 AM (/comments/1850505/73587366#comment_73587366)

No infants are protected. No shots until first birthday. So these arrogant anti-vaxxers are putting my Washington new granddaughter in danger.

★ 3 Recommend



(/user/mrobinson)

mrobinson (/user/mrobinson) April 16 · 01:07:29 AM (/comments/1850505/73587443#comment_73587443)

“No shots until first birthday.” ...for measles. They are vaccinated on a schedule.

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(/user/JoanNJTN)

JoanNJTN (/user/JoanNJTN) April 16 · 01:07:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73587446#comment_73587446)

Thank-you. So many people have forgotten that the reason vaccination’ s have been sought for generations due to measles, chicken pox, and other illnesses was they might die, or end up with a serious side effect (brain damage, etc). It still boggles the mind that people put their children at risk. i recall back in the early 1980’s some children were discovered to have chicken pox in the child care center where I taught. Some parents wanted to know who it was who broke out so they could have their child “hugged” by the sick child. I always thought that was weird. The reason they said was so they could plan when to take time off from work. They also hoped that the illness would not be as bad. Of course we never let any of the other children ‘hug’ the sick ones, thus disappointing some parents.

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(/user/Medman)

Medman (/user/Medman) April 16 · 07:39:50 AM (/comments/1850505/73588215#comment_73588215)

WHY risk their children getting a severe bronchitis, pneumonia that requires hospitalization, ulcers & scarring on their eyes (cornea), permanent brain damage due to inflammation (fatal in 15%), neurological impairment, permanent hearing loss...etc? I don’t understand these people.

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(/user/entrelac)

entrelac (/user/entrelac) ▶ Medman

April 16 · 08:20:44 AM (/comments/1850505/73588410#comment_73588410)

Because the oversimplified answer is that they would rather their child be dead than autistic.

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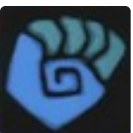


(/user/plucker)

plucker (/user/plucker) April 16 · 09:23:37 AM (/comments/1850505/73588830#comment_73588830)

Willful ignorance in the information age.

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(/user/wstockwin)

wstockwin (/user/wstockwin) April 16 · 10:08:06 AM (/comments/1850505/73589184#comment_73589184)

Why isn’t deliberately exposing a child to a disease considered child abuse?

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(/user/Walter Eienkel)

Walter Eienkel (/user/Walter Eienkel) April 15 · 03:52:57 PM (/comments/1850505/73581343#comment_73581343)

Tip Jar

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(/user/nilso)

nilso (/user/nilso) April 15 · 04:21:18 PM (/comments/1850505/73581808#comment_73581808)

Worldwide, cases are up something like 4 times over last year. This is looking to become a dangerous feedback loop from poorer countries, to western countries, and back, escalating the death toll as exposure spreads.

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(/user/Fabrisse)

Fabrisse (/user/Fabrisse) ▶ **nilso** April 15 · 05:01:32 PM (/comments/1850505/73582410#comment_73582410)

On Madagascar most of the dead are under 15 years old. The parents there want the vaccine, but it’s difficult to get in the rural areas (per Foreign Affairs update this morning).

★ 35 Recommend

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(/user/Bobs Telecaster)

Bobs Telecaster (/user/Bobs Telecaster) ▶ **Fabrisse**

April 16 · 05:49:27 AM (/comments/1850505/73587980#comment_73587980)

That is truly horrible.

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(/user/Toad Road)

Toad Road (/user/Toad Road) ▶ **nilso**

April 16 · 04:03:09 AM (/comments/1850505/73587870#comment_73587870)

Its too bad the mainstream media, and Fox! don’t publicize the measles epidemics around the world 24/7 the way they publicized Ebola, which isn’t nearly as contagious. Too bad various governors and such aren’t incarcerating nursing staff who’ve visited those countries!

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/mockingjay)

mockingjay (/user/mockingjay) April 15 · 04:24:16 PM (/comments/1850505/73581862#comment_73581862)

Measles parties? What is wrong with these people?

★ 40 Recommend

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(/user/frankzappatista)

frankzappatista (/user/frankzappatista) ▶ **mockingjay**

April 15 · 04:42:48 PM (/comments/1850505/73582167#comment_73582167)

You may have noticed some writers here have a tendency for hyperbole. With no link I'd be suspect, this is certainly something we'd have heard about if parents were legitimately trying to kill their kids via measles

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(/user/Fabrisse)

Fabrisse (/user/Fabrisse) ▶ **frankzappatista**

April 15 · 05:00:20 PM (/comments/1850505/73582387#comment_73582387)

From the Daily Beast, dated 6 days ago:

In light of a growing crisis, New York City Health Commissioner Oxiris Barbot warned against parents throwing “measles parties” to purposefully infect their children. “Back in the day people were having parties to expose their kids to chicken pox,” said Barbot. “We live in a different world now ... there are serious consequences to that.” Measles parties are dangerous and can lead to serious illness—and even death—for infected children.

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(/user/elwior)

elwior (/user/elwior) ▶ **Fabrisse**

April 16 · 02:13:09 AM (/comments/1850505/73587674#comment_73587674)

The ignorance here is staggering.

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(/user/Bobs Telecaster)

Bobs Telecaster (/user/Bobs Telecaster) ▶ **Fabrisse**

April 16 · 09:25:03 AM (/comments/1850505/73588848#comment_73588848)

So let me outline a narrative. These people want to give their kids immunity by putting the virus into the system of kids, which will trigger an immune system reaction where the body creates antibodies to fight


the virus. The idea is that if the kids get measles while healthy, you can control the outcome a little bit.

So what if we could develop an almost magical way of putting the virus into their system, but without any of the potentially deadly effects? If we could come up with this system, then you could create the same immune system reaction, just as surely as the above, with none of the deadly risk?

How amazing would that be? I can even think of a name for this miracle preventative: vaccine.

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(/user/Done4nau)


Done4nau (/user/Done4nau) ▶ frankzappatista

April 15 · 05:12:19 PM (/comments/1850505/73582553#comment_73582553)

When I was a child (70 years ago) there were mumps parties, chicken pox parties, measles play dates for preschoolers to catch the childhood diseases. My mother didn't send me. She grew up with friends and cousins who died from diphtheria and whooping cough. Are the antivaxxers getting that one?

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(/user/chickenfarmerwood)


chickenfarmerwood (/user/chickenfarm... ▶ Done4nau

April 15 · 08:20:40 PM (/comments/1850505/73585040#comment_73585040)

Probably not. I can't imagine they are getting any of them. I had the German Measles at age 7. The very next year they came out with the vaccine. My mother survived polio, she was very on top of getting all of us vaccinated. We all went to the state Health Department and got our vaccines. I made sure my kids all were vaccinated and their children are as well. With every available vaccine. I also got my Pneumonia shot and every year get a flu shot. I had the flu last in the mid 80's, was so darned sick I never wanted to go through that again. Why anyone would want to be sick when you can prevent it is beyond me.

★ 26 Recommend

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(/user/Lprestridge)

Lprestridge (/user/Lprestridge) ▶ Done4nau

April 15 · 08:46:34 PM (/comments/1850505/73585328#comment_73585328)

My grandmother's twin brother died of diphtheria at age seven. Five other of her siblings died of now preventable diseases like whooping cough. I think their parents, my great-grandparents, would be horrified that there are people now who willingly put their children at risk. I had measles as a child before there was a vaccine and it was miserable. I

am old enough to remember the polio epidemic in the 50's and how it was a miracle when a vaccine became available. Are people really aware of what they are exposing their children to? It's just unthinkable.

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(/user/CA Nana)

CA Nana (/user/CA Nana) ▶ Done4nau

April 15 · 08:57:00 PM (/comments/1850505/73585443#comment_73585443)

I inadvertently did the same thing. Back then, kids didn't have birthday parties every year. I guess my mom decided that turning 10 deserved a party. I woke up that morning feeling crappy and with a rash on my chest, but mom didn't notice and I wasn't going to give up a party! So, the rest of the kids in the neighborhood had chicken pox a week or so later (whatever the incubation period is).

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Done4nau

April 16 · 12:27:13 AM (/comments/1850505/73587207#comment_73587207)

Antivaxers' kids are getting whooping cough as well as measles and chicken pox.

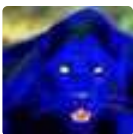
In light of Republican campaigns to force doctors to show pregnant women videos of developing fetuses, we should introduce a bill requiring doctors to show antivax parents videos of babies with whooping cough.

I'm told those videos are "hard to watch" and I'm not about to go watch one to find out.

(Any such bill will probably face opposition from Republicans who have antivax constituents. Good, make 'em squirm. BTW this tactic is called "prescribe the symptom," which means, in short, giving someone a dose of their own behavior to try to get them to stop it.)

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(/user/FarWestGirl)

FarWestGirl (/user/FarWestGirl) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 02:13:56 AM (/comments/1850505/73587680#comment_73587680)

They are, watching a baby or toddler trying desperately to breathe is excruciating, more so if you have children and can see them in the sick kid's place.

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(/user/rflctammt)

rflctammt (/user/rflctammt) ▶ **Done4nau**

April 16 · 09:47:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73589013#comment_73589013)

It might make sense for chicken pox, maybe. Back then vaccinations didn't exist for most of those, and they tended to be worse the older you got. But measles? Even what we called the German measles was dangerous to some...esp. pregnant women as I recall.

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Mathy Kathy)

Mathy Kathy (/user/Mathy Kathy) ▶ **frankzappatista**

April 15 · 05:29:34 PM (/comments/1850505/73582762#comment_73582762)

Chickenpox lolly pops Rueters (<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-chickenpox-lollipops/swapping-chicken-pox-infected-lollipops-illegal-idUSTRE7AB0SW20111112>)

Pox Party Wikipedia (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party)

Measles Party and lolly pops LA Times (<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-measles-parties-20150209-story.html>)

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Mathy Kathy**

April 16 · 12:31:54 AM (/comments/1850505/73587235#comment_73587235)

Sending those infected lolly pops through the mail is a felony.

What we need to do: Infiltrate the hell out of those antivax groups online, take date/time-stamped screenshots, and send them to the Postal Inspection Service (America's oldest federal law enforcement agency; they never lose a case).

That will ensure quick action, or as quick as possible given the need for investigators to get the names and then catch one of the biohazardous parcels going through the mail or parcel courier.

When the busts go down, that will deal a serious blow to these purveyors of dangerous diseases.

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(/user/Mathy Kathy)

Mathy Kathy (/user/Mathy Kathy) ▶ **G2geek**

April 16 · 06:19:35 AM (/comments/1850505/73588021#comment_73588021)



It is such a travesty that the FBI is having to investigate criminals in the White House and stuff like this gets put on the back burner.

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Mathy Kathy**

April 16 · 10:05:14 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589159#comment_73589159)

Even in normal times, FBI wouldn't need to be involved in this type of case, or if they were, would be in a smaller supporting role. This is squarely the Postal Inspectors' territory, and they are ferociously good at it.

The public's image of the Postal Inspection Service is as a kind of sleepy second-string agency that deals with things such as counterfeit stamps. And while they do deal with routine mail fraud, they really are first-rate and have full capacity to handle serious crimes and major threats that in any way involve the US Mail. (That also includes many serious types of white-collar crime, child porn rings, etc.)

Speaking from slightly more than casual knowledge of the subject, having heard this from people who are regularly in touch with all of the usual agencies.

IMHO it would be cool as hell to see a TV series about the Postal Inspection Service. Even a mini-series covering different types of cases.

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(/user/CyberMindGrrl)

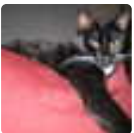
CyberMindGrrl (/user/CyberMindGrrl) ▶ **frankzappatista**

April 15 · 06:20:54 PM (/comments/1850505/73583457#comment_73583457)

Wrong. This is what parents used to do before the advent of vaccines.

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(/user/flo58)

flo58 (/user/flo58) ▶ **CyberMindGrrl**

April 15 · 06:50:53 PM (/comments/1850505/73583898#comment_73583898)

Right, because before vaccines, the only way to have immunity to these diseases was getting the disease. And getting measles as an adult is much more dangerous than getting it as a child. People die of measles

when they get it as adults.

★ 18 Recommend

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(/user/juggalo1)

juggalo1 (/user/juggalo1) ▶ flo58

April 15 · 07:21:21 PM (/comments/1850505/73584281#comment_73584281)

I can understand deliberately infecting for chickenpox since the risks of complications are much lower, but complications for measles are fairly common even among children.

★ 8 Recommend

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(/user/flo58)

flo58 (/user/flo58) ▶ juggalo1

April 15 · 07:30:45 PM

(/comments/1850505/73584423#comment_73584423)

Yes, but... Before vaccines, there was no protection for an adult who managed to get through childhood without getting the measles. And getting measles as an adult is much, much more deadly than getting it as a child. So when there were no vaccines, it made sense to expose your children to measles. With the advent of effective vaccines, there is no longer any reason to have a measles party.

★ 13 Recommend

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(/user/chickenfarmerwood)

chickenfarmerwood (/... ▶ flo58

April 15 · 08:22:50 PM

(/comments/1850505/73585063#comment_73585063)

I worked in the 80's in a school and one of our teacher assistants had never had chickenpox. She got them and ended up in the hospital. Had them in her throat, her eyes. These childhood diseases are dangerous to adults.

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(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Non... ▶ chickenfarmerwood

April 16 · 12:36:29 AM


(/comments/1850505/73587265#comment_73587265)

And most of the time, when adults catch them, they catch them from children.

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(/user/PlinytheWelder)

PlinytheWelder (/user...

► Nonpartay

April 16 · 04:00:40 AM


(/comments/1850505/73587867#comment_73587867)

I just got the new shingles vaccine...

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(/user/javax2)

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► PlinytheWelder

April 16 · 08:24:25 AM

(/comments/1850505/73588427#comment_73588427)

I got it too.

I had Chicken Pox.

I bet every kid in the 50's got 'em.

That's where it belongs.

Left back in the 50's

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► chickenfarmerwood

April 16 · 01:27:02 AM


(/comments/1850505/73587516#comment_73587516)

Even if you've had chickenpox, shingles can be pretty nasty later. I was lucky and it was minor for me. Hoping I don't have it again.

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April 16 · 12:25:52 PM

(/comments/1850505/73590610#comment_73590610)

You won't have it again with the shingles

vaccine. If you don't get it, however, you could. For some reason, having shingles doesn't prevent you from having it again.

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(/user/JoanNJTN)

JoanNJTN (/user/Joan... ▶ flo58

April 16 · 02:02:00 AM

(/comments/1850505/73587631#comment_73587631)

Many soldiers during the Civil War died due to the measles, that they caught in the army camps. Country boys exposed to a disease that had never where they had lived before.

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(/user/RepublicanKos)

RepublicanKos (/user/Repub... ▶ juggalo1

April 15 · 07:32:33 PM

(/comments/1850505/73584461#comment_73584461)

Not a good idea either. There is a vaccine so no reason to risk complications from CPox as a kid or Shingles as an adult later in life.

★ 9 Recommend

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(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user... ▶ juggalo1

April 16 · 01:22:02 AM

(/comments/1850505/73587502#comment_73587502)

Well if you think that is extreme I guess you aren't familiar with the *smallpox parties* (keyword: Variolation) they used to have before they discovered the use of cowpox as a vaccine. The idea was that when one person got smallpox they would pick off a bunch of scabs, have all the other kids come over, and have each of them inhale one of the scabs or they would be powdered and rubbed into shallow cuts that were made for that purpose. If successful the result would be a mild case of smallpox with “only” about a 1% fatality rate.

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(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Non... ▶ Throw The Bums Out

April 16 · 12:27:41 PM

(/comments/1850505/73590629#comment_73590629)

I'll take the vaccine. :) Fortunately, we don't have to resort to these methods since the disease has been eradicated.

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(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (... ▶ Nonpartay

April 16 · 12:58:46 PM

(/comments/1850505/73591006#comment_73591006)

Same here. I only wish they had the chickenpox vaccine when I was a kid but fortunately that is the only one I missed out on as a kid (other than HepB which I made sure to get and since Twinrix was the same copay as the B only one I went ahead and got that).

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(/user/grapeslick)

grapeslick (/user/grapeslick) ▶ flo58

April 15 · 09:18:53 PM (/comments/1850505/73585659#comment_73585659)

When I was 13, I made a point of using the same cup as my pox afflicted sister, as I wanted to get that shit over and done with before I got too old. Worked a charm! (In reality, I probably would have come down with it no matter what I did.)

★ 3 Recommend

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(/user/flo58)

flo58 (/user/flo58) ▶ grapeslick

April 16 · 11:23:15 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589911#comment_73589911)

I had a similar experience. I spent my 13th summer living with my oldest sister when her kids had the chicken "pops" as my 3 year old nephew called them. I remember my mom being glad for the exposure, because she wanted me to get the chicken pox before I got too old. It worked.

[new]



(/user/kurious)

kurious (/user/kurious) ▶ frankzappatista

April 15 · 06:33:30 PM (/comments/1850505/73583642#comment_73583642)

“Parents have been holding dangerous 'measles parties' in New York City to expose unvaccinated kids to the disease (<https://www.businessinsider.com/why-measles-parties-dangerous-new-york-city-parents-outbreak-2019-4>)(Business Insider, 4/9/19):

“...During a press conference, officials also said they received reports of New York City parents hosting "measles parties" to infect their unvaccinated children with the disease and help them get it over...”

*Why ‘Measles Parties’ Are A Bad Idea For Parents
(<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2019/04/09/why-measles-parties-are-a-bad-idea-for-parents/>) (CBS New York, 4/9/19):*

*“...**NEW YORK (CBSNewYork)** – Health officials made a specific point to condemn the resurgence of “measles parties,” get-togethers where parents gather unvaccinated children with kids already suffering with measles in order to intentionally infect the group at a young age.*

“...The practice has its own faulty logic based on how humans fight off the disease...”

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(/user/romalasa)

romalasa (/user/romalasa) ▶ kurious

April 15 · 10:16:41 PM (/comments/1850505/73586190#comment_73586190)

Measles impairs your inmune system for many years after the infection is over. People die from measles, but many, many more die from other, unrelated diseases because the measles virus deletes your inmune system catalog of disease-fighting macrophages, thus exposing, especially children, to any and all other infections for many, many years. Those parents should be charged with attempted murder & their parental rights terminated.

★ 7 Recommend

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ kurious

April 16 · 12:34:41 AM (/comments/1850505/73587253#comment_73587253)

Prosecute the hell out of them for child endangerment.

Anyone who does that to their kid is risking the kid ending up in the hospital or dead. They do not deserve to be parents at that point. A few dozen of them cooling their heels in cells for a year or two will put a damper on this dangerous bullshit.

★ 2 Recommend



[new]

(/user/elginblt)

elginblt (/user/elginblt) ▶ frankzappatista

April 15 · 09:43:04 PM (/comments/1850505/73585883#comment_73585883)

I've seen this in Facebook comments from anti-vaxxers. For real.

★ 5 Recommend



[new]

(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ elginblt

April 16 · 12:36:35 AM (/comments/1850505/73587266#comment_73587266)

If you ever see any of them talking about sending infected lolly pops or clothing (etc.) to each other such as via the mail:

Take date/time-stamped screenshots, call up the Postal Inspection Service, and send ‘em in. Sending that stuff through the mail is a federal felony for good reason: it exposes postal workers and the general public to infection risk. People who do that deserve to have to explain themselves to judges.

★ 2 Recommend



[new]

(/user/majcmb1)

majcmb1 (/user/majcmb1) ▶ mockingjay

April 15 · 07:55:58 PM (/comments/1850505/73584768#comment_73584768)

It’s real and they do it for chicken pox too.

**KY Gov. Bevin Infected 9 of His Kids At Chicken Pox Party
(<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/03/21/gop-governor-doesnt-believe-chickenpox-vaccines-he-took-his-nine-kids-pox-party-instead/>)**

★ 11 Recommend



[new]

(/user/Things Come Undone)

Things Come Undone (/user/Things Come Und... ▶ majcmb1

April 15 · 10:38:11 PM (/comments/1850505/73586355#comment_73586355)

These people really do not know how to throw a party.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Things Come Undone**

April 16 · 12:38:13 AM (/comments/1850505/73587280#comment_73587280)

Sooner or later one of ‘em is going to show up with an ounce of California cannabis.

“Hi!, I’m here for the pot party!”

“Uh, it’s not a **pot** party, it’s a **pox** party.”

“Ooops! Byebye!”

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Nonpartay) ▶ **mockingjay**

April 16 · 12:31:29 AM (/comments/1850505/73587234#comment_73587234)

Everything is wrong. Apparently, they were vaccinated themselves, along with all their little friends, when they were children so they have no idea how miserable it is to get measles. Since it was something most kids got when I was growing up, myself included, we would never do something so stupid and heartless as not getting our kids MMR shots. What kind of parent thinks it’s a good idea to have their children endure the risks of this disease? They need to talk to some old people and find out what we went through when we were kids, being kept out of school for a couple of weeks, lying in bed in the dark, scratching my skin raw because it itched so much, it was just awful, not to mention my mother, who worried I might die. I got my kids vaccinated as soon as it became available. I would do the same for chicken pox and all the rest of the diseases vaccines prevent. But then, I’m not at the mercy of a bunch of nut jobs spouting propaganda based on a load of crap.

★ 6 Recommend



(/user/Old Guild Guy)

Old Guild Guy (/user/Old Guild Guy) April 15 · 04:45:21 PM (/comments/1850505/73582207#comment_73582207)

Jesus H Christ on a skateboard! I didn’t believe it at first, had to search on it...

Felony child endangerment, anyone...?

★ 34 Recommend

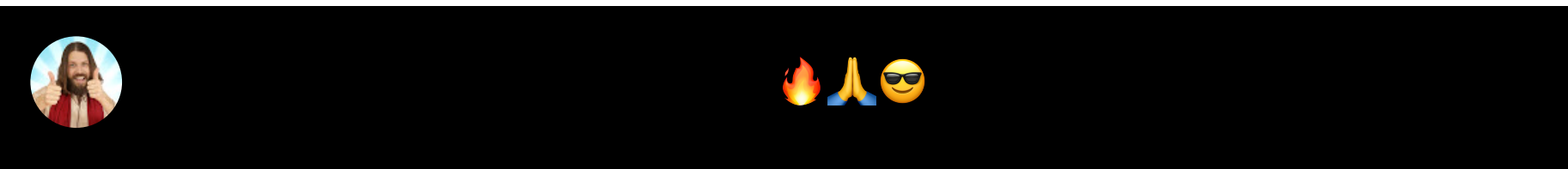
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(/user/RepublicanKos)

RepublicanKos (/user/RepublicanKos) ▶ **Old Guild Guy**

April 15 · 07:34:20 PM (/comments/1850505/73584486#comment_73584486)



★ 7 Recommend

left sorta (/user/left sorta) ▶ RepublicanKos

April 16 · 01:38:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73587563#comment_73587563)

Thanks for a laugh. However, if JC had any sense, he'd avoid crosses after that 1 bad experience.

★ 1 Recommend



Things Come Undone (/user/Things Come Undone) ▶ Old Guild Guy

April 15 · 10:43:13 PM (/comments/1850505/73586404#comment_73586404)

Attempted murder? facts are facts we assume he likes his kids because he is a parent. But if someone wanted to get away with murder and not get caught.... and thats the thing anything that sounds like it could be a murder plot for a lifetime tv movie should get you jail time in real life and you lose custody of the kids but pay child support.

★ 2 Recommend



G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Old Guild Guy

April 16 · 12:39:22 AM (/comments/1850505/73587288#comment_73587288)

Felony child endangerment: I'll vote for that.

If a dozen or two of these idiots are locked up for a couple of years, that might just deter more of them.

★ 2 Recommend



shmuelman (/user/shmuelman) April 15 · 05:02:57 PM (/comments/1850505/73582431#comment_73582431)

Don't worry, if we all work together, we can achieve the same results here as in Madagascar.

There was an incredible outbreak of the more deadly diphtheria (https://academic.oup.com/jid/article/181/Supplement_1/S237/842229) when the Soviet Union broke up and immunization rates went way down with far reaching effects as this article points out.

★ 18 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **shmuelman**

April 16 · 12:39:58 AM (/comments/1850505/73587296#comment_73587296)

Make Measles Great Again!

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Sophie Amrain)

Sophie Amrain (/user/Sophie Amrain) ▶ **G2geek**

April 16 · 04:12:24 AM (/comments/1850505/73587878#comment_73587878)

ouch!

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/AjaxtheGreater)

AjaxtheGreater (/user/AjaxtheGreater) April 15 · 05:19:23 PM (/comments/1850505/73582654#comment_73582654)

It's shocking so many still refuse to have their kids vaccinated — schools should refuse to allow their children to attend until they are vaccinated.

★ 30 Recommend

[new]



(/user/belinda ridgewood)

belinda ridgewood (/user/belinda ridgewood) ▶ **AjaxtheGreater**

April 15 · 06:40:44 PM (/comments/1850505/73583742#comment_73583742)

Thanks for your first comment, AjaxtheGreater.

I'm always astounded by the ignorance of the refusal to vaccinate.

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★ 9 Recommend



(/user/AjaxtheGreater)
AjaxtheGreater (/user/AjaxtheGreater) ▶ belinda ridgewood

April 15 · 07:47:09 PM (/comments/1850505/73584655#comment_73584655)

Thank you so much for the warm welcome.

★ 10 Recommend

(/user/Katastrophe)
Katastrophe (/user/Katastrophe) ▶ AjaxtheGreater

April 15 · 07:54:52 PM (/comments/1850505/73584753#comment_73584753)

They USED to! I had to show my kid’s immunization record from the dr in order to enroll them in school and that was in the 60’s. I’m in CA, maybe they still do here — hope so! I allowed my kids to be exposed to chicken pox because there was no vaccination for it then and it was more dangerous for adults. My children are THRILLED to have their children vaccinated against chicken pox since it became available. Because of these idiot anti-vaxxers, we now have to continue vaccinations as adults for pertussis (whooping cough) and other illnesses so it doesn't get passed to newborns and other at risk people. (You want to see something horrifying, google a video of a child or baby with pertussis.) These anti-vaxxers are selfish fools who put their children and other at risk people in serious danger because they listen to people with no medical knowledge. This makes me mad enough to spit (and I’m not a spitter) every time I read of a new outbreak of these diseases for which we have vaccinations.

★ 17 Recommend



(/user/rlk)
rlk (/user/rlk) ▶ Katastrophe

April 15 · 10:46:06 PM (/comments/1850505/73586435#comment_73586435)

My wife and I both had pertussis something like 15 years ago. It was miserable. She didn’t have the whooping noise, but I did. Toward the end, I passed out and came to to find that I had vomited — that could have killed me. Yes, we’re both vaccinated, but immunity isn’t permanent.

I suspect that a lot of “lifetime immunity” always amounted to being constantly re-challenged by the various viruses (and bacteria, in the case of pertussis and I believe diphtheria). That doesn’t happen now; the answer is not to throw up our

hands and say that vaccines aren't perfect so they're useless, but to continue vaccinations as an adult (e. g. TdaP).

My sister had a measles titer done because she was expecting to travel somewhere where measles is a problem. She found that her level was too low and asked to receive a booster. I'm going to get that checked before my next physical, too. Small price to pay.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ rlk

April 16 · 12:45:31 AM (/comments/1850505/73587331#comment_73587331)

Ugh, sorry to hear it, that must have been awful. Pertussis does require regular boosters every few years, easily obtained from any doctor or pharmacy.

I got an MMR booster when there were a couple of cases of measles reported in the East Bay (San Francisco Bay Area).

One of them got on BART (local urban rail system).

Measles is R=17, meaning each case has potential to infect 17 other people in an unvaccinated population.

Put one case on a subway and you could be looking at dozens very quickly, and then a generalized outbreak. So I took no chances.

Fortunately there were only two or three cases in total, and no further spread. There's no predicting what might happen the next time.

That said, I need to check my DPT status next time I'm at Kaiser.

Thanks for the heads-up.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user/Thro... ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 01:26:23 AM (/comments/1850505/73587514#comment_73587514)

Actually, the reason for needing pertussis boosters every three years is because of the switch to the acellular version which while much safer, is not nearly as long lasting as the older "whole cell" version. Hopefully with some of the newer techniques being developed a pertussis vaccine can be made that is as safe if not safer than the current acellular version while being as effective if not more than the old whole cell version.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Throw The Bums Out

April 16 · 10:08:00 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589180#comment_73589180)

Yes, I’ve heard this.

Of course the usual nincompoops are running around saying it’s all so Big Pharma can make gazillions more in profits.

Anyway I don’t object to getting a shot every few years, and another one every Fall (flu). That’ll also keep the tetanus immunization up to date.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user/Throw The ... ▶ rlk

April 16 · 01:24:30 AM (/comments/1850505/73587508#comment_73587508)

Actually, the reason you need boosters every few years (as low as three) is because of the switch to the TdaP vaccine. If you can get it, the TdWP vaccine (whole cell pertussis) provides much better protection but at a higher risk of severe, possibly fatal, side effects.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Done4nau)

Done4nau (/user/Done4nau) April 15 · 05:22:27 PM (/comments/1850505/73582690#comment_73582690)

It can work well if the mother breastfed the newborn child, and had had the disease in question. With that protection a child is likely to get the disease with mild symptoms but still get immune system pumped up. Why would someone want to take a chance with their child’s life, intellect, hearing, sight?

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/gramofsam1)

gramofsam1 (/user/gramofsam1) ▶ Done4nau

April 15 · 05:30:55 PM (/comments/1850505/73582782#comment_73582782)

That protection, such as it is, is very temporary-

A mom who has been vaccinated or who had measles at some point in her life passes protective antibodies to her fetus via the placenta—so much so that the baby’s blood concentration of these antibodies at birth often exceeds her mother’s. (Premature babies don’t get as much protection because most antibodies are transferred in the last four weeks of pregnancy.)

A full-term infant is typically protected against measles for about a month after birth if her mom has been vaccinated against measles, and she is protected for a little longer if her mom actually had the measles. But once these maternal antibodies break down, a baby is vulnerable until several weeks after she gets her first MMR shot.

★ 18 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Mathy Kathy)

Mathy Kathy (/user/Mathy Kathy) ▶ **Done4nau**

April 15 · 05:31:03 PM (/comments/1850505/73582785#comment_73582785)

That may be an old wives tale.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Flying Goat)

Flying Goat (/user/Flying Goat) ▶ **Done4nau**

April 15 · 07:06:59 PM (/comments/1850505/73584104#comment_73584104)

This is false — breast milk may provide some antibodies to a disease, but it does not provide immunity. Which is why the entire world’s human population isn’t eternally immune to measles, even though literally everyone’s grandparents, great grandparents, and great great grandparents had the disease — the disease is that contagious.

★ 5 Recommend



(/user/Huskers)

Huskers (/user/Huskers) April 15 · 06:00:45 PM (/comments/1850505/73583145#comment_73583145)

Do these idiots also want to bring back polio and leprosy?

★ 16 Recommend

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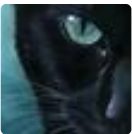
(/user/gosoxataboy)

gosoxataboy (/user/gosoxataboy) ▶ Huskers

April 15 · 10:00:01 PM (/comments/1850505/73586059#comment_73586059)

Are these the same people who tried to say Obama was letting in Ebola?

★ 3 Recommend



(/user/Gwennedd)

Gwennedd (/user/Gwennedd) ▶ gosoxataboy

April 16 · 12:38:33 AM (/comments/1850505/73587281#comment_73587281)

No...these are likely fairly wealthy parents. And mostly Democrats. People believe nonsense and conspiracy theories on both sides of the political spectrum sometimes.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Gwennedd

April 16 · 12:50:36 AM (/comments/1850505/73587357#comment_73587357)

Antivax sentiment is pretty evenly spread between Rs and Ds.

For Rs it's distrust of gov and a certain amount of "rugged individualism."

For Ds it's distrust of pharma and a certain amount of "back to nature."

Equal-opportunity destroyer.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/left sorta)

left sorta (/user/left sorta) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 01:43:05 AM (/comments/1850505/73587571#comment_73587571)

Looking at vaccine pricing indicates to me that big pharma isn't even trying to gouge. So much more profit potential in medicines you have to keep taking all the time. Of course, that probably has something to do with the lack of research on new vaccines.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/entrelac)

entrelac (/user/entrelac) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 08:08:50 AM (/comments/1850505/73588342#comment_73588342)

I have been very active in the mommy group world for going on 20 years and in the crunchy groups there exists this weird point where extreme left and right political beliefs meet and

intermingle into crazypants essential oil woo, naturopathic beliefs that are based on "all natural = safe because Mother Nature/God", and antivax bullshit.

It is a wild scene where you have to check your logic at the door.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **entrelac**

April 16 · 10:23:35 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589301#comment_73589301)

I hear you and I've heard of this.

BTW that's called "horse shoe politics" where the extreme left and extreme right come around the arc to be right next to each other.

As is often mentioned, naturopathy includes homeopathy, which is the paradigm case of quackery.

When you hear people misuse the word "natural," you could try poking at them by juxtaposing it to "supernatural (medicine, healing, etc.)" or "all-natural chemicals" or something like that.

Alternately (heh;-) try starting up some "science-based mommy" groups and see who joins up.

I'd bet that a lot of the participation in the wooley mommy groups is for social support among fellow parents, and then people get indoctrinated via peer reinforcement.

But if people who are looking for that social support see a science-based option, some of them will join, and you'll all be allies. And, allied in the pushback against antivaxers threatening the health of your own kids. Solidarity is a powerful force to be reckoned with. We need this.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Huskers** April 16 · 12:49:24 AM (/comments/1850505/73587352#comment_73587352)

Sssh, don't give them any ideas.

Though as a matter of fact, get on DuckDuckGo.com and keyword search "permafrost melt" + "emerging diseases."

Bodies buried in shallow graves in the permafrost, will be coming to the surface as it melts. Including people who died of smallpox, 1918 pandemic flu, etc. Those pathogens will still be viable, as scientists have determined by studying other things that have come out of the melting permafrost.

It will only take an animal vector and a nearby human settlement, and then it’s Game ON for something that will cut a wide swath across the globe.

Public health scientists have been sounding fire alarms about this for about five to ten years that I know of.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user/Throw The Bums ... ▶ **G2geek**

April 16 · 01:31:09 AM (/comments/1850505/73587541#comment_73587541)

Well there is some good news in that I have heard there is some work being done on making a safer and easier to use smallpox vaccine. The current one isn’t very good if you compare it to modern vaccines since you have to be very careful as you can infect other people or even end up blinding yourself if you aren’t careful.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Throw The Bums Out**

April 16 · 10:11:58 AM (/comments/1850505/73589209#comment_73589209)

Thanks and yeah I saw another comment here saying this.

And the only reason anyone is working on a better vax for a disease that’s been “vanquished off the map” is that they expect it to come roaring back.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/doingbusinessas)

doingbusinessas (/user/doingbusinessas) April 15 · 06:51:15 PM (/comments/1850505/73583902#comment_73583902)

Having family members who has brother/sisters who died from some of these diseases. I went to HS with a guy who has polio as a child... still had his braces and used his crutches.

My grandmother’s twin died of influenza (Spanish Flu), my uncle had mumps when he was 14 (sterile from it)...

I had chicken pox as a child (I was so glad when I got older to grow a mustache over the scar), but the shingles I have 4 eruptions of it in the past 8 yrs... I was so glad that my younger crew has had the chickenpox vaccine as they will never know what I have been thru.

★ 14 Recommend



[new]

(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Nonpartay) ▶ doingbusinessas

April 16 · 12:46:14 AM (/comments/1850505/73587333#comment_73587333)

You should get the shingles vaccination. It can prevent any further outbreaks.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/doingbusinessas)

doingbusinessas (/user/doingbusinessas) ▶ Nonpartay

April 16 · 10:36:46 AM (/comments/1850505/73589399#comment_73589399)

I will as soon as the local pharmacy opens up the list. In our area the shingles vaccine is short supply. My local pharmacy has a 400 person waiting list.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/solesse413)

solesse413 (/user/solesse413) April 15 · 07:01:41 PM (/comments/1850505/73584038#comment_73584038)

So irresponsible!

We’ve learned it goes beyond having measles, because wait, there’s more:

But danger lurks even for those who survive an outbreak. Measles not only weakens your immune system in the short term, bouts with the virus seem to wipe your immune system's memory, causing the body to forget how to fight off things that you may have already conquered. For some people, this “immune amnesia” may linger for more than two years.

★ 14 Recommend

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(/user/Nonpartay)

Nonpartay (/user/Nonpartay) ▶ solesse413

April 16 · 12:47:32 AM (/comments/1850505/73587339#comment_73587339)

Come to think of it, it seems like I was sick a lot as a child, much more than my kids were. Perhaps my having had measles had something to do with it.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/juggalo1)

juggalo1 (/user/juggalo1) April 15 · 07:17:51 PM (/comments/1850505/73584229#comment_73584229)

Why would you deliberately infect your child with measles?!? I understand with chicken pox. The hospitalization rate is about 0.1-0.2%, with death at about 1 per 60,000. But with measles the numbers are 1 death per 500 (for healthy children) with a complication rate closer to 10-15%. The two diseases are NOT comparable. Of course, these are anti-vaxxers, so by definition they don't use data or logic to drive their decisions.

★ 10 Recommend

[new]



(/user/officebss)

officebss (/user/officebss) ▶ juggalo1

April 15 · 07:42:50 PM (/comments/1850505/73584596#comment_73584596)

Chicken Pox stays in your body *for decades* after you are over the original illness, and there's a very high chance that it will hit you again as an adult, but as *Shingles* — which nearly cost my husband his EYESIGHT because he had such a severe case on his face in his late 30s. He got very lucky — the medication for Shingles was newly available, and our MD referred him to an eye specialist who had just read a report that massive doses of the medication could stop damage to the optic nerve, so he increased the prescription to FIVE times the normal dose. It very expensive and wasn't covered by our health insurance, but worth every dollar to save his eyesight.

I had to make a chart for all the meds, because he also had to take an anti-nausea drug, a tranquilizer, B-vitamin complex, an antibiotic, and some others I can't remember, but every one of them had different instructions — with food, without food, every four hours, twice a day, etc. etc.

He stayed in our darkened bedroom for over a month before he was healed enough to be exposed to light again, and he was unable return to work for over two months, and then only part-time for an additional four weeks. We lost all our savings, and went deeply into debt.

Chicken pox is NOT a disease to take lightly.

★ 18 Recommend

[new]



(/user/romalasa)

romalasa (/user/romalasa) ▶ officebss

April 15 · 10:25:32 PM (/comments/1850505/73586261#comment_73586261)

So you're saying I was sooooo lucky to have shingles "only" on my back! The pain was unbearable & there was no medication at the time, so I spent a long time unable to move without pain, or to stand without excruciating pain all over my spine... And I was lucky!

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/officebss)

officebss (/user/officebss) ▶ romalasa

April 15 · 10:35:14 PM (/comments/1850505/73586338#comment_73586338)

There's nothing lucky about a severe case of Shingles!

But these parents who aren't vaccinating their children aren't just exposing them to the dangers of childhood diseases, they are setting them up for the agony you and my husband endured as adults, when if they'd just vaccinate their kids, Shingles could become a disease of the past.

★ 6 Recommend



(/user/jello5929)

jello5929 (/user/jello5929) April 15 · 07:25:51 PM (/comments/1850505/73584348#comment_73584348)

I don't understand Measles parties at all.

You want your kid to have chicken pox antibodies before puberty. But I don't think that applies to Measles.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Katastrophe)

Katastrophe (/user/Katastrophe) ▶ **jello5929**

April 15 · 07:58:48 PM (/comments/1850505/73584806#comment_73584806)

We have excellent vaccinations for chicken pox now — no need for any child to get the disease any more.

★ 12 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Black Knight)

Black Knight (/user/Black Knight) ▶ **Katastrophe**

April 15 · 09:23:18 PM (/comments/1850505/73585709#comment_73585709)

There are children who cannot be vaccinated for legitimate medical reasons. That's part of the point of getting everyone else vaccinated, to protect those who can't be.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Katastrophe)


Katastrophe (/user/Katastrophe) ▶ **Black Knight**

April 15 · 10:00:48 PM (/comments/1850505/73586066#comment_73586066)

Exactly! That was what I said (other high risk people) in my earlier comment, but obviously could have said it better! Yes, those children used to be protected by everyone else getting vaccinated. It's very maddening that anti-vaxers now think everyone else's children should protect theirs!

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Katastrophe


April 16 · 12:56:45 AM (/comments/1850505/73587398#comment_73587398)

"It's very maddening that anti-vaxers now think everyone else's children should protect theirs!"

Selfish free-riders who look down on "herd immunity" because they're "above the herd."

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/mrobinson)


mrobinson (/user/mrobinson) ▶ Black Knight

April 16 · 12:54:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73587388#comment_73587388)

Infants can't get measles vaccination.Only after one year old.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Katastrophe)

Katastrophe (/user/Katastrophe) ▶ mrobinson

April 16 · 01:53:38 AM (/comments/1850505/73587606#comment_73587606)

That's why we had to be up to date on all our vaccinations in order to help with our grandchildren when they were newborns.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/jello5929)

jello5929 (/user/jello5929) ▶ Katastrophe

April 15 · 11:02:55 PM (/comments/1850505/73586573#comment_73586573)

I know about the chicken pox vaccines.

What I'm saying is that even when I was a kid, I recall chicken pox parties and measles quarantine. The measles vaccine was not yet widely available and was still a live vaccine.

My episode with Measles was two weeks in the basement of my grandparents house with only my grandmother (who had measles prior) coming down to take care of me.

Which is the opposite of when I had chicken pox. My friends were sent over for play dates.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/JoanNJTN)

JoanNJTN (/user/JoanNJTN) ▶ jello5929

April 16 · 01:42:49 AM (/comments/1850505/73587570#comment_73587570)

Exposing children to chicken pox is not a good idea either, because children do die from chicken pox. We don't think of it as a killer disease but it can and does kill sometimes.

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(/user/IdleMindness)

IdleMindness (/user/IdleMindness) April 15 · 07:34:42 PM (/comments/1850505/73584494#comment_73584494)

It is vital to understand exactly what is causing the current rise in measles in the US, before jumping to vilify anti-vaxers as the sole reason.

I do not side with anti-vaxers, and the reason I do not is because I understand the science behind vaccines, how they work, why they work, and why vaccinated people actually protect those who choose not to have their children vaccinated.

But, as is typical with any news story about issues related to science of any kind, I am always leery of accepting the headline and the rather vague and grossly insufficient story below it.

Anti-vaxxers demonstrate a major deficiency in modern America, a deficiency in critical thinking, along with an amazingly arrogant want to elevate their self choose ignorance and stupidity as some logical "fight" at combating "Big Pharma" and it's want of profits.

Yes, there is a serious issue with pharma companies who value increased profits over lower cost medications. However, conflating the capitalistic issue of drug company profits with the proven science of vaccination, is but another symptom of the self chosen stupidity and lack of logic that permeates modern America, and much of the broader world for that matter.

Too many people view every issue and topic through the same lens as if everything and anything can be known and thought about in the same manner using the same metrics and same methods. Those are the people who think that they can fix anything and everything with just a set of pliers and a hammer, can that's it.

It's unfortunate for humankind that natural selection has been halted due to the efforts and work of the vastly smaller number of intelligent humans, who through their work and efforts have created the things that have allowed the survival of massive numbers of ignorant and stupid humans to survive and multiply to the numbers in existence today.

But then, maybe the existence of this multitude of stupidity is nature's way of taking back the natural order of things and removing the idiots from the population. It's a hard thing to say and accept, but if those who think they can live and thrive without science, then nature will find a way to keep human numbers lower than they are. It seems we humans may have expanded too quickly and artificially, into a false sense of universal superior evolution. It's obvious that the promotion of our grand "human intelligence" has been premature. As a group, we humans have not evolved intelligence universally. We still have massive amounts of idiots who thought that their larger brain size equaled greater intelligence. Clearly, many humans were not yet ready to leave their primal minds behind, as many are still trying to work out if fire will burn them. Smarter humans have told them not to put their hands in the fire or they will hurt themselves. But, those primals thought they were given fake news as they want to put their whole bodies into the fire to prove how wrong those "smarty pants scientists" really are.

Go for it! :)

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(/user/mainstreamliberal)

mainstreamliberal (/user/mainstreamliberal) ▶ IdleMindness

April 16 · 12:43:11 AM (/comments/1850505/73587316#comment_73587316)

It is very true. People can get a college degree and still lack critical thinking skill —**especially** in science. We are so bad about teaching decent science. Most of my public school science teachers were very inadequate. Of course, people with science skills have better-paying job opportunities than teaching, but that just means that we have to push the new STEM programs all that much harder. And make absolutely certain that the girls (i.e., future mothers) are not left out or overlooked. They, in particular, should be recruited.

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(/user/romalasa)

romalasa (/user/romalasa) ▶ mainstreamliberal

April 16 · 04:51:55 AM (/comments/1850505/73587919#comment_73587919)

Tidbit recently read somewhere, I say: Whenever women receive proper education, excessive population disappears. Critical thinking, taught to, and applied by, women, who are the ones with practical, high-density neuron brains, as opposed to men, who are only looking to be entertained, solves the overpopulation crisis. In less than a generation.

(I spent a long time looking for the URL of the study which stated it, but I think a crash in my system—whether internal (my brain) or external (my Mac) I don't know—is preventing me from getting it out.)

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ IdleMindness

April 16 · 12:59:40 AM (/comments/1850505/73587415#comment_73587415)

Those who rant about pharma's profits need to be reminded that they aren't paying for them: they're free under every medical plan in America since Obamacare.

Of course that means they're built into the rates, but the cost is lower than if the diseases ran rampant and had to be treated, so there is a net savings compared to if they were not built into the plan.

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(/user/left sorta)

left sorta (/user/left sorta) ▶ G2geek

April 16 · 01:51:34 AM (/comments/1850505/73587597#comment_73587597)

Pharma profit on vaccines isn't very large compared to other drugs.

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ left sorta

April 16 · 10:26:04 AM (/comments/1850505/73589311#comment_73589311)

Yes, I know this. BTW I regularly read Orac's column, and Skeptical Raptors' posts on DK.

Though, it's good to post it early & often, to keep reminding people.

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(/user/Mercy Ormont)

Mercy Ormont (/user/Mercy Ormont) April 15 · 07:51:57 PM (/comments/1850505/73584718#comment_73584718)

So people deliberately expose their children to measles?

This ought to qualify as prosecutable child abuse.

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(/user/chickenfarmerwood)

chickenfarmerwood (/user/chickenfarmerwood)

April 15 · 08:32:40 PM (/comments/1850505/73585154#comment_73585154)

Something I never see mentioned about German Measles. When I had mine at age 7, my mother was pregnant. She was not allowed to go near me while I was sick, and I was quarantined to my bedroom and bed. Shades were pulled, no lights allowed on and I was not allowed to read. No TV's in the bedrooms in those days either. My mother was not allowed near me because she was pregnant and pregnant women exposed to the virus could have babies with birth defects. I wonder how many babies will be born with problems because of this. So sad. My stepfather had to bring me meals, he sat them on my desk and left, didn't get close to me. I remember feeling so alone and scared. Thankfully my little brother was born with no problems.

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(/user/Christy1947)

Christy1947 (/user/Christy1947) April 15 · 08:42:07 PM (/comments/1850505/73585264#comment_73585264)

Another vaccine story. I have a kinsman who is six years old and whose family moved from one state to another far away from the first one in the middle of his first grade year. He had in his old state gotten the chicken pox shot in order to be able to go to Kindergarten there, but once he got to school in the new state, he got a case of Chicken pox, a light one not the hammer my family usually gets for that, within a six weeks of starting first grade there. The docs say that it seems some vaccines are expected to provide immunity, but the one for children for c-pox only will be

bound to saying that if they catch chicken pox again, the vaccine will make it only a mild case, just as the shingles shot I got at 65 did not guarantee immunity but only a mild case if I, as a chicken pox survivor from the fifties, got shingles from that childhood experience.

This is a bit of a separate problem with vaccines, but one which accords to my understanding of the approximate targeting of vaccines which is currently possible for a very bad infectious agent. Given what happened, it probably still makes sense to get the c-pox and shingles shots (although someone now claims to have a more decisively effective anti shingles shot, like the suddenly stronger in the 70 year old version of the pneumonia shot.

This is a problem of disclosure which needs to be addressed, although it is certainly true that my tiny kin got the dishwater chicken pox only.

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(/user/rlk)

rlk (/user/rlk) ▶ Christy1947 April 15 · 10:52:48 PM (/comments/1850505/73586493#comment_73586493)

It absolutely makes sense to keep getting vaccinations until a disease is *completely* eradicated. Right now that only means smallpox.

That vaccination actually does have real risks associated with it. It truly does give you a mild disease (vaccinia, not quite the same as cowpox), and that disease is contagious, but that gives cross-immunity against smallpox. And in a very few people it did give a more serious disease, with a very small but clearly non-zero fraction of deaths (I believe 1 in a million or thereabouts). But curiously enough, nobody really objected to it. The alternative was obviously much worse.

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(/user/Throw The Bums Out)

Throw The Bums Out (/user/Throw The Bums ... ▶ rlk

April 16 · 01:38:17 AM (/comments/1850505/73587561#comment_73587561)

Well considering the original method of smallpox “vaccination” was through smallpox parties where the scabs would be picked off, ground up, and then either inhaled or rubbed into cuts made on the skin for that purpose you can see how the smallpox vaccine became popular since even though it is dangerous by modern standards was much better than 1 death for every 100 people who were vaccinated by the older variolation method.

Fortunately there is some work being done on a safer smallpox vaccine that is not cowpox based but rather made using modern vaccine production methods which could very well come in handy if the melting permafrost ends up bringing smallpox back into the world.

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ Throw The Bums Out

“...if the melting permafrost ends up bringing smallpox back into the world.”

I’d rate that as a “when” rather than an “if.”

And 1918 pandemic flu.

So it’s good that they’re working on a better smallpox vax. We are going to need it, probably sooner than later.

One timeline into the future goes:

Democrats win next year, we make improvements in Obamacare, and then some time after that, smallpox makes its comeback. But with the new public health infrastructure, people get the new vaccine, and smallpox is stopped in its tracks, and anti-vax BS is thoroughly discredited.

Another timeline into the future goes:

Trump gets a second term, survives an impeachment attempt, and somehow manages to gut Obamacare. Smallpox makes its comeback, the public health infrastructure is a mess, the uninsured population is high, and access to the new vaccine is limited. Smallpox tears through America, ravaging the population. Anti-vax BS continues, and other diseases become endemic, taking their toll as well.

That’s also part of what’s at stake next year. GOTV as if millions of lives depend on it.

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(/user/romalasa)

romalasa (/user/romalasa) ▶ **G2geek**

April 16 · 04:58:28 AM (/comments/1850505/73587927#comment_73587927)

Erm... “GOTV as if millions of lives depend on it.”

Shouldn’t it be “GOTV as millions of lives depend on it”?

No *if* involved, right?

★ 1 Recommend

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **romalasa**

April 16 · 10:27:58 AM

(/comments/1850505/73589328#comment_73589328)

Yes, excellent point.

Consider the slogan updated, thanks to you catching that unnecessary “if.”

I’m an engineer, so I pick up stuff from scientists, including the cultural custom of phrasing everything in probabilities.

Anyway, no more “if” in that statement. Thanks!

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Christy1947**

April 16 · 02:27:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73587722#comment_73587722)

There is a known percentage of people for whom immunization doesn’t take, wholly or in part. It varies by disease from about 1% to about 3%.

This is one of the reasons we need to have a high immunization rate, up to 95% of the population for some diseases such as measles. And it’s one of the reasons we can only allow valid medical exemptions rather than any sort of personal or belief exemptions.

Everyone protects everyone else. That’s part of what makes civilization work.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/A Citizen)

A Citizen (/user/A Citizen) April 15 · 08:58:50 PM (/comments/1850505/73585466#comment_73585466)

Roald Dahl’s daughter died from measles. (Dahl was the author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory). Someone wrote a book “Melanie’s Marvelous Measles”, claiming — without irony — that measles was good. If that title looks familiar, it’s probably because Dahl wrote a children’s book entitled “George’s Marvelous Medicine.”

This anti-vaxer doesn’t just present a lie that measles is somehow good for you, but uses the title to mock a man whose daughter died from measles.

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **A Citizen**

April 16 · 03:02:00 AM (/comments/1850505/73587795#comment_73587795)

Ugh, I’d heard about Melanie’s Marvelous Measles but I hadn’t heard about the cruel irony involving R.Dahl.

What’s needed is a series, playing on the idea that horrible diseases are good things in the minds of idiots:

Cathy’s Comfortable Cholera, Sarah’s Successful Smallpox, and let’s have at least one for the boys, William’s Wonderful Whooping cough.

“Cathy produced a river of diarrhea. She never expected she could make a whole river! What an achievement!...”

“Sarah looked like a battlefield all over. She joked that it was as if the Marines had landed and stormed the beach...”

“William’s Mom said he sounded like a locomotive blowing its horn. William sure was proud...”

While we’re on the subject of children’s books, how about one titled President Steven Miller?

The scene opens with a family watching TV after dinner as Miller speaks from the Oval Office. Some of what he says are real quotes from him (marked with an asterisk and footnote). Some of what he says is what we know he’s really thinking.

Pretty soon government services are eliminated. Garbage piles up in the streets, fires rage and houses burn down, people die of crimes and terrible diseases, and from natural disasters caused by climate change.

Eventually the family’s house is in ruins so they pack their bags and trudge off to live in a cave. Then they all get sick from tainted food and die, one by one. Because after all, not every story has a happy ending.

And the moral of the story is, *“GOTV as if your life depends on it!”*

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(/user/grapeslick)

grapeslick (/user/grapeslick) April 15 · 09:22:47 PM (/comments/1850505/73585701#comment_73585701)

Man. :(That is one serious death toll- greater than 1 in every 100 who’ve contracted the virus. Anti-vaxers really need to be reading this.

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(/user/rlk)

rlk (/user/rlk) ▶ grapeslick April 15 · 10:54:01 PM (/comments/1850505/73586502#comment_73586502)

More like 1 in somewhere between 1000 and 10000 from what I’ve read. Which is still a horrible death toll, considering that it’s completely unnecessary and the prevention is so simple.

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(/user/grapeslick)

grapeslick (/user/grapeslick) ▶ rlk

April 15 · 11:09:17 PM (/comments/1850505/73586623#comment_73586623)

Ah. I was going by the 115,000 number. One in 100 does seem like an especially heavy toll.

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(/user/Flying Goat)

Flying Goat (/user/Flying Goat) ▶ grapeslick

April 16 · 12:34:54 AM (/comments/1850505/73587255#comment_73587255)

Note that local conditions can affect things a lot — access to quality health care, familial wealth, average age of those who are infected (Which is also presumably affected by the distribution of MMR vaccinations received among various age groups), etc.

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(/user/Things Come Undone)

Things Come Undone (/user/Things Come Undone)

April 15 · 10:52:03 PM (/comments/1850505/73586488#comment_73586488)

Just what do anti vaccine nuts tell their wives when their child dies? What do wives tell their parents?

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(/user/Violetto)

Violetto (/user/Violetto) April 15 · 10:56:47 PM (/comments/1850505/73586526#comment_73586526)

What kind of a moron has a “measles party?”

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **Violetto** April 16 · 03:02:32 AM (/comments/1850505/73587796#comment_73587796)

Yes.

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(/user/stlmoz)

stlmoz (/user/stlmoz) April 15 · 11:46:55 PM (/comments/1850505/73586920#comment_73586920)

My state legislature is proposing a law that protects the rights of anti-vaxxers, who certain legislators say are being bullied. It seems both fundamentalist Christianity and anti-vaxxers (who are often the same people) have three things in common: paranoia, doubt about science, and a persecution complex due to both. So, my state is choosing the most backward measure to make into law.

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(/user/G2geek)

G2geek (/user/G2geek) ▶ **stlmoz** April 16 · 03:03:34 AM (/comments/1850505/73587799#comment_73587799)

What state is that? Sounds like y'all could use an infusion of serious Democratic activists and donations to help stop that, or if it passes, throw the bums out of office and repeal it.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/mamajo2k)

mamajo2k (/user/mamajo2k) April 16 · 12:36:17 AM (/comments/1850505/73587264#comment_73587264)

I had to have boosters to all my childhood vaccinations when I started nursing school... it was required, because first we were going to be exposed to everything, and 2nd because over time some people’s immunity fades or weakens... we knew that then... that was over 40 years ago... got my kids their boosters when they hit high school... got the meningitis vaccine for them too...

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(/user/mrobinson)

mrobinson (/user/mrobinson) ▶ **mamajo2k**

April 16 · 12:53:37 AM (/comments/1850505/73587380#comment_73587380)

I had boosters to all my childhood vaccinations when my first grandchild was about to be born.

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(/user/mamajo2k)

mamajo2k (/user/mamajo2k) ▶ **mrobinson**

April 16 · 02:45:07 AM (/comments/1850505/73587765#comment_73587765)

more people should...

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(/user/entrelac)

entrelac (/user/entrelac) ▶ **mrobinson**

April 16 · 08:18:47 AM (/comments/1850505/73588401#comment_73588401)

You are rare. I would say that more soon to be grandparents fight getting their boosters or lie about getting them if reading moms groups has taught me anything. Asking is usually a guaranteed family fight starter.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/mainstreamliberal)

mainstreamliberal (/user/mainstreamliberal) April 16 · 12:38:54 AM (/comments/1850505/73587287#comment_73587287)

One of my earliest memories is taking a long drive and standing in a huge line with my parents and brother to get the polio vaccine in a sugar cube. Actually, we had to do that twice because it came in two doses. My mother later told me of perfectly healthy neighbors who had “dropped dead” of polio in a day or several. It was brutal on adults, but a life-long trial on children. I was born too early to get measles or chicken pox vaccine, but I have had all the others and recently was inoculated against shingles (I learned from my mother’s experience).

If you have any family histories to tell, tell them now to your younger generation so that (maybe) they don’t get sucked into any stupid arguments.

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(/user/JoanNJTN)

JoanNJTN (/user/JoanNJTN) ▶ **mainstreamliberal**

April 16 · 01:31:05 AM (/comments/1850505/73587540#comment_73587540)

I remember the sugar cube vaccine being given in my elementary school. My Mom, her brothers, sister and cousins who all lived in NY (Mom grew up in Brooklyn) would spend their summers at their (Mom’s family) summer home north of NYC. , which was built on the family farm. The cousins stayed with the Great Aunts who lived in the old farmhouse. One summer they did not go back home in August to get ready for school to begin in September. Why? There was a polio outbreak in the city. They stayed in the country until October that year. Early or mid 1930’s. They were lucky they could get away. I guess it was such a scary thing for them because they had an aunt who contracted polio when she was a girl. She survived, but had one hand that could hold very little and she had to use a cane all her life.

My Mother’s Father almost died from Diphtheria when he was a child.

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(/user/mrobinson)

mrobinson (/user/mrobinson) April 16 · 12:51:29 AM (/comments/1850505/73587366#comment_73587366)

No infants are protected. No shots until first birthday. So these arrogant anti-vaxxers are putting my Washington new granddaughter in danger.

★ 3 Recommend



(/user/mrobinson)

mrobinson (/user/mrobinson) April 16 · 01:07:29 AM (/comments/1850505/73587443#comment_73587443)

“No shots until first birthday.” ...for measles. They are vaccinated on a schedule.

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(/user/JoanNJTN)

JoanNJTN (/user/JoanNJTN) April 16 · 01:07:43 AM (/comments/1850505/73587446#comment_73587446)

Thank-you. So many people have forgotten that the reason vaccination’ s have been sought for generations due to measles, chicken pox, and other illnesses was they might die, or end up with a serious side effect (brain damage, etc). It still boggles the mind that people put their children at risk. i recall back in the early 1980’s some children were discovered to have chicken pox in the child care center where I taught. Some parents wanted to know who it was who broke out so they could have their child “hugged” by the sick child. I always thought that was weird. The reason they said was so they could plan when to take time off from work. They also hoped that the illness would not be as bad. Of course we never let any of the other children ‘hug’ the sick ones, thus disappointing some parents.

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(/user/Medman)

Medman (/user/Medman) April 16 · 07:39:50 AM (/comments/1850505/73588215#comment_73588215)

WHY risk their children getting a severe bronchitis, pneumonia that requires hospitalization, ulcers & scarring on their eyes (cornea), permanent brain damage due to inflammation (fatal in 15%), neurological impairment, permanent hearing loss...etc? I don’t understand these people.

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(/user/entrelac)

entrelac (/user/entrelac) ▶ **Medman**

April 16 · 08:20:44 AM (/comments/1850505/73588410#comment_73588410)

Because the oversimplified answer is that they would rather their child be dead than autistic.

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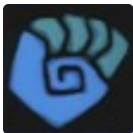


(/user/plucker)

plucker (/user/plucker) April 16 · 09:23:37 AM (/comments/1850505/73588830#comment_73588830)

Willful ignorance in the information age.

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(/user/wstockwin)

wstockwin (/user/wstockwin) April 16 · 10:08:06 AM (/comments/1850505/73589184#comment_73589184)

Why isn’t deliberately exposing a child to a disease considered child abuse?

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