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The worst outbreak of chickenpox since the vaccine against the disease became readily available over 20 years ago has hit the Asheville, North Carolina, area. How could this happen? Religious exemption + anti-vaccination malarkey = bad public health decisions. The Asheville *Citizen Times* (<https://www.citizen-times.com/story/news/local/2018/11/16/asheville-waldorf-chickenpox-outbreak-ncs-largest-decades/2024694002/>) reports that the Asheville Waldorf School has been hit with 39 cases of chickenpox, which is unsurprising when you consider that it has “one of the highest vaccination religious exemption rates in the state.” (https://www.kare11.com/article/news/nation-world/school-with-major-chickenpox-outbreak-has-high-vaccination-exemption-rate/507-615528669?utm_campaign=trueAnthem:+Trending+Content&utm_content=5bf0c0ab04d30138b9039f51&utm_medium=trueAnthem&utm_source=twitter)

During the 2017-2018 school year, the last for which data were available, Asheville Waldorf had a higher rate of religious exemptions for vaccination than all but two other schools in the state.

Of the 28 kindergartners who enrolled that year, 19 had an exemption to at least one vaccination required by the state for school entry.

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According to the *Citizen Times*, the only two schools with higher rates of exemption are private schools with 100 percent exemptions. According to the *Washington Post*, the number of children under two years of age who have not received any vaccinations has quadrupled since 2001. (https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2018/11/19/anti-vaccination-stronghold-nc-hit-with-states-worst-chickenpox-outbreak-decades/?utm_term=.d5452294c8ca) And while North Carolina requires all school-age children attending school to be immunized, it does allow for religious exemption.

The virus (<https://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox/surveillance/monitoring-varicella.html>) used to crop up in about 4 million cases annually in the United States, causing more than 10,000 hospitalizations and between 100 and 150 deaths. Children were especially susceptible, as schools seemed to incubate the blisterlike rash, which appears first on the stomach, back and face and can extend over the entire surface of the body, creating as many as 500 itchy blisters.

Five years ago a study found that, since the use of the chickenpox vaccination, the numbers of infection were 9-10 times lower than before. Some people continue to use that age-old “when I was a kid, it wasn’t a big deal” refrain, because they don’t understand science or have the less-than-narcissistic capacity to perceive that the world is filled with people outside of themselves and the people they’ve seen in front of their faces at a gathering.

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polecat (/user/polecat) November 19 · 03:42:12 PM (/comments/1814014/72060926#comment_72060926)

Reminds me, I need to get the shingles vaccine. (Had chickenpox as a kid — some mothers would have “chickenpox parties” where they’d deliberately infect their kids all at once. smh)

This has been in the local news (Asheville), and I and absolutely disgusted at the Jenny McCarthy — *dumber than a stump* — approach to medicine.

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PJEvans (/user/PJEvans) ► **polecat**

November 19 · 04:12:19 PM (/comments/1814014/72061287#comment_72061287)

I got the shingles shot three years ago. while I had ACA coverage, and after getting shingles for the second time.

I wonder how many of the parents refusing to get their kids vaccinated had chickenpox, and how many have met anyone who’s had shingles?

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You should get the new shingles shot - shingrix - if you got the zostavax shot which I think was all that was available 3years ago. shingrix is more effective and is made with killed virus. Zostavax was made with live virus and some patients got shingles even after being vaccinated, so they are not giving zostavax anymore.

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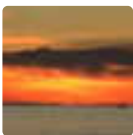
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Yes! Shingrix is 2 shots 2-6 months apart and works MUCH better than the Zostavax. The shot makes your arm pretty sore, but then all of them do.

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I got the shigrix shots , it wasn’t a bad pain , far better that what shingles is said to feel like . Better a little now than a lot latter , imho .

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Shingrex knocked me out: sore arm, red injection spot, fever, malaise. However, far better than getting shingles! My second shot was a worse reaction than the first, FWIW.

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How long did it knock you out for ? How much worse was the 2nd reaction? Do you have underlying conditions? I have chronic fatigue syndrome and have been very concerned about getting this vaccine. If I get any more ‘knocked out,’ I cannot function — literally will be in bed.

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I had a very sore arm both times (not worse for me with the second one), but that’s it.

My husband was barely bothered by it.

I don’t know anyone who actually got sick.

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November 20 · 08:49:59 AM

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I have an exacerbation of my fatigue to most everything. A cold puts me in bed & it takes 2-3 weeks to recover my energy. Mild case of flu last year took 6 weeks. Even when I got allergy tested I was down for several weeks.

I do not get a reaction to flu shot though. I know I need to get the shingrex, but dread the short term effect on me. Prefer to get it at my PCP but Medicare will only pay at a pharmacy, which are in public places, grocery stores, & are not a medical clinic, in my nursing opinion.

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November 20 · 07:02:19 AM

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I don't have chronic fatigue, and vaccines generally only give me a sore arm. The sore arm with shingrex lasted for a few days and the malaise/fever just the evening/next morning after the shot. Achy body, mild chills, just felt blech. Fine by midday the following day. With the first, the arm was less sore and I didn't get the red injection site. The fever/malaise was the same, pretty much. Low grade. Nothing big. I guess a good immune response is desirable? Good luck!

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Thanks! I know I should get it but dread the down time. Even a cold puts me in bed & takes weeks for me to recover energy.

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:-)

I imagine you have had a conversation about this with your health care provider(s). Considering that shingles attacks from within (as opposed to being contagious) there really is no substitute for getting the vaccine to protect you. I got my jabs in the summer, when I had time for "down time," and gave myself 6 weeks between the shots.

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in bed, unable to feed myself.

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for me, sorer than any other shot (I've had both of the required shingrix shots).

And worth it!

I've never had shingles but know plenty of people who have had it and I really really don't want to get it.

Some people never fully recover from shingles.

★ 2 Recommend

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(/user/Jensa)

Jensa (/user/Jensa) ▶ **nicegirl999**

November 20 · 01:13:57 PM (/comments/1814014/72069763#comment_72069763)

Thanks for that info! I'm coming up on vaccine age!

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Toro Blanco)

Toro Blanco (/user/Toro Blanco) ▶ **PJEvans**

November 19 · 04:58:10 PM (/comments/1814014/72061845#comment_72061845)

My brother got shingles within WEEKS of getting over chicken pox.

When they finally introduced the vaccine my mother wished they'd had it years earlier for him. He still has the scars from it. These parents have no idea how idiotic they're behaving.

★ 41 Recommend

[new]



(/user/TRsCousin)

TRsCousin (/user/TRsCousin) ▶ Toro Blanco

November 19 · 06:27:01 PM (/comments/1814014/72062769#comment_72062769)

When my kids were little there was no chicken-pox vaccine available. Both my children got it.

Interestingly, Japanese pediatricians (we were living in Tokyo at the time) treated it quite differently from what I heard US physicians were doing.

Japanese physicians were so concerned about varicella blisters breaking, leaking infectious fluid and infecting other parts of the body, particularly the eyes, that they recommended what was called a “dry” treatment.

As soon as varicella symptoms appeared on my kids, I was advised to cease bathing them and washing their faces. They could wash their hands. I had to make sure they didn’t scratch themselves. They were prescribed benadryl liquid (US doctors apparently recommended baths) to control the itching, and were quarantined at home. Any sign of infection and the child had to start taking antibiotics.

Obviously this takes a great deal of time, effort, and supervision, but I followed instructions. My kids were full of blisters, but fortunately nobody got an infected eye (which can cause blindness) and no one ended up with scars, as my sister did when we were kids.

One of my children’s classmates became deaf when her case of varicella was followed by meningitis. Anyone who thinks it’s “just a kid’s disease” isn’t paying much attention.

★ 41 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia test... ▶ Toro Blanco

November 20 · 01:07:42 AM (/comments/1814014/72066050#comment_72066050)

Idiots are too idiotic to understand what idiots they are.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Catte Nappe)

Catte Nappe (/user/Catte Nappe) ▶ PJEvans

November 19 · 06:17:15 PM (/comments/1814014/72062677#comment_72062677)

There’s a new shot out that is far more effective than the prior one. I’ve known two people who have had shingles. My mother died from it. It didn't just cause a rash, or the blindness it causes some when it goes to the eyes. In her case it manifested with viral encephalitis. My husband recently recovered from a very, very mild case. Mild because he got the vaccine you did a few years ago. We’ve both since gotten the new one as well.

★ 23 Recommend

[new]



(/user/TrueBlueMajority)

TrueBlueMajority (/user/TrueBlueMajori... ▶ Catte Nappe

November 19 · 11:11:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72065475#comment_72065475)

I’m so sorry to hear your mom died from it, Catte Nappe.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Catte Nappe)

Catte Nappe (/user/Catte Nappe) ▶ TrueBlueMajority

November 20 · 12:05:08 PM

(/comments/1814014/72069003#comment_72069003)

It was a shock. Made believers out of us on the shingles vax when it first came out, though.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Paul NP)

Paul NP (/user/Paul NP) ▶ polecat

November 19 · 04:26:35 PM (/comments/1814014/72061501#comment_72061501)

I got shingles when I was around 33, but still can’t get the vaccine until I’m 50. Thankfully, getting shingles younger is rarer (and less severe) but I’ll be there waiting when I turn 50....

★ 32 Recommend

[new]



(/user/kaja)

kaja (/user/kaja) ▶ Paul NP

November 19 · 06:21:35 PM (/comments/1814014/72062722#comment_72062722)

I had the first vaccine when I was 60. I was going to get the new vaccine but my husband ended up getting shingles and I was told to wait a few months after he was healed. He was miserable and just missed getting it in his eyes. He had the first vaccine that was only 30% effective. The new one is 90 — 95% effective.

The doctor said they are giving the shot to younger people now. People are getting the virus, younger and younger.

★ 12 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Bouli79)

Bouli79 (/user/Bouli79) ▶ **kaja**

November 19 · 09:13:19 PM (/comments/1814014/72064551#comment_72064551)

There’s a fascinating theory that says as more and more children are being vaccinated for chickenpox, older people are becoming more and more susceptible to shingles. The reason is that being around children with chickenpox acts as a sort of natural booster to adults who have had chickenpox themselves and so still carry the virus, being held in check by their immune systems. When your immune system comes into contact with a low dose of fresh virus, it acts just like a vaccine does, boosting its strength to keep your own stash of chickenpox virus hidden away. That’s all the shingles vaccine is — a dose of the same chickenpox virus you already carry, to kickstart your body’s own immune system. So the more kids with active chickenpox running around, the more opportunities for your immune system to practice fighting off the virus. If it doesn’t get the chance, as your immune system weakens with age, the chickenpox virus re-emerges...bam! shingles.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/eric14850)

eric14850 (/user/eric14850) ▶ **Bouli79**

November 19 · 11:24:01 PM

(/comments/1814014/72065548#comment_72065548)

Nice theory, easily checked. When I was growing up there were lots of children with chicken pox, but I never heard of shingles, though I was around elderly people quite a bit. My not hearing about it, or not remembering, doesn’t mean anything. But there would be Dr records and public health records from the fiftys and sixties and this theory is easily proven or disproven.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Oregon Expat)

Oregon Expat (/user/Oregon Expat) ▶ **Paul NP**

November 19 · 06:33:54 PM (/comments/1814014/72062836#comment_72062836)

I just turned 49. I came down w/ shingles almost 3 years ago (probably due to the fact I was taking a medicine containing a steroid, something I read is a risk factor). it was miserable. I need to get a shingles vaccine so this does not happen again!

★ 10 Recommend



[new]



(/user/OldGrammy)

OldGrammy (/user/OldGrammy) ▶ **Paul NP**

November 19 · 11:53:24 PM (/comments/1814014/72065750#comment_72065750)

This summer my grandson who is eleven got shingles. The pediatrician said that some children who received the chicken pox vaccination have gotten shingles, including her son. My grandson was put on antiviral medicine and he recovered quickly. But I have concerns, until he is old enough to have the shingle vaccine will he go thru episodes of shingles?

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Ronin83)

Ronin83 (/user/Ronin83) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 04:47:11 PM (/comments/1814014/72061716#comment_72061716)

(Had chickenpox as a kid — some mothers would have “chickenpox parties” where they’d deliberately infect their kids all at once. smh)

To be fair, this was a reasonable thing to do before the vaccine was developed, since chickenpox tends to be worse the older you are when you get it.

★ 34 Recommend



[new]



(/user/polecat)

polecat (/user/polecat) ▶ **Ronin83**

November 19 · 04:51:04 PM (/comments/1814014/72061762#comment_72061762)

I understand that. I’ve also HAD the shingles as an adult and been contagious.

That was a few years ago and I was trying to get a product out the door. Could do without a repeat.

I’ll get the shot. (Actually it is 2 shots.)

★ 8 Recommend



[new]



(/user/paz3)

paz3 (/user/paz3) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 05:09:23 PM (/comments/1814014/72061957#comment_72061957)

It was one shot when I was immunized about a year ago.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Senor Unoball)

Senor Unoball (/user/Senor Unoball) ▶ paz3

November 19 · 05:23:28 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062089#comment_72062089)

The new Shingrix vaccine is two shots. The second is given 2-6 months after the first.

There was a severe shortage of the vaccine last summer, but that problem may have been straightened out by now. I got my first shot easily enough, but when I went to get the second, nobody had it. Not my doctor’s office, my usual pharmacy, not any other pharmacy. I finally got on a wait list at my doctor’s office and they found my second shot because I’m in a higher-risk category as well has having had the first shot and needing the second one.

If you got the earlier vaccine and not Shingrix, you can, and should, still get the Shingrix as soon as you can.

★ 13 Recommend

[new]



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/All... ▶ **Senor Unoball**

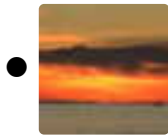
November 19 · 05:35:58 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062217#comment_72062217)

I’ve been on a waiting list for about a month and a half at my pharmacy. They are still waiting to be restocked w/ shingles vaccine. Glad I’m not in the High Risk category. I can wait. Others aren’t as fortunate.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/indycam)

indycam (/user/indycam) ▶ **Senor Unoball**

November 19 · 05:46:49 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062350#comment_72062350)

I got the first shot and then had to hunt around for the second one . I found someone with it on the shelf , went there and was happy to get the second one right in the same spot on my arm as the first .

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/TRsCousin)

TRsCousin (/user/TRsCousin) ▶ Senior Unoball

November 19 · 06:28:19 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062781#comment_72062781)

The shortage asن't straightened out yet, at least in my area. I've been hounding my pharmacist since last spring.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/ericy)

ericy (/user/ericy) ▶ Senior Unoball

November 19 · 08:03:58 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063859#comment_72063859)

I got the first one from my doctor's office. I was set to go in for the 2nd, and they called me and told me that they were out. Fortunately a local pharmacy had it in stock.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/paz3)

paz3 (/user/paz3) ▶ Senior Unoball

November 19 · 08:20:07 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064028#comment_72064028)

I'll definitely look into that. I may get notified by my medical provider.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Senior Unoball

November 20 · 01:53:23 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066198#comment_72066198)

still a shortage. I was on a waiting list for the 2nd shot — just got it a couple of weeks ago.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Ebionim)

Ebionim (/user/Ebionim) ▶ Ronin83

November 19 · 04:56:59 PM (/comments/1814014/72061830#comment_72061830)

The same thing was done with mumps when I was growing up. As it was explained to me, much better than getting it after puberty....

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/CailleachNiAlba)

CailleachNiAlba (/user/CailleachNiAlba) ▶ Ebionim

November 19 · 10:08:04 PM (/comments/1814014/72065011#comment_72065011)

My husband got mumps as an adult, and it definitely was NOT something any man would enjoy!

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia testudines) ▶ Ronin83

November 20 · 01:08:38 AM (/comments/1814014/72066054#comment_72066054)

Chicken pox has always KILLED children.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/lucky lizard)

lucky lizard (/user/lucky lizard) ▶ polecat

November 19 · 05:54:44 PM (/comments/1814014/72062440#comment_72062440)

Good luck with that. I hope your area *has* the vaccine. There is a great shortage of it right now. (I'm presuming that's the new one.) There is no prediction about when they will get it. I just have to keep asking when I pick up my prescription.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/AllAmericanChica) ▶ lucky lizard

November 19 · 06:13:08 PM (/comments/1814014/72062637#comment_72062637)

Give them your phone number and insist on being put on a Waiting List. I'm on one. In fact, my pharmacy has orders to call, leave a voice message AND text. I don't want to be the person who goes in later only to be told, "Oh we had some, but it's all gone again. Come back in a month or two."

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/lucky lizard)

lucky lizard (/user/lucky lizard) ▶ **AllAmericanChica**

November 19 · 06:26:36 PM (/comments/1814014/72062767#comment_72062767)

I'll try it. A friend did and they told her they wouldn't call. First come, first served. 😞

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **lucky lizard**

November 20 · 01:54:54 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066203#comment_72066203)

wow. In our case, it was our pharmacist who made the decision to put people on the waiting list and call.

I appreciate him even more now!

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/lesa5363)

lesa5363 (/user/lesa5363) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 06:13:44 PM (/comments/1814014/72062646#comment_72062646)

My mom exposed us when we were small. I didn't get it until I was 17. I was so sick I couldn't go to school for six weeks. I broke out twice, and got pneumonia. I didn't know I had been exposed, and went to see David Bowie with my aunt, who was 25. She was hospitalized. Her children, my cousins were 28 months and 10 months. Between the two of them, they had 12 lesions. They didn't have the immunizations when I was young. I have already had shingles once, at 40, and that was awful. My insurance won't pay for the shots until I am 60, and you can get shingles more than once. Jenny McCarthy also claims now that her child "grew out of" autism. She should never be considered an expert in anything. She just wrote that book because her acting gigs dried up and she had to do something to make some quick cash, and she knew plenty of people would buy into her idiocy.

★ 15 Recommend



[new]



(/user/frenchexile)

frenchexile (/user/frenchexile) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 07:54:25 PM (/comments/1814014/72063759#comment_72063759)

Seriously, why does any one take advice from a porn actress on anything but sex?

★ 1 Recommend



November 19 · 11:11:21 PM (/comments/1814014/72065472#comment_72065472)

★ 0 Recommend



November 19 · 08:10:30 PM (/comments/1814014/72063924#comment_72063924)

★ 5 Recommend

November 19 · 08:18:44 PM (/comments/1814014/72064017#comment_72064017)

★ 6 Recommend



November 19 · 08:23:03 PM (/comments/1814014/72064056#comment_72064056)

★ 7 Recommend



November 19 · 08:59:26 PM (/comments/1814014/72064410#comment_72064410)

I have a neighbor who got shingles and it never went away. He has had shingles for 5 or 6 years now around his waist from the center and to his mid back. He says it is a painful today as it was 6 weeks in. His doctor has tried to kill some of the damaged nerve ending with electric pulse but it didn't work.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Milkmaid)

Milkmaid (/user/Milkmaid) ▶ **hulihuligirl**

November 19 · 10:24:26 PM (/comments/1814014/72065114#comment_72065114)

Oh my God, that's so sad.

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/CalvinTheBold)

CalvinTheBold (/user/CalvinTheBold) November 19 · 03:44:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72060953#comment_72060953)

Those anti-vaxxers are nuts.

★ 59 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Idontknowwhy)

Idontknowwhy (/user/Idontknowwhy) ▶ **CalvinTheBold**

November 19 · 05:20:01 PM (/comments/1814014/72062054#comment_72062054)

One could say their willful ignorance has brought a pox upon their houses.

★ 23 Recommend

[new]



(/user/kb0hae)

kb0hae (/user/kb0hae) ▶ **CalvinTheBold**

November 19 · 05:21:38 PM (/comments/1814014/72062066#comment_72062066)

Exactly! There should be no exceptions, ALL kids should get vaccinated! Unless there is a valid medical reason for them not to be. Far too many parents here send their kids to school with a cold or the flu, and soon the whole school has it, and of course the kids pass it to their parents...

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/TRsCousin)

TRsCousin (/user/TRsCousin) ▶ kb0hae

November 19 · 06:31:51 PM (/comments/1814014/72062809#comment_72062809)

There are also a fair number of children in schools who have fragile or compromised immune systems. HYPAA laws forbid schools’ telling parents of other students. Anti-vaxxers never seem to consider that fact.

★ 12 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Finnegan05)

Finnegan05 (/user/Finnegan05) ▶ TRsCousin

November 19 · 08:33:41 PM (/comments/1814014/72064151#comment_72064151)

They do not care

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/AllAmericanChica) ▶ CalvinTheBold

November 19 · 05:37:21 PM (/comments/1814014/72062229#comment_72062229)

Yes and unfortunately their off kiltzer wacky beliefs negatively impact all of us.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ CalvinTheBold

November 20 · 01:56:34 AM (/comments/1814014/72066208#comment_72066208)

they’re worse than nuts because they cause terrible damage to others.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/HoundDog)

HoundDog (/user/HoundDog) November 19 · 03:50:17 PM (/comments/1814014/72061022#comment_72061022)

As polecat notes many of these child hood virus infections lurk in remote parts of the body, constantly fought back by strong immune systems response. Only to resurge during moments of weakened immune systems.

Some pathologists seem to think that this lurking may not be entirely dormant, but rather involve an ongoing war within the body that maybe the underlying cause of many unexplained auto-immune system diseases.

★ 29 Recommend

[new]



(/user/PJEvans)

PJEvans (/user/PJEvans) ▶ **HoundDog**

November 19 · 04:12:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72061295#comment_72061295)

Stress can be enough.

★ 20 Recommend



[new]



(/user/originalcinner)

originalcinner (/user/originalcinner) ▶ **PJEvans**

November 19 · 05:23:07 PM (/comments/1814014/72062085#comment_72062085)

That’s why I got the shingles shot. I was just a smidge over 50, so my insurance covered it, and I was about to move house to another state. I was pretty sure that was the sort of stress that would bring on shingles (I had chickenpox as a kid, being British, where we didn’t vaccinate against it). I think it worked, I didn’t get shingles :)

★ 6 Recommend



[new]



(/user/elginblt)

elginblt (/user/elginblt) ▶ **HoundDog**

November 19 · 05:27:46 PM (/comments/1814014/72062127#comment_72062127)

I've had chicken pox, shingles and now have Rheumatoid arthritis. Believable to me. It would be interesting to see if there's a droo in auto-immune disorders to correlate with the drop in infections.

★ 10 Recommend



(/user/bear83)

bear83 (/user/bear83) November 19 · 03:51:14 PM (/comments/1814014/72061032#comment_72061032)

Stupid people do stupid things. Even worse, this B.S. puts members of the community who cannot be vaccinated for legitimate health reasons at risk.

Selfish, me-first idiots.

★ 49 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Ebionim)



Ebionim (/user/Ebionim) ▶ bear83

November 19 · 04:59:19 PM (/comments/1814014/72061854#comment_72061854)

Nah. They just want their Darwin Awards & chose a grossly inefficient way of getting one.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Lucy Montrose)

Lucy Montrose (/user/Lucy Montrose) ▶ Ebionim

November 19 · 06:46:36 PM (/comments/1814014/72062957#comment_72062957)

Hey! An award is an award, amirite?!

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/jayden)

jayden (/user/jayden) November 19 · 03:57:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061131#comment_72061131)

Sounds like Jesus is slacking off on his job of protecting the little children.

The parents who immunized their children should sue those who did not and whose children got sick. It's time the US get back to the days of "leave your religion at the door" when it comes to public spaces. Our right to be free from their religion outweighs their right to force it on the rest of us; especially children.

★ 24 Recommend

[new]



(/user/RoIn)

RoIn (/user/RoIn) ▶ jayden November 19 · 04:43:58 PM (/comments/1814014/72061680#comment_72061680)

As noted elsewhere in the thread this is not a religious school but one that appeals to secular progressives who claim a religious exemption for convenience.

★ 19 Recommend

[new]



(/user/jayden)


jayden (/user/jayden) ▶ RoIn

November 19 · 04:44:39 PM (/comments/1814014/72061689#comment_72061689)

Sue them anyway.

★ 9 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Ebionim)


Ebionim (/user/Ebionim) ▶ Roln

November 19 · 05:01:54 PM (/comments/1814014/72061882#comment_72061882)

Sad to think there are progressives that stupid, but I guess they're right up there with the ones who are still proud to proclaim they don't vote for whatever incoherent reason.

★ 18 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)


chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia test... ▶ Ebionim

November 20 · 01:11:40 AM (/comments/1814014/72066070#comment_72066070)

My 10 year old niece has leukemia and these antivaxxers could kill her with their idiocy.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Ebionim


November 20 · 02:02:14 AM (/comments/1814014/72066221#comment_72066221)

I have someone like this in our family. Has a master's degree (not in a scientific field) so it's not lack of education but simply faulty thinking. This person wouldn't let anyone in their family get flu vaccines because someone they knew got Bell's Palsy and they were convinced it was because of the flu shot (it's not (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5414992/)).

Now, 2 decades later, this person is getting flu shots every year because they've been told they won't be let near their grandchildren if they don't. Luckily this person's children understand science.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/avatarabbiehoffman)


avatarabbiehoffman (/user/avatarabbiehoffm... ▶ Roln

November 19 · 06:05:24 PM (/comments/1814014/72062558#comment_72062558)

Doesn't sound so convenient now...

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/paz3)

paz3 (/user/paz3) ▶ jayden

November 19 · 05:13:24 PM (/comments/1814014/72061997#comment_72061997)

Sounds like some followers of Jesus are slacking off in their defined responsibility to be the hands, feet and minds of Jesus post-Resurrection. Which includes protecting children.

Love<.....>selfishness

★ 4 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Liberal for Life)

Liberal for Life (/user/Liberal for Life) ▶ jayden

November 19 · 05:19:21 PM (/comments/1814014/72062050#comment_72062050)

How is not immunizing your own child forcing another child to practice your religion? I'm not sure you understand the concept of freedom of religion. Or religion.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]

(/user/freelancewoman)

freelancewoman (/user/freelancewoman) ▶ Liberal for Life

November 19 · 06:07:59 PM (/comments/1814014/72062591#comment_72062591)

It's simple: Your religious beliefs are forcing the too young to be vaccinated, and those with compromised immune systems to face the risk of becoming ill, perhaps mortally so, from YOUR religious belief.

The freedom to practice your religion should stop at the borderline of harming others who don't share those beliefs.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]

(/user/frenchexile)

frenchexile (/user/frenchexile) ▶ Liberal for Life

November 19 · 07:56:47 PM (/comments/1814014/72063778#comment_72063778)

No but we do understand nonsense.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Liberal for Life)

Liberal for Life (/user/Liberal for Life) ▶ frenchexile

November 19 · 08:16:09 PM (/comments/1814014/72063979#comment_72063979)

Actually, what YOU don't understand is what you consider nonsense. The limitation is within you.



[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia testudines) ▶ Liberal for Life

November 20 · 01:12:59 AM (/comments/1814014/72066077#comment_72066077)

If your religion says it is OK yo kill my niece with leukemia because you are afraid of vaccines — then your religion is a pile of bullshit and you are forcing your bullshit on my vulnerable niece.

★ 7 Recommend



(/user/GatorgirlInc)

GatorgirlInc (/user/GatorgirlInc) November 19 · 04:04:55 PM (/comments/1814014/72061199#comment_72061199)

Yep . . . this is actually in the county just above mine (I’m in Rutherford County), and i read about it in this weekend’s Asheville Citizen-Times . . . idiots!

★ 14 Recommend



(/user/radicalink)

radicalink (/user/radicalink) November 19 · 04:06:18 PM (/comments/1814014/72061212#comment_72061212)

Back when I was young, parents would try to get you to get chickenpox. Heh! But then we weren't a bunch of snowflakes and only had corncobs for dolls, and cod liver oil for dessert.

“A **pox party** (also **measles party**, **flu party** etc.) is a social activity where children are deliberately exposed to an infectious disease (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infectious_disease). Such parties were done before vaccines were available on the premise of providing children with immunity against diseases such as chickenpox, which is more dangerous to adults than children^[1] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-1)[2] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-2) and measles, which is more dangerous to adults than it is to children over 5 years old.^[3] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-3) Nowadays pox parties are typically organized by anti-vaccinationists (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-vaccinationists>) who mistakenly think that vaccination is more dangerous than contracting the disease.^[4] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-4)[5] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-5) Deliberately exposing people to diseases is discouraged by public health (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_health) officials in favor of vaccination (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaccination>).^[6] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-6) There exist variations of pox parties that involve shipping infectious material. In many parts of the world shipping infectious items is illegal^[7] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-ReutersNov2011-7) or tightly regulated.^[8] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-8)[9] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-9)”

★ 15 Recommend



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(/user/GatorgirlInc)

GatorgirlInc (/user/GatorgirlInc) ▶ **radicalink**

November 19 · 04:08:08 PM (/comments/1814014/72061234#comment_72061234)

Good grief!! “Pox parties”?? Never heard of such a thing before . . . ;)

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/PJEvans)

PJEvans (/user/PJEvans) ▶ **GatorgirlInc**

November 19 · 04:13:59 PM (/comments/1814014/72061309#comment_72061309)

I have. They’re a really weird idea — these are contagious diseases, and measles, in particular, spreads really easily. It’s actually harder to prevent outbreaks, at least among the unvaccinated.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Unicornsparklefarts)

Unicornsparklefarts (/user/Unicornspark...) ▶ **PJEvans**

November 19 · 04:47:51 PM (/comments/1814014/72061721#comment_72061721)

When I was young, children were sent to "play" with households infected with mumps, measles (German and Allied), and chicken pox. There was no medical immunization available then, and people recognised the severity of childhood diseases when contracted as adults. People infected after puberty got very, very sick, and were at far greater risk of death than children. The pox parties were the way we had then to establish immunity in children to protect them from grave peril in the future.

★ 25 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Pogoatty)

Pogoatty (/user/Pogoatty) ▶ **Unicornsparklefarts**

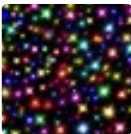
November 19 · 05:04:37 PM

(/comments/1814014/72061908#comment_72061908)

German and Allied measles?! Was there a particular war with measles?

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Unicornsparklefarts)

Unicornsparklefarts (/user/... ▶ Pogoatty

November 19 · 06:04:22 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062541#comment_72062541)

It was right after WWII, and the running joke referred to rubella and rubeola as German and Allied measles; the joke satirized confusion in understanding of the two terms which caused heated public debate at the time.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Pogoatty)

Pogoatty (/user/Pogo... ▶ Unicornsparklefarts

November 19 · 06:52:18 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063019#comment_72063019)

Ahhh, the Allied measles were the longer lasting measles (they were called the hard measles when I was a kid) and German measles only lasted three or four days. I got them both, German measles I got at least once a year. Along with chicken pox, mumps, Scarlet fever, etc....

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Pogoatty

November 20 · 02:08:41 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066237#comment_72066237)

I don't know about German measles lasting less long, but German Measles (Rubella) is dangerous to fetuses.

As is toxoplasmosis. (I had never had toxoplasmosis so stayed far far away from cats during my last pregnancy).

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/dotdash2u)

dotdash2u (/user/dotdash2u) ▶ Unicornsparklefarts

November 19 · 05:41:49 PM

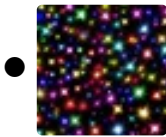
(/comments/1814014/72062296#comment_72062296)

I remember being intentionally exposed to childhood diseases as a child — which I got and still have the immune titers to prove it ;-)

Polio was the “biggy” which kept us isolated from crowded places in the summer. No vaccine yet. The minute that was available people were lining up.

★ 16 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Unicornsparklefarts)

Unicornsparklefarts (/user/... ▶ dotdash2u

November 19 · 06:03:56 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062536#comment_72062536)

Yes. That was a terrifying time. Those pictures of little children in enormous, hideous iron lungs are still haunting. I know they were all we had to keep the strickened alive, but sight of them was frightful.

★ 12 Recommend

[new]



(/user/gardnerhill)

gardnerhill (/user/gardnerhill) ▶ dotdash2u

November 19 · 06:46:58 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062962#comment_72062962)

My mom was a nurse in the days before Salk — she remembers the wards full of iron lungs.

And that was an improvement from when people with polio simply suffocated to death since their diaphragms no longer worked.

★ 10 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Roln)

Roln (/user/Roln) ▶ gardnerhill

November 19 · 07:01:05 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063120#comment_72063120)

My mom was a nurse in the days before Salk — she remembers the wards full of iron lungs.

The next time an anti-vaxxer tells you that vaccines are just a conspiracy to make profits for big pharma just laugh and point out that big pharma can make MUCH more profit by selling them an iron lung than they can be selling them a polio vaccine.

★ 14 Recommend

[new]



(/user/gardnerhill)

gardnerhill (/user/gar... ▶ RoIn

November 19 · 07:19:07 PM

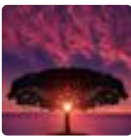
(/comments/1814014/72063355#comment_72063355)

The way I counteract anti-choicers who smugly tell me that of course doctors are in favor of legal abortion because they make *millions* on abortion (funny, GOPigs normally love obscene profits don't they?) by pointing out that doctors make MUCH more money if women keep that pregnancy, give birth, and raise a child for 18 years.

Big Pharma makes its real profits on stuff like heart meds — public-service vaccines like the flu shot are their loss-leaders.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skohayes) ▶ dotdash2u

November 19 · 07:21:51 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063392#comment_72063392)

I remember going to the elementary school on a Saturday and they were giving out the sugar cubes with the vaccine in them.

★ 9 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ skohayes

November 20 · 02:10:13 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066244#comment_72066244)

And I remember lining up in school for shots. There was no question about getting them — I don't think a single kid in my class didn't

get them.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Belle Ame)

Belle Ame (/user/Belle Ame) ▶ **dotdash2u**

November 19 · 08:42:23 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064233#comment_72064233)

I have an older friend who had polio as a child and it altered her life for many months. She recovered and seemed to live a normal life through work, marriage, and raising children. Then she slipped on icy steps in her 50s and injured her knee. As it failed to heal and improve they realized she had post-polio syndrome. Basically the lasting damage done by polio can be masked as a teen and young adult but can resurface as you approach your senior years. Her ability to walk well continue to weaken, causing more falls that caused more injuries until she has to use a scooter even in her home.

This is to point out that experiencing any disease is an attack on the body. You may think your child has recovered fully but you don't really know what is hidden only to resurface decades later. It is irresponsible to not make choices that have the least chance of complications.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/dotdash2u)

dotdash2u (/user/dot... ▶ **Belle Ame**

November 19 · 11:39:15 PM

(/comments/1814014/72065662#comment_72065662)

Interesting. This is the first I'm hearing about post-polio syndrome.

Your point is well taken about hidden sequelae.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **Belle Ame**

November 20 · 02:10:59 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066247#comment_72066247)

post-polio syndrome is truly awful. I'm so sorry about your friend.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/thejeff)

thejeff (/user/thejeff) ▶ **PJEvans**

November 19 · 04:49:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061745#comment_72061745)

It was a good idea, back before there were vaccines. As stated, these diseases were worse when you got them as adults, so build up the immunity as children. It's essentially the same idea as vaccines, just less pleasant.

It's insane now.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/cheloni... ▶ **thejeff**

November 20 · 01:14:04 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066081#comment_72066081)

It was NEVER a good idea. It was always a stupid idea. Parents who love their children don;t purposely expose them to what can be a deadly illness.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **chelonia testudines**

November 20 · 02:17:28 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066256#comment_72066256)

the point was that before vaccines were available, **virtually all** kids would eventually get measles, mumps, and chickenpox. So some parents decided to choose when that they would get them because it was actually safer to do that.

So, in many cases, it may have meant that 1) the kids got the disease when they were young and healthy so they did better than if they were older or if they were already sick when they contracted the illness; and 2) for women, if you didn't have chickenpox or German Measles as a child, your lack of immunity would endanger the fetus when you got pregnant, if you were exposed to those illnesses.

That said, my mother never did those parties and I never heard of them. OTOH, there were 4 kids in my family so we went through every illness without any planning on her part.

Now that we have vaccines, none of this seems reasonable. But at the time, it was a reasonable choice to make.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/... ▶ Tamar

November 20 · 12:16:06 PM

(/comments/1814014/72069119#comment_72069119)

Quarantine was a more reasonable choice. Every child given chickenpox now carries the potential for shingles. And let’s never forget what happened to Helen Keller.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Toro Blanco)

Toro Blanco (/user/Toro Blanco) ▶ PJEvans

November 19 · 05:00:40 PM (/comments/1814014/72061873#comment_72061873)

They made sense when there was NO vaccine, and the consequences were much more serious if you caught it as an adult...

It was basically preventative medicine in that regard: given that it was much safer to catch those diseases as a kid, it made sense to ensure that (in the absence of a true cure) you ensured your kid caught it young rather than risk infection and much more serious effects as an adult.

★ 17 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Clio2)

Clio2 (/user/Clio2) ▶ Toro Blanco

November 19 · 05:05:17 PM

(/comments/1814014/72061913#comment_72061913)

But there was still a risk of complications, even in kids.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Toro Blanco)

Toro Blanco (/user/Toro Bla... ▶ **Clio2**

November 19 · 05:12:26 PM

(/comments/1814014/72061988#comment_72061988)

Of course, I'm not saying it's a good idea, only that I can understand the mindset: as a parent, you were weighing the options and choosing the one that seemed least risky.

It's the same mindset that argues in favor of vaccines now: there's a (very, very tiny) risk of complications when you get a vaccine, but the risks of not getting it are so much worse, so as a parent you roll those dice and get the vaccine.

Of course, a vaccination is a MUCH safer bet than a pox party.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skohayes) ▶ **Clio2**

November 19 · 07:23:48 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063412#comment_72063412)

True, my brother got measles and ended up in the hospital with pneumonia, and almost died.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **Clio2**

November 20 · 02:18:49 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066261#comment_72066261)

but if 90% or more kids were going to get the illness no matter what you did, and if your daughter's pregnancy would be at risk without that immunity, then making sure your kid got the disease made sense.

At that time.

(not anymore).

★ 1 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Tenn Wisc Dem)

Tenn Wisc Dem (/user/Tenn Wisc ...

Toro Blanco

November 19 · 06:02:08 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062519#comment_72062519)

In addition, if a woman got German measles (now called rubella) during the first three months of pregnancy, the fetus was at risk of serious defects. A cousin of mine had a daughter born with serious heart defects, which caused many surgeries. When I got rubella at 16, I was very relieved.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]

(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skohayes)

Tenn Wisc Dem

November 19 · 07:27:17 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063453#comment_72063453)

My stepmom got German measles when she was pregnant and she miscarried. She was never able to get pregnant again.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Black Knight)

Black Knight (/user/Black K...

Tenn Wisc Dem

November 19 · 08:57:09 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064384#comment_72064384)

It's actually the motive behind a murder in an Agatha Christie novel!

★ 1 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar)

Black Knight

November 20 · 02:19:28 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066264#comment_72066264)

I must never have read that one (or I simply don't remember!).

★ 0 Recommend

[new]

(/user/RepublicanKos)

RepublicanKos (/user/RepublicanKos) ▶ GatorgirlInc

November 19 · 04:23:29 PM (/comments/1814014/72061457#comment_72061457)

Pox parties, diving boards and of course no bike helmets.

★ 12 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Clio2)

Clio2 (/user/Clio2) ▶ RepublicanKos

November 19 · 05:06:32 PM (/comments/1814014/72061927#comment_72061927)

DDT.

Cast-lead soldiers.

Playing with mercury out of broken thermometers.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/dotdash2u)

dotdash2u (/user/dotdash2u) ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 05:48:11 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062365#comment_72062365)

As well, unleaded gas was very controversial when it first came out. Everyone thought it would give you “engine-knock”.

Whoever’s heard of that now?

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/freelancewoman)

freelancewoman (/user/free... ▶ dotdash2u

November 19 · 06:20:10 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062702#comment_72062702)

No seat belts, playing in plastic cleaners bags...

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/gardnerhill)

gardnerhill (/user/gardnerhill) ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 06:49:02 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062982#comment_72062982)

No wonder the young people today are so much smarter than we were — they didn’t grow up breathing lead fumes from every car going by.

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Milkmaid)

Milkmaid (/user/Milkmaid) ▶ gardnerhill

November 19 · 08:39:16 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064197#comment_72064197)

They're not smarter. "Tech savvy" doesn't equal smarter. And consider that it takes a lot less effort to learn nowadays - it's all right there at their fingertips on their various devices. They no longer have to read books or do hours of research. Too many kids nowadays just Google answers rather than actually learning to think and problem solve.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/trumpeter)

trumpeter (/user/trumpeter) ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 06:56:18 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063066#comment_72063066)

A bunch of kids riding in the bed of the pickup truck...

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Clio2)

Clio2 (/user/Clio2) ▶ trumpeter

November 19 · 07:04:29 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063157#comment_72063157)

Walking to school unsupervised....crawling up storm sewers...climbing trees...setting off “cherry bombs”....

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/trumpeter)

trumpeter (/user/tru... ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 07:11:19 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063246#comment_72063246)

Trying to ride your bike across the telephone pole stretched across the creek as a bridge...

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ trumpeter

November 20 · 02:20:43 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066272#comment_72066272)

WOW.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skoh... ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 07:33:57 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063526#comment_72063526)

Playing on the train tracks or going ice skating on a (mostly) frozen pond at 10 PM when your parents have gone out to a party.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Clio2)

Clio2 (/user/Clio2) ▶ skohayes

November 20 · 12:33:22 AM

(/comments/1814014/72065940#comment_72065940)

Swimming off the dock after dark.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ trumpeter

November 20 · 02:21:11 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066275#comment_72066275)

I still sometimes see workers doing that on the highway. Scares the wits out of me.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Clio2

November 20 · 02:20:25 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066271#comment_72066271)

I thought things made out of solid lead (e.g., fishing weights) were not a source of lead poisoning.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]

(/user/BobBobANewBob)

BobBobANewBob (/user/BobBobANewB... ▶ RepublicanKos

November 19 · 05:43:13 PM (/comments/1814014/72062311#comment_72062311)

Riding your bicycle behind the mosquito fogger truck — it was so cool blasting through the smoke column (and living to tell about it)!

★ 5 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Lucy Montrose)

Lucy Montrose (/user/Lucy Montrose) ▶ RepublicanKos

November 19 · 06:50:20 PM (/comments/1814014/72062997#comment_72062997)

Big wooden and metal playground equipment, with 30 foot fireman's poles, lots of splinters, and nothing but gravel on the ground... no cushy surfaces made from recycled tires for us kids!

★ 8 Recommend

[new]

(/user/T100R)

T100R (/user/T100R) ▶ Lucy Montrose

November 19 · 07:06:14 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063181#comment_72063181)

And don't forget the monkey bars set directly into blacktop.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ RepublicanKos

November 20 · 02:19:46 AM (/comments/1814014/72066267#comment_72066267)

no seatbelts.

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/estamm)

estamm (/user/estamm) ▶ **Gatorgirlnc**

November 19 · 04:42:10 PM (/comments/1814014/72061662#comment_72061662)

Guess you don't watch South Park either.... LOL

★ 3 Recommend



[new]



(/user/radicalink)

radicalink (/user/radicalink) ▶ **Gatorgirlnc**

November 19 · 04:56:28 PM (/comments/1814014/72061825#comment_72061825)

I must say I don't remember my parents ever taking me to a pox party but I do remember going over to other kids houses when they still have scabs from chicken pox. My sense is that it was no big deal but then again I was preteen, trusted my parents and not that smart. Heh!

★ 2 Recommend



[new]



(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skohayes) ▶ **Gatorgirlnc**

November 19 · 07:17:43 PM (/comments/1814014/72063340#comment_72063340)

Today, they call them "day cares".

We didn't have them when I was little, but my brother, sister and I all managed to get measles, then mumps and then German measles all at same time over a period of about 3 months. No wonder my mother drank.

★ 2 Recommend



[new]



(/user/nicegirl999)

nicegirl999 (/user/nicegirl999) ▶ **radicalink**

November 19 · 04:36:15 PM (/comments/1814014/72061606#comment_72061606)

That is horrendous. Amazing how these idiots have no problem putting their children in danger.

★ 5 Recommend



[new]



(/user/nukemilso)

nukemilso (/user/nukemilso) ▶ **nicegirl999**

In the old days, it was known to be much safer to get chicken pox as a young child than it was as an older teenager or adult, so it made a lot of sense.

These days? Just take the darn vaccine

★ 16 Recommend

[new]



(/user/RedDan)

RedDan (/user/RedDan) ▶ **radicalink**

November 19 · 04:46:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061705#comment_72061705)

Chicken Pox parties that were held before the vaccine was available are perhaps a bit more defensible.

In the modern era?

Not even close to defensible.

★ 11 Recommend



(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) November 19 · 04:19:21 PM (/comments/1814014/72061396#comment_72061396)

Given that it's Asheville, I strongly suspect that most of these "religious exemptions" are really just granola-types who think it's all a "Big Pharma Corporate Conspiracy!!!!!"

Sadly, when it comes to anti-science crackpottery, the left is no more immune than the right. (Pardon my pun.)

★ 34 Recommend

[new]



(/user/walterc)

walterc (/user/walterc) ▶ **Lenny Flank**

November 19 · 04:24:33 PM (/comments/1814014/72061467#comment_72061467)

Yes, the Waldorf School is not a conservative place, but is secular and on the progressive side (their mission statement includes world peace). Still -- idiots.

★ 16 Recommend

[new]



(/user/RoIn)

RoIn (/user/RoIn) ▶ **walterc**

November 19 · 04:33:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061583#comment_72061583)

World peace and respect for the earth. This is not a fundie school but one for secular progressives.

Sadly, such “progressives” make up a big chunk of anti-vaxxers.

★ 15 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ RoIn

November 19 · 04:37:02 PM (/comments/1814014/72061614#comment_72061614)

We used to have a fairly large and loud anti-vaxx contingent here at DKos, and still occasionally get a few who show up. Fortunately they usually get HRd into oblivion, and most of them have now either been bojo’d for CT or have self-exiled over to 99conspiracies.com, where they can preach their crap to each other.

★ 20 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Ellid)

Ellid (/user/Ellid) ▶ Lenny Flank

November 20 · 09:29:27 AM

(/comments/1814014/72067474#comment_72067474)

Personally I prefer 99 Cent Bargain Discount Barn for that particular site, but your idea works as well.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ Ellid

November 20 · 10:52:12 AM

(/comments/1814014/72068190#comment_72068190)

I wonder how ole Ray is doing lately. I haven’t heard about any “revolution in the streets!” in the newspapers, so I presume that effort ... uh ... didn’t go so well for him

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/nehill)

nehill (/user/nehill) ▶ Roln

November 19 · 05:35:38 PM (/comments/1814014/72062211#comment_72062211)

I heard that some of the worst vax rates in California were in Marin County, another secular/progressive/well-off area. California tried to tighten up its vaccination exemptions, but there are still a few doctors who will write an exemption letter.

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Roln)

Roln (/user/Roln) ▶ nehill

November 19 · 06:45:09 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062945#comment_72062945)

Some schools in Marin County are said to have vaccination rates that rival those of some third world countries — countries where parents break down in tears when their kids get vaccinated because they are desperate to have them avoid these diseases.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/walterc)

walterc (/user/walterc) ▶ Roln

November 20 · 10:09:32 AM

(/comments/1814014/72067777#comment_72067777)

I looked it up: Honduras has a higher vaccination rate than the USA. I believe that is true for the other central American countries. Part of this is poor US health care for the poor and antivax attitudes. I suspect that poor health care for the poor is the larger factor.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ nehill

November 20 · 02:36:08 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066321#comment_72066321)

The law seems to be working.
(<https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-vaccination-gaps-troubling-20170814-story.html>) but yes, there are some doctors playing games. I hope they lose their medical licenses. There's no excuse for their ignorance.

[new]

(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ walterc

November 19 · 11:09:11 PM (/comments/1814014/72065459#comment_72065459)

Waldorf Schools are sectarian, not secular. They lie about being secular.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ raptavio

November 20 · 02:37:50 AM (/comments/1814014/72066330#comment_72066330)

Explain? I mean, I wouldn't be surprised if some Waldorf Schools do have a religious bent, but the part about lying?

(I'm no advocate for those schools. I went for a nice reality-based education for my kids and that has served them well).

★ 0 Recommend

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(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ Tamar

November 20 · 08:18:06 AM

(/comments/1814014/72067021#comment_72067021)

en.wikipedia.org/...

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anthroposophy)

This ("anthroposophy") is the school of thought behind Waldorf schools.

It is fundamentally religious, though not a standard religion.

Here's an article detailing some of the controversy. I imagine you can divine what side of that controversy I'm on.

www.theatlantic.com/...

(https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2012/11/is-this-grade-school-a-cult-and-do-parents-care/265620/)

★ 1 Recommend

[new]

(/user/nicegirl999)

nicegirl999 (/user/nicegirl999) ▶ Lenny Flank

November 19 · 04:36:37 PM (/comments/1814014/72061610#comment_72061610)

Very true.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/munbeam666)

munbeam666 (/user/munbeam666) ▶ Lenny Flank

November 19 · 04:50:50 PM (/comments/1814014/72061758#comment_72061758)

I knew a couple in the Bay Area — smart, educated, well informed hip people who refused to vaccinate their daughter.....

I was a hip mom, and I vaccinated both my daughters. Its insane not to....

★ 12 Recommend



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(/user/Roln)

Roln (/user/Roln) ▶ munbeam666

November 19 · 04:59:31 PM (/comments/1814014/72061857#comment_72061857)

Marin County, CA just across the bay. Hip, trendy, well educated, affluent, very liberal: one of the highest rates of unvaccinated kids in the country with rates at some schools rivaling that of third world countries.

★ 6 Recommend



[new]



(/user/munbeam666)

munbeam666 (/user/munbeam666) ▶ Roln

November 19 · 05:36:29 PM (/comments/1814014/72062222#comment_72062222)

I'm well aware

★ 2 Recommend



[new]



(/user/paz3)

paz3 (/user/paz3) ▶ Lenny Flank

November 19 · 05:17:30 PM (/comments/1814014/72062032#comment_72062032)

What is a 'granola-type?'

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/AllAmericanChica) ▶ paz3

November 19 · 05:40:31 PM (/comments/1814014/72062275#comment_72062275)



Hippies. Back-to-the-Earth types. Natural foods consumers. Commune proponents. Free love people. I grew up in the 60's. It's not an endearment.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/frenchexile)

frenchexile (/user/frenchexile) ▶ AllAmericanChica

November 19 · 08:01:25 PM (/comments/1814014/72063833#comment_72063833)

Who grew up to be hedge fund managers and venture capital types — traitor to some of their values but kept the anti-vax BS.

★ 2 Recommend

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(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ frenchexile

November 19 · 08:20:01 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064027#comment_72064027)

Not me—I live in a campervan, and still wear Birkies and hemp anklets and a yin-yang necklace. :)

But I never had any use for the silly CT BS. Any of it.

Back when I worked for Greenpeace I had a lot of knock-down drag-out duels with people over their forays into idiot anti-science crapola.

★ 4 Recommend

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(/user/frenchexile)

frenchexile (/user/frenchexi... ▶ Lenny Flank

November 19 · 09:34:53 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064752#comment_72064752)

It would almost be interesting to try to figure out how this started. In any case, it can't fade out fast enough.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Le... ▶ frenchexile

November 20 · 10:54:56 AM

(/comments/1814014/72068225#comment_72068225)

Well, the anti-vaxxers trace back to a guy in England named Wakefield, who cobbled together a fake “study” with made-up “data” to “show” that vaccines cause autism, and managed to get it published in a respected medical journal (which later withdrew it). Wakefield lost his medical license over it. But the nutters have been running with it ever since (and still cite him as an “authority”).

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(/user/dotdash2u)

dotdash2u (/user/dotdash2u) ▶ Lenny Flank

November 19 · 06:03:07 PM (/comments/1814014/72062530#comment_72062530)

Had an left-wing, anti-vaxxer friend whose kid was hospitalized with Whooping Cough. It was so rare locally that MDs were stopping by to examine the kid and listen to the cough. I remember the kid sitting in bed so miserable, drooling and coughing.

Very distinctive cough. I'll never forget it.

★ 9 Recommend

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(/user/chimene)

chimene (/user/chimene) ▶ dotdash2u

November 20 · 02:15:33 AM (/comments/1814014/72066253#comment_72066253)

did the kid’s torture experience change your “friend’s” “mind”?

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(/user/dotdash2u)

dotdash2u (/user/dotdash2u) ▶ chimene

November 20 · 10:59:03 AM (/comments/1814014/72068276#comment_72068276)

Nope. Don’t think it did. Don’t remember her getting her other kids vaccinated. This was a long time ago, in Canada.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/awakeaware)

awakeaware (/user/awakeaware) ▶ Lenny Flank

November 19 · 06:18:20 PM (/comments/1814014/72062692#comment_72062692)

Agree with that. My sister is one of the Big Pharma CT believers and has applied that thinking to decisions about vaccinations for her small children. She’s a fan of CTs in general. Can’t wait for Thanksgiving dinner.

★ 5 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ awakeaware

November 20 · 02:47:03 AM (/comments/1814014/72066357#comment_72066357)

ugh. Sorry for you about that.

I’m lucky — my family members are all strong on vaccines. And all Democrats. My brother is the most conservative in the family. He still donated to Obama’s campaign and I doubt he’s voted for a Republican in the last 2 decades (probably only did when there were still a few decent Republicans).

Our fights tend to be more like the fights here — with the strong leftists: my older daughter, me, one of my nieces, and my nephew’s wife who is an immigration lawyer doing great pro bono work arguing for expanded social programs, universal health care, fighting racism, etc., vs the “practical” members of the family who argue for stuff like some immigration restrictions, or perhaps raising the Social Security eligibility age (had a big fight with my brother over that, not that he wanted it either, just that he viewed it as an “option.” Ha!) or whether Bloomberg was a good mayor (they’re New Yorkers).

It’s funny being the “far” left in my liberal family and then being called a neo-liberal here on Daily Kos in 2016. IRL, I’m the most leftist of anyone other than my daughter.

★ 1 Recommend



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(/user/gardnerhill)

gardnerhill (/user/gardnerhill) ▶ Lenny Flank

November 19 · 06:56:55 PM (/comments/1814014/72063075#comment_72063075)

I was heartbroken when cartoonist Keith “Keef” Knight — a smart guy who knows his music and his American history — posted an anti-vaxx cartoon on this site in 2015. (It was removed almost immediately, and fortunately he continues to post his non-medical cartoons about music and politics.)

There’s one category of anti-vaxxers for whom I have a grudging understanding. For too much of American history POC, especially black people, have been seen more as guinea pigs than as patients by medical establishment. (Henrietta Lacks, the cancer patient whose immortal cells transformed modern medicine, never received a cent from the tissues taken from her — and her surviving family can’t afford medical care.) Much easier to believe a vaccine is part of an evil conspiracy against you when your medical issues in the past HAVE been part of an evil conspiracy against you.

★ 4 Recommend



[new]

(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ **gardnerhill**

November 19 · 08:21:25 PM (/comments/1814014/72064042#comment_72064042)

The CIA fucked things up in some places by using “vaccination campaigns” as a cover for gathering intel on local guerrilla movements.

★ 4 Recommend



[new]

(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **Lenny Flank**

November 20 · 02:47:46 AM (/comments/1814014/72066359#comment_72066359)

Wasn’t that done in India not all that long ago?

★ 0 Recommend



[new]

(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ **Tamar**

November 20 · 10:43:35 AM

(/comments/1814014/72068079#comment_72068079)

I remember Pakistan

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/Major Kong)

Major Kong (/user/Major Kong) November 19 · 04:22:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061451#comment_72061451)

I got chicken pox when I was 38. When you get it as an adult it’s a whole different level of nasty than when a kid gets it. That’s about as sick as I can ever remember being.

★ 24 Recommend



[new]

(/user/johnnylundy)

johnnylundy (/user/johnnylundy) ▶ **Major Kong**

November 19 · 05:47:58 PM (/comments/1814014/72062362#comment_72062362)

Yes this is true. As a kid, I saw my father get chicken pox and although he did well, he felt terrible.

One of the most important reasons to get herd immunity is the severe effects varicella can have on non-immune (i.e., no childhood disease and no vaccine) pregnant women and their fetuses. Varicella pneumonia is very serious and the virus can also cause severe fetal malformations.

★ 8 Recommend

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(/user/SteelerGrrl)

SteelerGrrl (/user/SteelerGrrl) ▶ Major Kong

November 19 · 08:33:04 PM (/comments/1814014/72064150#comment_72064150)

I was 14 and it remains the sickest I've ever been — I had a fever of 106, hallucinations, and lost my voice for over a week. I still have scars. My poor mom, both my sibs got it just as bad a week later.

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/neznamo)

neznamo (/user/neznamo) November 19 · 04:23:40 PM (/comments/1814014/72061459#comment_72061459)

Are they refusing only the varicella vaccine or all vaccines, like polio? !!!

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/pat of butter in a sea of grits)

pat of butter in a sea of grits (/user/pat of butter in ...) ▶ neznamo

November 19 · 04:52:49 PM (/comments/1814014/72061783#comment_72061783)

MMR is the most common, but some people refuse them all.

★ 6 Recommend



(/user/MufsMom)

MufsMom (/user/MufsMom) November 19 · 04:24:39 PM (/comments/1814014/72061469#comment_72061469)

I got chicken pox and rubella at the same time when I was five. I nearly died. It boggles my mind anyone would risk their child's (or anyone's) life over this nonsense.

★ 19 Recommend



(/user/Roln)

Roln (/user/Roln) November 19 · 04:26:15 PM (/comments/1814014/72061494#comment_72061494)


It should be noted that in N.C. all ones needs to do to get a religious exemption is to sign a form stating you have one.

This makes it very easy for secular progressives who buy into the vaccines cause autism or are just a conspiracy to make big profits for big pharma an easy way out.

This is NOT a religious school but a Waldorf school which appeals to secular progressives — you know, the kind with a Darwin bumper sticker ion their Volvo, who like to mock creationists and climate change deniers for being “ant-science?

★ 16 Recommend

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(/user/bcallan)


bcallan (/user/bcallan) ▶ Roln

November 19 · 09:05:23 PM (/comments/1814014/72064483#comment_72064483)

There should be a lot more hoops to jump through to get exemptions. The vast majority are not for religious reasons. Very few religions take a stance on vaccination, anyway... Personal belief exemptions should not be allowed for kids in public schools. And way more should be done to identify/inconvenience those who have chosen not to vaccinate. Some pediatricians are not allowing unvaccinated kids to come in to their practice to protect the others. Schools should be transparent about which kids are not up to date on their vaccines. If 2/3rds of the kindergarten class is not vaccinated, I would want to know that as a parent.

★ 3 Recommend

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ bcallan


November 20 · 02:50:25 AM (/comments/1814014/72066367#comment_72066367)

or any school.

Valid medical reasons (real ones) should be the only exemptions for children.

In our state, kids in private schools have to be vaccinated, which I’m totally in favor of.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/irishwitch)

irishwitch (/user/irishwitch)

November 19 · 04:28:56 PM (/comments/1814014/72061525#comment_72061525)

I never had either chickenpox or the vaccine because of my age (turned 69 today). I got it w hile we were stationed in Japan. Didn,',t even know I had had it because the dermatitis I get every spring from pollen looks much like it. No fever, only tired for one day. I wasn't around kids except for visiting the commissary. That is how contagious it is.

Vaccinate, for Pete's sake. And that reminds me that I ned to get the shi gles shot and another MMR because I have never had mumps.

★ 15 Recommend

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(/user/side pocket)

side pocket (/user/side pocket) ▶ **irishwitch**

November 19 · 05:29:40 PM (/comments/1814014/72062148#comment_72062148)

Happy Birthday irishwitch.

★ 7 Recommend



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(/user/irishwitch)

irishwitch (/user/irishwitch) ▶ **side pocket**

November 19 · 05:48:07 PM (/comments/1814014/72062364#comment_72062364)

Thanks. My husband gave me a lovely piece of jewelry at 12:01 this morning. I am happy to be in good health (no back issues thanks to my doctor) and home in New England and married for 30 years.

★ 7 Recommend



[new]



(/user/irishwitch)

irishwitch (/user/irishwitch) ▶ **side pocket**

November 19 · 05:48:55 PM (/comments/1814014/72062373#comment_72062373)

Thanks. Just happy to be alive!

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/Sixty Something)

Sixty Something (/user/Sixty Something) November 19 · 04:37:42 PM (/comments/1814014/72061620#comment_72061620)

My husband had a case of shingles that was very dangerous because it was in the vicinity of his eye. He had to get medication and periodic examinations from an eye doctor. It also left scars on his face. That’s when I decided to get that shingles shot that I had put off. It is not 100% effective but is lessens your chances of getting shingles.

★ 9 Recommend



[new]



(/user/murphy)

murphy (/user/murphy) ▶ **Sixty Something**



The newer shot, which I got recently, is much stronger against shingles.

★ 3 Recommend



(/user/Ebionim)

Ebionim (/user/Ebionim) November 19 · 04:53:41 PM (/comments/1814014/72061796#comment_72061796)

Funny. I’ve read the Bible twice through & never noticed an anti-vax commandment. Given that this happened in North Carolina, I’m assuming the exemptions aren’t being requested by Zoroastrians or sun-worshippers.

★ 9 Recommend

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(/user/Roln)

Roln (/user/Roln) ▶ Ebionim

November 19 · 05:02:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061892#comment_72061892)

In this case they are being requested by secular progressives. As noted This is not a religious school but one that appeals to secular progressives in an area of the state with a hippy liberal image and appeal.

The anti-vaxxer crowd is full of secular progressives.

★ 10 Recommend

[new]



(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ Roln

November 19 · 11:08:03 PM (/comments/1814014/72065451#comment_72065451)

They’re religious. They just deny it. Their woo-woo is definitely in the realm of religious belief.

★ 0 Recommend

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(/user/paz3)

paz3 (/user/paz3) ▶ Ebionim

November 19 · 05:22:22 PM (/comments/1814014/72062074#comment_72062074)

The Bible (Hebrew Scriptures/Christian Scriptures) praises and asks respect for physicians and their work. So, there’s that.

★ 4 Recommend

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(/user/nehill)

nehill (/user/nehill) ▶ Ebionim

November 19 · 05:40:16 PM (/comments/1814014/72062271#comment_72062271)

“Religious” exemption was just one of the statutory escape hatches, so they use it even though they aren’t snake handlers or adherents to an anti-medicine religion. They just read the panic articles on the Internet and decided that if there was a 1 in one million chance their kid could have a reaction, no vaccines.

★ 5 Recommend



(/user/Boogidapi)

Boogidapi (/user/Boogidapi) November 19 · 05:05:31 PM (/comments/1814014/72061915#comment_72061915)

well, on the dark side. these religious anti-vaxers or the poser religious anti-vaxers are about to do more to create the downfall of religion in America than any 1000 anti religious zealots ever could. It is hard to claim God’s wrath to revive faith when your neighbor who got their kids vaccines are healthy. They are singlehandedly destroying faith.

★ 3 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Ice Blue)

Ice Blue (/user/Ice Blue) ▶ Boogidapi

November 19 · 05:09:49 PM (/comments/1814014/72061962#comment_72061962)

I thought Churches, Inc., were destroying faith.

★ 1 Recommend



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(/user/Boogidapi)

Boogidapi (/user/Boogidapi) ▶ Ice Blue

November 19 · 09:30:47 PM (/comments/1814014/72064714#comment_72064714)

Roger that! Weird, as a child I never really saw it but as I grew older, the rank hypocrisy of judging others and defending the indefensible as well as my facing my own hypocrisy caused me to reassess and decide if I wanted to be around these people.

I decided no, you cannot heal a dead fish from within, all that happens is the carcass is consumed by the predators and that is how I see faith today.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/1BQ)

1BQ (/user/1BQ) November 19 · 05:08:59 PM (/comments/1814014/72061952#comment_72061952)

Could someone please tell me what is so religious about denying one’s child a vaccine that could protect the child’s life? Not to mention interfering with herd immunity (https://www.quantamagazine.org/flu-vaccines-and-the-math-of-herd-immunity-20180205/), which protects entire communities.

Anti-vaxxers are the flat-earththers of the 21st century 🤔

★ 7 Recommend



(/user/Khaaannn)

Khaaannn (/user/Khaaannn) November 19 · 05:23:54 PM (/comments/1814014/72062093#comment_72062093)
and the Darwin Award for Civic Incompetence goes to.....

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/Wildthumb)

Wildthumb (/user/Wildthumb) November 19 · 05:24:30 PM (/comments/1814014/72062104#comment_72062104)
Interesting, this very important anti-vaxxer info came on here and immediately it became about some here getting a Shingles shot. Oh, God, people.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/indycam)

indycam (/user/indycam) ▶ Wildthumb
November 19 · 06:10:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72062614#comment_72062614)
and then you made this comment .

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Wildthumb)

Wildthumb (/user/Wildthumb) ▶ indycam
November 19 · 07:09:57 PM (/comments/1814014/72063231#comment_72063231)
I’m trying to call out a thread jacking. What are you on about? Go away.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/indycam)

indycam (/user/indycam) ▶ Wildthumb
November 19 · 07:29:07 PM (/comments/1814014/72063473#comment_72063473)

Go away.

Well if you put it like that ...

★ 1 Recommend

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Wildthumb

November 20 · 02:55:50 AM (/comments/1814014/72066379#comment_72066379)

why is that bad?

The topic is vaccines and what happens when you don't get them.

Recommending getting the shingles vaccine fits right into that.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/IreGyre)

IreGyre (/user/IreGyre) November 19 · 05:25:22 PM (/comments/1814014/72062107#comment_72062107)

And how many will someday curse their parents and the religious and vaxxer nuts who convinced them to not have their kids vaccinated?... Years from now when they get a case of shingles in their later years?

I need to get the shot... my mother-in-law over 90 got her first case of it last year... not pleasant. And she gave chicken pox to her youngest son who is in his 50s and happened to be visiting at the time. Shingles is not something I plan on getting...

I had Chicken pox in Afghanistan in 1961- my brothers and I were exposed before our family got there or on the trip and boom we arrived and spent the first days there sick in bed. (Father's job sent us there). My kids all got chicken pox as kids so they have to remember to get whatever shot is available when they are of age and Shingles becomes more likely.

★ 10 Recommend



(/user/Etaoin Shrdlu42)

Etaoin Shrdlu42 (/user/Etaoin Shrdlu42) November 19 · 05:40:30 PM (/comments/1814014/72062274#comment_72062274)

Unfortunately, your article makes it sound as if the Waldorf Schools are *religious*. They aren't, though in this case it's clear many of the parents whose children went there were claiming the *religious* exemption. Blame that on the parents, and State Law, not on the school.

But this raises a question I've long had about such laws: why do the "*religious*" get such *special rights*? I'm sure there are plenty of *non*-religious people who subscribe to the anti-vaccination nonsense. Don't they have the "right" to leave their children unprotected too? 🐾

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/bcallan)

bcallan (/user/bcallan) ▶ **Etaoin Shrdlu42**

November 19 · 10:01:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72064960#comment_72064960)

Yup. Many states exempt people from vaccinating their children for religious or personal beliefs. Some states the exemption is just religious, see comment below about NC (all states allow exemptions for medical reasons). So, if you are paranoid about the government, paranoid about pharmaceutical companies, or just “into” natural healing, that’s your personal belief and its not that hard to claim that it is grounded in some religious belief in needed... However, there is a backlash against these exemptions, with CA revoking them in 2015 and several states mulling over their options.

★ 0 Recommend

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(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ **Etaoin Shrdlu42**

November 19 · 11:06:41 PM (/comments/1814014/72065436#comment_72065436)

Waldorf Schools *are* religious and deny it. They’re kinda sleazy that way.

And the ratio of anti-vaxxers at Waldorf schools is *consistently* high, because of the woo for which Waldorf schools are known.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/BeadLady)

BeadLady (/user/BeadLady) November 19 · 05:40:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72062279#comment_72062279)

Wait until those kiddlings grow up and possibly get shingles. Thanks mom and dad!

★ 6 Recommend



(/user/Huskers)

Huskers (/user/Huskers) November 19 · 05:43:12 PM (/comments/1814014/72062310#comment_72062310)

I am sure they are praying it away right now.

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/AllAmericanChica) ▶ **Huskers**

November 19 · 06:06:31 PM (/comments/1814014/72062571#comment_72062571)

Sending thoughts and prayers.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/willard landreth)

willard landreth (/user/willard landreth) November 19 · 05:48:16 PM (/comments/1814014/72062367#comment_72062367)

I'll need to remind myself to send “thoughts and Prayers”. Those children who get it could be literally scarred for life. But, the “celebration of ignorance” continues unabated in our WNC mountains. The christians here couldn't possibly believe anyone w/ actual understanding of things. To avoid chicken pox, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends (<http://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox/vaccination.html>) two doses of the chicken-pox vaccine — which is 98% effective — for kids, adolescents and adults who have not had chicken pox.

★ 3 Recommend



(/user/ThePhlebob)

ThePhlebob (/user/ThePhlebob) November 19 · 05:54:10 PM (/comments/1814014/72062436#comment_72062436)

I've always wondered if one of the reasons some parents refuse to inoculate their children is that they figure all the other children who do get inoculated will keep their darlings from catching the disease. In other words, “Not my kids, but if you're stupid enough to want your kids inoculated, go right ahead and protect mine also.”

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/bcallan)

bcallan (/user/bcallan) ▶ **ThePhlebob**

November 19 · 09:58:41 PM (/comments/1814014/72064933#comment_72064933)

If 19/30 kids in the kindergarten class did not get vaccinated, they are S.O.L. I believe you need about 9/10 to be immunized to get herd immunity, though it varies on the disease.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/The Octopus)

The Octopus (/user/The Octopus) ▶ **ThePhlebob**

November 20 · 07:22:51 AM (/comments/1814014/72066770#comment_72066770)

Yep. It's the New American Way: “I got mine and fuck you.”



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/AllAmericanChica)

November 19 · 06:04:15 PM (/comments/1814014/72062540#comment_72062540)

There’s so much I don’t know and medical law is something I wish I knew more about. Since I lack this information, everyone who has this expertise please jump right in. Okay ...

Would it be unlawful for a physician to show an anti-vaxxer parent a photo of the effects of full blown shingles on a live person? (The shingles stricken patient’s face wouldn’t be visible.)

Would it be unlawful for the Dr. to describe shingles symptoms and what an infected person would experience even if not asked by an anti-vaxxer parent?

Would the two scenarios proposed above be seen by anti-vaxxers as coercion to vaccinate? (I’m recalling how some women are given information or shown photos of fetuses in the hope that they change their mind about getting an abortion.). Are there current laws that would punish this type of medical intervention?

Have any physicians who willfully signed exemption letters for anti-vaxxers ever been sued by non-anti-vaxxers who later contracted shingles?

[new]



(/user/bcallan)

bcallan (/user/bcallan) ▶ AllAmericanChica

November 19 · 09:52:50 PM (/comments/1814014/72064886#comment_72064886)

I don't believe so... Freedom of practice and all. Though personally my doctors rarely resort to visuals, surgeons aside!

I have heard of cases of pediatricians that are refusing to take in as patients children who are willfully not vaccinated, to protect their other patients.

Chicken pox isn't too spectacular looking, but whooping cough is, throat and neck cancer is. Why don't papers/websites show pictures or videos of those illnesses when writing about vaccination rates?

★ 3 Recommend



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/AllAmericanChica) ▶ **bcallan**

November 20 · 04:15:02 AM (/comments/1814014/72066503#comment_72066503)

Good point made in your last sentence. Perhaps they don't want to be politically incorrect. Who cares when lives are at risk right?

Show people what shingles looks like and have real patients describe the physical pains seen in the photos or videos. Talk about impactful!

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(/user/maryidean)

maryidean (/user/maryidean) November 19 · 06:13:35 PM (/comments/1814014/72062643#comment_72062643)
totally predictable outcome.

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **maryidean**

November 20 · 02:58:48 AM (/comments/1814014/72066382#comment_72066382)

yep.

Immunization rates drop ---->

Wait a year or few years ---->

Epidemic of vaccine-preventable disease

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(/user/murphy)

murphy (/user/murphy) November 19 · 06:36:58 PM (/comments/1814014/72062866#comment_72062866)

I can only suppose the parents don't know about shingles. Ignorance in this country is completely out of control. Nobody seems to know anything anymore!

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(/user/frenchexile)

frenchexile (/user/frenchexile) ▶ **murphy**

November 19 · 08:05:07 PM (/comments/1814014/72063867#comment_72063867)

I do hope that every anti-vaxxer gets shingles! Every one.

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(/user/gardnerhill)

gardnerhill (/user/gardnerhill) November 19 · 06:41:14 PM (/comments/1814014/72062908#comment_72062908)

I've got a big divot in my thigh from a pock-mark, and I had the illness the week my senior class took all the club pictures so I'm not in the yearbook for my graduating year.

And I'm lucky — one of my little sister's classmates died of that same chickenpox outbreak.

★ 6 Recommend



(/user/MargaretPOA)

MargaretPOA (/user/MargaretPOA) November 19 · 07:04:38 PM (/comments/1814014/72063161#comment_72063161)

Because what a B list celebrity says is orders of magnitude more credible than what a whole army of pencil necked scientists say, amIright?

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(/user/frenchexile)

frenchexile (/user/frenchexile) ▶ **MargaretPOA**

November 19 · 08:05:35 PM (/comments/1814014/72063873#comment_72063873)

A porn actress, to boot.

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(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ **frenchexile**

November 19 · 11:04:59 PM (/comments/1814014/72065421#comment_72065421)

Don't slut-shame in the middle of this. Gross. She's wrong because she's wrong, not because of what she has done for a living.

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(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ **raptavio**

November 20 · 10:58:43 AM (/comments/1814014/72068273#comment_72068273)

She's not a porn actress anyway. She was a Playboy model who turned it into a B-movie acting career.

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(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ **Lenny Flank**

November 20 · 11:54:22 AM

(/comments/1814014/72068900#comment_72068900)

And for purposes of this topic, the fact that she's famous is the only thing relevant.

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(/user/fishouttah2o)

fishouttah2o (/user/fishouttah2o) November 19 · 07:11:55 PM (/comments/1814014/72063257#comment_72063257)

You are correct. An actress has much more authority & up to the minute information on diseases & causation then those CDC Scientist people because Autism, reasons, blah blah blah, autism & if you are devout & pray enough germs won't find your family. Amen.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/Ballerina)

Ballerina (/user/Ballerina) November 19 · 07:22:27 PM (/comments/1814014/72063398#comment_72063398)

And most of these anti-vaccination types are religious nuts who support Trump, and complain about "illegal immigrants" bringing diseases into this country. Another case of the right wingers spreading disease and being more dangerous to Americans than any "illegals." Just like the right wing domestic terrorists are more dangerous to Americans than Islamic jihadists.

★ 3 Recommend

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(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ Ballerina

November 19 · 11:04:17 PM (/comments/1814014/72065412#comment_72065412)

Sadly, anti-vax crosses party lines. There is a slight conservative bias among anti-vaxxers in aggregate, but there is no shortage among the left.

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ raptavio

November 20 · 03:09:11 AM (/comments/1814014/72066407#comment_72066407)

what I loved (snark) hearing about was the recent study that showed that Russian bots have entered the vaccine debate here. On **both** sides (<https://www.bmj.com/content/362/bmj.k3739>)!

Apparently they were more on the anti-vaccine side, but they were engaged in provoking fights so they were also on the pro-vaccine side.

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(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ Tamar

November 20 · 11:00:09 AM (/comments/1814014/72068284#comment_72068284)

Alas, as I have always said, we don't need Putin bots to provoke or sustain silly CT fights in the US. We Americans are pretty good at that all by ourselves.

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(/user/PissedGrunty)

PissedGrunty (/user/PissedGrunty) ▶ Tamar

November 20 · 12:17:06 PM (/comments/1814014/72069124#comment_72069124)

They are doing that on every argument they jump in. Their goal isn't necessarily to push any particular side (Trump being an exception) but to start fights.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/LimeyExpatDave)

LimeyExpatDave (/user/LimeyExpatDave) November 19 · 07:25:23 PM (/comments/1814014/72063434#comment_72063434)

I was born in the era of chicken pox parties too but somehow I was the only family member who managed to evade it. My daughter caught it from another kid at her daycare and I didn't dodge it that time.

I was in hospital for 6 weeks and my daughter very nearly grew up without her dad.

Chicken pox is no bloody joke for an adult, and statistically speaking I'm hardly unique. If you don't like all the valid scientific reasons for vaccinating your kids against it, try this one. How would you like a child, ANY child, to grow up knowing that a parent died from a disease caught from them?

Not a pleasant thought, is it? And the child growing up with that hole in their soul almost certainly caught it from another unvaccinated kid. Don't make *that* one be yours.

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ LimeyExpatDave

November 20 · 03:02:13 AM (/comments/1814014/72066391#comment_72066391)

Great comment.

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(/user/SniperKitty)

SniperKitty (/user/SniperKitty) November 19 · 08:01:52 PM (/comments/1814014/72063837#comment_72063837)

So this hits really close to home as my wife and I are searching for the right school for our son, who enters Kindergarten next year. The case above was at a Waldorf school. Upon further review, it looks like Waldorf has a nearly 50% religious exemption waiver rate. Montessori, while not that high, has an annual increase of such exemptions of about 8.8%. Waldorf WAS on our short list of schools to consider. Now, the list has changed. It's hard to find a progressive school that isn't going to also cater to this ignorance.

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(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ SniperKitty

November 19 · 11:02:54 PM (/comments/1814014/72065402#comment_72065402)

Waldorf schools — avoid. They're full of a lot of anti-science, particularly and especially in their theories on child development. They also make claims about their results that are spurious at best.

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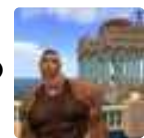
(/user/FLwolverine)

FLwolverine (/user/FLwolverine) ▶ **SnyperKitty**

November 19 · 11:04:37 PM (/comments/1814014/72065417#comment_72065417)

It’s a real problem when choosing a school. My grandkids were in Waldorf and then in Montessori, and both were full of anti-vaxxers, including, to my horror, my daughter-in-law. I have learned the hard way that you simply cannot reason with an anti-vaxxer — they are sure that their information is good and that they are right! Sigh.

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(/user/fcvaguy)

fcvaguy (/user/fcvaguy) November 19 · 08:09:11 PM (/comments/1814014/72063911#comment_72063911)

Let’s be careful to claim this is about religion. I highly doubt that it is in a majority of these exemptions.

North Carolina law does not permit exemptions based on a personal belief like believing immunizations cause autism:

PERSONAL BELIEF

10A NCAC 41A .0403 Non-Religious Personal Belief No Exemption:

Except as provided in G.S. 130A-156 and G.S. 130A-157, and 10A NCAC 41A .0404 and .0405, no child shall be exempt from the requirements of 10A NCAC 41 .0401; there is no exception to these requirements for the case of a personal belief or philosophy of a parent or guardian not founded upon a religious belief.

However, it does make it very, very easy to claim a religious exemption:

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

G.S.130A-157. Religious exemption

If the bona fide religious beliefs of an adult or the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of a child are contrary to the immunization requirements contained in this Part, the adult or the child shall be exempt from the requirements. Upon submission of a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs and opposition to the immunization requirements, the person may attend the college, university, school or facility without presenting a certificate of immunization.

There is no form for requesting religious exemptions in North Carolina. To claim a religious exemption, the parent or person requesting the exemption must write a statement of their religious objection to immunization, including the name and date of birth of the person for whom the exemption is being requested. This statement would then be provided to schools, child care programs, camps, etc. in place of an immunization record. If a family is requesting a religious exemption for more than one child, a separate statement should be prepared for each child. Statements of religious objection to immunization do not need to be notarized, signed by a religious leader, or prepared by an attorney. They do not need to be submitted to the state for review or approval.

So, if you're an anti-vaxxer, look how easy it is.... just scratch out a note on a napkin and send it to the school with a simple statement that you have a religious objection and VOILA!!!

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(/user/EDebbs)

EDebbs (/user/EDebbs) ▶ **fcvaguy**

November 19 · 08:45:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72064267#comment_72064267)

I think you are absolutely right about this. Plenty of people claiming religious exemptions because they have bought into the anti-vaxxer propaganda.

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(/user/bcallan)

bcallan (/user/bcallan) ▶ **fcvaguy**

November 19 · 09:57:38 PM (/comments/1814014/72064920#comment_72064920)

Make it harder... Make parents jump through several hoops. Make them identify the religious principle it violates. Get it signed by a leader of the faith. Make them submit it to the state and allow the state to publish their names. Make the schools identify the percentage of kids in each class that are not vaccinated. Why do the rights of the paranoid get to impinge on the life and health of the rest of the population?

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(/user/fcvaguy)

fcvaguy (/user/fcvaguy) ▶ **bcallan**

November 19 · 10:26:55 PM (/comments/1814014/72065136#comment_72065136)

Actually, they can pass the same law they have in California. And California’s law has been tested in court and upheld by a Federal judge. The plaintiffs decided not to appeal.

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **fcvaguy**

November 20 · 03:04:29 AM (/comments/1814014/72066396#comment_72066396)

With Robert Kennedy Jr and Erin Brockovich and others claiming the law was evil and genocidal, etc. etc.

I lost respect for Kennedy Jr many years ago when he went full anti-vaxx, but I was sad that Erin Brockovich bought into that junk.

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(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ **Tamar**

November 20 · 11:03:08 AM

(/comments/1814014/72068322#comment_72068322)

IIRC, Brockovich is also a fan of the “electrical transmission lines cause cancer” thingie. Which is a load of anti-science baloney.

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(/user/EDebbs)

EDebbs (/user/EDebbs) November 19 · 08:44:36 PM (/comments/1814014/72064253#comment_72064253)

RFK Jr. and Jenny McCarthy find common cause with the religious extremists on this one. It’s one of those weird crossovers that happens on the fringe. Parents, you have my sympathies. I can’t believe that in addition to everything else, you get to worry about disease outbreaks. People in some countries would dearly love to have these vaccines.

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(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ EDebbs

November 20 · 11:05:47 AM (/comments/1814014/72068360#comment_72068360)

They say that the loony right and the loony left meet somewhere. “Anti-vaxx” is where. Although both sides normally hate the sight of each other, they oddly cooperate on this— they both spout out the very same anti-science CT crapola. Though they both blame different Bad Guys for their Conspiracy Theories: the left loonies yell “corporate plot for profits!!!” and the right loonies yell “Communist Government!!!!” Both are equally nutty.

Oddly, we can see BOTH of these CTs right here in the comments.

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(/user/xaxnar)

xaxnar (/user/xaxnar) November 19 · 09:01:24 PM (/comments/1814014/72064429#comment_72064429)

Child abuse.

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ xaxnar

November 20 · 03:04:52 AM (/comments/1814014/72066397#comment_72066397)

Yes. Medical neglect.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/theneuron)

theneuron (/user/theneuron) November 19 · 09:02:11 PM (/comments/1814014/72064436#comment_72064436)

Too many other problems now but we must someday call religion out as bullshit. Belief doesn’t trump FACTS and doesn’t deserve any special treatment. Treatment like endangering others via no vaccinations, tax-free status, and any respect whatsoever.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/Sister Inspired Revolver of Freedom)

Sister Inspired Revolver of Freedom (/user/Sister Inspired ...)

November 19 · 09:08:57 PM (/comments/1814014/72064508#comment_72064508)

I hate anti-vaxxers with the heat of 10000 suns. As someone with a compromised immune system, they are literally putting my life at risk. As someone who has had the chicken pox, even if it doesn’t do lasting damage, it’s a very unpleasant experience that no child should have to go through

because of their parents' beliefs. I might add it can also lead to shingles in later life, a really nasty hard to treat disease.

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(/user/wmpmacm)

wmpmacm (/user/wmpmacm) November 19 · 09:25:07 PM (/comments/1814014/72064651#comment_72064651)

Child abuse.

★ 2 Recommend



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia testudines)

November 19 · 10:07:15 PM (/comments/1814014/72065004#comment_72065004)

As an RN I personally witnessed a 15 year old girl die of uncontrollable seizures and hypoxia (lack of oxygen) from chickenpox that had spread to her lungs. Imagine the blisters of chickenpox lining your trachea, bronchii, bronchioles and alveoli. Imagine the pain, fear and sense of drowning that engulfed this child because her parents were selfish and refused to have her vaccinated. Antivaxxers are not doing that to help their children — they are refusing vaccinations because their fragile egos will not allow them to admit they are WRONG.

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(/user/NoOneOfConsequence)

NoOneOfConsequence (/user/NoOneOfConsequence) ▶ **chelonia testudines**

November 19 · 11:34:58 PM (/comments/1814014/72065638#comment_72065638)

Oh shit, my joke post looks pretty terrible immediately after yours. In my defense, a while ago I took the piss out of someone who posted an anti-vax diary by looking up old Polio death statistics.

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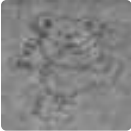
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NoOneOfConsequence (/user/NoOneOfConsequence)

November 19 · 11:32:56 PM (/comments/1814014/72065620#comment_72065620)

Wait... kids these days never have to suffer through chicken pox! *Angrily shakes fist at punks who don't know how good they've got it.*

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/mstaggerlee)

mstaggerlee (/user/mstaggerlee) November 19 · 11:36:49 PM (/comments/1814014/72065652#comment_72065652)

And here in New York’s southern Hudson Valley, there’s a pretty serious outbreak of measles among the children in Chasidic communities in Rockland and Orange Counties. I was not aware that these very insular communities were also anti-vax, but I can’t honestly say it surprises me to learn that it’s so.

★ 2 Recommend

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **mstaggerlee**

November 20 · 03:06:36 AM (/comments/1814014/72066401#comment_72066401)

didn't know that about them. Another reason for me to have no respect for those communities (and I’m a descendant of the founder of one of the most power Chasidic sects).

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) November 20 · 12:00:15 AM (/comments/1814014/72065785#comment_72065785)

They need to stop accepting religious exemption. For starters, (correct me I am wrong) but I know of NO religion that requires you to not take vaccines. (given as there was no such thing when 99.9% of religions currently being practiced came about..it is reasonable to assume there would not BE an prohibition)

When we went to school and my kids and heck even the Grand kids, no up to date vac card.. meant you didn't GO to school.. end of facts.

If you opt to have your kid not get vaccinated... fine, that is your call, but you take responsibility for that, and you home school them from day one and stop risking everyone else.(aka the peeps who **would** take the vac.. but cannot.. as it’s their lives you risk)

And yes, we did have.. chickenpox parties.. as they were bound to get it at some point, there was no vaccine for it... it was thought best to get some immunity in place, instead of letting them get it after puberty, when they would be in more danger. Mumps, same thing, while not fun for any child, make no mistake, but for an adult ? It can be deadly.

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(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia testudines) ▶ **EstaW**

November 20 · 12:59:42 AM (/comments/1814014/72066022#comment_72066022)

There is no limit to the selfgshness of religious nutjobs.



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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) ▶ **chelonia testudines**

November 20 · 03:23:16 AM (/comments/1814014/72066422#comment_72066422)

sad to say but true... what is the saying

The God *wants* spiritual *fruits, not religious nuts.*

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/KevininTX)

KevininTX (/user/KevininTX) November 20 · 12:12:12 AM (/comments/1814014/72065840#comment_72065840)

The comments in this thread represent a pretty standard reaction to this problem. It's natural to be frustrated by people who don't want to follow standard prescriptions for vaccines. It may be tempting to lump them all together as stupid, ill-educated, selfish or "crazy." I support vaccinations and wish everyone did, for everyone's benefit.

But my question to you is: What is more important—feeling superior in your condemnation, or having a chance to change their behavior? Obviously, if you lead with, "You're stupid and crazy," you can't expect them to listen to anything else you say. Yes, some skeptics are most likely unreachable via basic reasoning and argumentation. Mandates have their place, and it should be hard to get an exemption. But mandates inevitably also have limits. If you want some people to voluntarily modify their behavior, you have to be willing to go easy and listen to them, to have a chance to bridge the gap. Elsa Pearson of the Boston University School of Public Health had a good piece in Huffington Post suggesting this approach.

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opinion-vaccine-alternative-schedules_us_5bd0cc45e4b055bc9487d715 (https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/opinion-vaccine-alternative-schedules_us_5bd0cc45e4b055bc9487d715)

The crux of it is, if you want more buy-in, you have to be willing to listen to where skeptics are coming from, and talk to them as an "ideological ally." This is a complex, pernicious problem. It needs a sophisticated, compassionate, sustained strategy to go in a better direction.

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(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia testudines) ▶ **KevininTX**

November 20 · 01:02:22 AM (/comments/1814014/72066035#comment_72066035)

Like tRump supporters antivaxxers are not behaving based on logic or reasoning. Therefore logic and reasoning cannot change their minds. Some people have to hit bottom for them to open their eyes. It is unfortunate that their own children have to suffer and die before they wise up — it is a crime that they are OK with other peoples' children suffering and dying. Don't bother wasting your breath on selfish religious idiots. Talk to the people who are willing to listen.

★ 2 Recommend



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(/user/KevininTX)

KevininTX (/user/KevininTX) ▶ chelonia testudines

November 20 · 01:54:27 AM (/comments/1814014/72066202#comment_72066202)

I agree that you can only work with people who are willing to listen. The problem as I see it is assuming that everyone with whom you disagree—even strongly—is unwilling to listen. Brian Palmer at Slate surveyed pediatricians, and this was an interesting finding:

“Many of the doctors who responded to the survey were proud of their persuasiveness. They have collectively seen thousands of patients who initially expressed resistance, discomfort, or outright opposition to vaccinating their children. The overwhelming majority of those parents—even the most obstinate—eventually vaccinate.”

slate.com/... (https://slate.com/technology/2015/02/how-do-pediatricians-work-with-anti-vaccine-parents-mds-frustrations-failures-and-strategies.html)

Yes, doctors may have more success than most of us, but writing off opponents as “selfish...idiots” guarantees failure.

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(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ KevininTX

November 20 · 03:08:06 AM (/comments/1814014/72066403#comment_72066403)

I've seen a study that showed that facts and evidence don't change minds.
It's very depressing.

★ 0 Recommend

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(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ KevininTX

November 20 · 08:33:39 AM (/comments/1814014/72067099#comment_72067099)

To give air to a harmful position is to grant it credibility, which can serve to help persuade others.

My primary goal is to keep the infection of this harmful idea from spreading. Curing the afflicted is secondary.

★ 1 Recommend



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(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ **raptavio**

November 20 · 11:10:27 AM (/comments/1814014/72068416#comment_72068416)

Alas, the Internet has been a tremendous boon to cranks and crackpots of all sorts. It allows loonies to reach far more people than a best-selling author could just 20 years ago.

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(/user/bcallan)

bcallan (/user/bcallan) ▶ **KevininTX**

November 20 · 09:06:58 AM (/comments/1814014/72067297#comment_72067297)

Yes and no. I have talked to young women about getting their babies vaccinated. I have change a few minds over the years based on the “facts”. Doctors could definitely do a better job talking to parents about their fears. But there are also groups who really believe that the modern world and modern medicine is unhealthy or untrustworthy. They are not going to be reached by reason or science. The HuffPost article is right on target. And there are lots of public health researchers who are trying to understand the anti-vaxx movement...

That said, it’s also not simply a bunch of “concerned parents” who want to do what’s best for their child. Much as Brexit turned out not to be just about autonomy and Trump isn’t just about rural voters. There is a whole naturopathic, alternative medicine market out there that preys on the deep seated desire of people to have control over their bodies, their food. It’s no great surprise but there are some seriously bad actors in that world that is all about “natural goodness”. Think of Goop and its “vaginal egg” peddling sexual and emotional health benefits while exposing women to the dangers of toxic shock syndrome. Disinformation, paranoia, right to try, limited government regulation are all part and parcel of this movement.

So there have to be some limits put on the dangers that the anti-vaxxers expose the public to. We can try to understand them, and talk to them, but they are also being manipulated quite expertly by let’s call it fake-medical-news snake oil salesmen. Trying to reason with these people is like trying to have a policy discussion with Trump. It is not in their interest to be scientific or reasonable.

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(/user/RButrym)

RButrym (/user/RButrym) ▶ **KevininTX**

November 20 · 11:02:38 AM (/comments/1814014/72068318#comment_72068318)

This is ridiculous — there is no valid argument against vaccinations, and as far as religious exemptions go... well, there is no religious exemption for animal sacrifice, so why should there be one that has a negative effect on the public health.

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(/user/Lenny Flank)

Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) ▶ KevininTX

November 20 · 11:09:08 AM (/comments/1814014/72068402#comment_72068402)

There is an old saying that goes “You can’t reason someone out of a position that they did not reason themselves into.”

The “debate” is based on emotional tribalism. It is not based on facts or reason.

You can talk to them until you die of old age. Won’t help. That’s why of the hundreds of thousands of “debates” that happen on the Internet every day, none of them change anyone’s mind. (shrug)

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(/user/Heywaitamminute)

Heywaitamminute (/user/Heywaitamminute)

November 20 · 07:52:22 AM (/comments/1814014/72066901#comment_72066901)

In related news, an outbreak of idiot-parents has nearly exterminated rational, fact-based parenting in certain coddled and precious subcultures surrounding Asheville...

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(/user/KevininTX)

KevininTX (/user/KevininTX) November 20 · 10:31:53 AM (/comments/1814014/72067938#comment_72067938)

slate.com/... (https://slate.com/technology/2015/02/how-do-pediatricians-work-with-anti-vaccine-parents-mds-frustrations-failures-and-strategies.html)

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(/user/Kiff1)

Kiff1 (/user/Kiff1) November 20 · 11:14:54 AM (/comments/1814014/72068456#comment_72068456)

Since we don't believe in Charles Darwin, let's put our disbelief to the test! Let's deliberately put ourselves at an evolutionary disadvantage, make ourselves MORE susceptible to Jared Diamond's guns, germs, and steel, and see what happens. Yeah, sure, chant "You will not replace us" all you want. It's pretty amusing when we're watching you participate in the very purposeful, conscious process of eliminating and replacing YOURSELVES! Dunning-Kruger victims...

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/jchanse)

jchanse (/user/jchanse) November 20 · 12:40:38 PM (/comments/1814014/72069403#comment_72069403)

Natural selection. Too bad the kids have to suffer because the parents have not evolved optimally.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/lnmytime)

lnmytime (/user/lnmytime) November 20 · 01:08:57 PM (/comments/1814014/72069702#comment_72069702)

Thoughts and prayers, cue the tiny violin.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Alan3354)

Alan3354 (/user/Alan3354) November 20 · 01:10:08 PM (/comments/1814014/72069716#comment_72069716)

If you’re gonna do science, don’t use “9 to 10 times lower.”

1 time lower is zero. 9 times lower is what? Minus 8?

if you mean 1/9 to 1/10 as common, say that.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/100fishhooks)

100fishhooks (/user/100fishhooks) November 20 · 01:32:53 PM (/comments/1814014/72069969#comment_72069969)

Chicken Pox is a terrible disease — speaking as one who is old enough to have had it (before the vaccine). I remember kids in my class who had the pustules on their eyelids! In their mouths! Horrid. Both my children had it — they were born about two years before the vaccine was approved for use. They exposed their entire school. Not that they meant to — but it is that contagious. Anti-vaccine parents are idiots.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/Walter Einenkel)

Walter Einenkel (/user/Walter Einenkel) November 19 · 03:39:04 PM (/comments/1814014/72060896#comment_72060896)

Tip Jar

★ 128 Recommend





(/user/polecat)

polecat (/user/polecat) November 19 · 03:42:12 PM (/comments/1814014/72060926#comment_72060926)

Reminds me, I need to get the shingles vaccine. (Had chickenpox as a kid — some mothers would have “chickenpox parties” where they’d deliberately infect their kids all at once. smh)

This has been in the local news (Asheville), and I am absolutely disgusted at the Jenny McCarthy — *dumber than a stump* — approach to medicine.

★ 94 Recommend

[new]



(/user/PJEvans)

PJEvans (/user/PJEvans) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 04:12:19 PM (/comments/1814014/72061287#comment_72061287)

I got the shingles shot three years ago. while I had ACA coverage, and after getting shingles for the second time.

I wonder how many of the parents refusing to get their kids vaccinated had chickenpox, and how many have met anyone who’s had shingles?

★ 63 Recommend

[new]



(/user/nicegirl999)

nicegirl999 (/user/nicegirl999) ▶ **PJEvans**

November 19 · 04:34:19 PM (/comments/1814014/72061589#comment_72061589)

You should get the new shingles shot - shingrix - if you got the zostavax shot which I think was all that was available 3years ago. shingrix is more effective and is made with killed virus. Zostavax was made with live virus and some patients got shingles even after being vaccinated, so they are not giving zostavax anymore.

★ 52 Recommend

[new]



(/user/johnnyslundy)

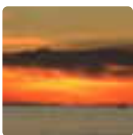
johnnyslundy (/user/johnnyslundy) ▶ **nicegirl999**

November 19 · 05:35:29 PM (/comments/1814014/72062210#comment_72062210)

Yes! Shingrix is 2 shots 2-6 months apart and works MUCH better than the Zostavax. The shot makes your arm pretty sore, but then all of them do.

★ 23 Recommend

[new]



(/user/indycam)

indycam (/user/indycam) ▶ johnnylundy

November 19 · 05:42:59 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062305#comment_72062305)

I got the shigrix shots , it wasn't a bad pain , far better that what shingles is said to feel like . Better a little now than a lot latter , imho .

★ 17 Recommend

[new]



(/user/badscience)

badscience (/user/badscience) ▶ johnnylundy

November 19 · 07:57:53 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063790#comment_72063790)

Shingrex knocked me out: sore arm, red injection spot, fever, malaise. However, far better than getting shingles! My second shot was a worse reaction than the first, FWIW.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/jazzed)

jazzed (/user/jazzed) ▶ badscience

November 19 · 09:57:41 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064921#comment_72064921)

How long did it knock you out for ? How much worse was the 2nd reaction? Do you have underlying conditions? I have chronic fatigue syndrome and have been very concerned about getting this vaccine. If I get any more 'knocked out,' I cannot function — literally will be in bed.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ jazzed

November 20 · 01:47:12 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066171#comment_72066171)

I had a very sore arm both times (not worse for me with the second one), but that's it.

My husband was barely bothered by it.

I don't know anyone who actually got sick.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/jazzed)

jazzed (/user/jazzed) ▶ Tamar

November 20 · 08:49:59 AM

(/comments/1814014/72067197#comment_72067197)

I have an exacerbation of my fatigue to most everything. A cold puts me in bed & it takes 2-3 weeks to recover my energy. Mild case of flu last year took 6 weeks. Even when I got allergy tested I was down for several weeks.

I do not get a reaction to flu shot though. I know I need to get the shingrex, but dread the short term effect on me. Prefer to get it at my PCP but Medicare will only pay at a pharmacy, which are in public places, grocery stores, & are not a medical clinic, in my nursing opinion.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/badscience)

badscience (/user/bad... ▶ jazzed

November 20 · 07:02:19 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066729#comment_72066729)

I don't have chronic fatigue, and vaccines generally only give me a sore arm. The sore arm with shingrex lasted for a few days and the malaise/fever just the evening/next morning after the shot. Achy body, mild chills, just felt blech. Fine by midday the following day. With the first, the arm was less sore and I didn't get the red injection site. The fever/malaise was the same, pretty much. Low grade. Nothing big. I guess a good immune response is desirable? Good luck!

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/jazzed)

jazzed (/user/jazzed) ▶ badscience

November 20 · 08:43:38 AM

(/comments/1814014/72067157#comment_72067157)

Thanks! I know I should get it but dread the down time. Even a cold puts me in bed & takes weeks for me to recover energy.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/badscience)

badscience (/user/bad... ▶ jazzed

November 20 · 10:10:57 AM

(/comments/1814014/72067786#comment_72067786)

:-)

I imagine you have had a conversation about this with your health care provider(s). Considering that shingles attacks from within (as opposed to being contagious) there really is no substitute for getting the vaccine to protect you. I got my jabs in the summer, when I had time for “down time,” and gave myself 6 weeks between the shots.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Hens Teeth)

Hens Teeth (/user/He... ▶ jazzed

November 20 · 12:31:08 PM

(/comments/1814014/72069284#comment_72069284)

in bed, unable to feed myself.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ johnnylundy

November 20 · 01:46:04 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066165#comment_72066165)

for me, sorer than any other shot (I've had both of the required shingrix shots).

And worth it!

I've never had shingles but know plenty of people who have had it and I really really don't want to get it.

Some people never fully recover from shingles.

[new]



(/user/Jensa)

Jensa (/user/Jensa) ▶ nicegirl999

November 20 · 01:13:57 PM (/comments/1814014/72069763#comment_72069763)

Thanks for that info! I'm coming up on vaccine age!

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Toro Blanco)

Toro Blanco (/user/Toro Blanco) ▶ PJEvans

November 19 · 04:58:10 PM (/comments/1814014/72061845#comment_72061845)

My brother got shingles within WEEKS of getting over chicken pox.

When they finally introduced the vaccine my mother wished they'd had it years earlier for him. He still has the scars from it. These parents have no idea how idiotic they're behaving.

★ 41 Recommend



[new]



(/user/TRsCousin)

TRsCousin (/user/TRsCousin) ▶ Toro Blanco

November 19 · 06:27:01 PM (/comments/1814014/72062769#comment_72062769)

When my kids were little there was no chicken-pox vaccine available. Both my children got it.

Interestingly, Japanese pediatricians (we were living in Tokyo at the time) treated it quite differently from what I heard US physicians were doing.

Japanese physicians were so concerned about varicella blisters breaking, leaking infectious fluid and infecting other parts of the body, particularly the eyes, that they recommended what was called a “dry” treatment.

As soon as varicella symptoms appeared on my kids, I was advised to cease bathing them and washing their faces. They could wash their hands. I had to make sure they didn't scratch themselves. They were prescribed benadryl liquid (US doctors apparently recommended baths) to control the itching, and were quarantined at home. Any sign of infection and the child had to start taking antibiotics.

Obviously this takes a great deal of time, effort, and supervision, but I followed instructions. My kids were full of blisters, but fortunately nobody got an infected eye (which can cause blindness) and no one ended up with scars, as my sister did when we were kids.



One of my children’s classmates became deaf when her case of varicella was followed by meningitis. Anyone who thinks it’s “just a kid’s disease” isn’t paying much attention.

★ 42 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia test... ▶ **Toro Blanco**

November 20 · 01:07:42 AM (/comments/1814014/72066050#comment_72066050)

Idiots are too idiotic to understand what idiots they are.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Catte Nappe)

Catte Nappe (/user/Catte Nappe) ▶ **PJEvans**

November 19 · 06:17:15 PM (/comments/1814014/72062677#comment_72062677)

There’s a new shot out that is far more effective than the prior one. I’ve known two people who have had shingles. My mother died from it. It didn't just cause a rash, or the blindness it causes some when it goes to the eyes. In her case it manifested with viral encephalitis. My husband recently recovered from a very, very mild case. Mild because he got the vaccine you did a few years ago. We’ve both since gotten the new one as well.

★ 23 Recommend

[new]



(/user/TrueBlueMajority)

TrueBlueMajority (/user/TrueBlueMajori... ▶ **Catte Nappe**

November 19 · 11:11:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72065475#comment_72065475)

I’m so sorry to hear your mom died from it, Catte Nappe.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Catte Nappe)

Catte Nappe (/user/Catte Nappe) ▶ **TrueBlueMajority**

November 20 · 12:05:08 PM

(/comments/1814014/72069003#comment_72069003)

It was a shock. Made believers out of us on the shingles vax when it first came out, though.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Paul NP)

Paul NP (/user/Paul NP) ▶ polecat

November 19 · 04:26:35 PM (/comments/1814014/72061501#comment_72061501)

I got shingles when I was around 33, but still can't get the vaccine until I'm 50. Thankfully, getting shingles younger is rarer (and less severe) but I'll be there waiting when I turn 50....

★ 32 Recommend



[new]



(/user/kaja)

kaja (/user/kaja) ▶ Paul NP

November 19 · 06:21:35 PM (/comments/1814014/72062722#comment_72062722)

I had the first vaccine when I was 60. I was going to get the new vaccine but my husband ended up getting shingles and I was told to wait a few months after he was healed. He was miserable and just missed getting it in his eyes. He had the first vaccine that was only 30% effective. The new one is 90 — 95% effective.

The doctor said they are giving the shot to younger people now. People are getting the virus, younger and younger.

★ 12 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Bouli79)

Bouli79 (/user/Bouli79) ▶ kaja

November 19 · 09:13:19 PM (/comments/1814014/72064551#comment_72064551)

There's a fascinating theory that says as more and more children are being vaccinated for chickenpox, older people are becoming more and more susceptible to shingles. The reason is that being around children with chickenpox acts as a sort of natural booster to adults who have had chickenpox themselves and so still carry the virus, being held in check by their immune systems. When your immune system comes into contact with a low dose of fresh virus, it acts just like a vaccine does, boosting its strength to keep your own stash of chickenpox virus hidden away. That's all the shingles vaccine is — a dose of the same chickenpox virus you already carry, to kickstart your body's own immune system. So the more kids with active chickenpox running around, the more opportunities for your immune system to practice fighting off the virus. If it doesn't get the chance, as your immune system weakens with age, the chickenpox virus re-emerges...bam! shingles.

★ 2 Recommend



[new]



(/user/eric14850)



eric14850 (/user/eric14850) ▶ Bouli79

November 19 · 11:24:01 PM

(/comments/1814014/72065548#comment_72065548)

Nice theory, easily checked. When I was growing up there were lots of children with chicken pox, but I never heard of shingles, though I was around elderly people quite a bit. My not hearing about it, or not remembering, doesn't mean anything. But there would be Dr records and public health records from the fiftys and sixties and this theory is easily proven or disproven.

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Oregon Expat)

Oregon Expat (/user/Oregon Expat) ▶ Paul NP

November 19 · 06:33:54 PM (/comments/1814014/72062836#comment_72062836)

I just turned 49. I came down w/ shingles almost 3 years ago (probably due to the fact I was taking a medicine containing a steroid, something I read is a risk factor). it was miserable. I need to get a shingles vaccine so this does not happen again!

★ 10 Recommend



[new]



(/user/OldGrammy)

OldGrammy (/user/OldGrammy) ▶ Paul NP

November 19 · 11:53:24 PM (/comments/1814014/72065750#comment_72065750)

This summer my grandson who is eleven got shingles. The pediatrician said that some children who received the chicken pox vaccination have gotten shingles, including her son. My grandson was put on antiviral medicine and he recovered quickly. But I have concerns, until he is old enough to have the shingle vaccine will he go thru episodes of shingles?

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Ronin83)

Ronin83 (/user/Ronin83) ▶ polecat

November 19 · 04:47:11 PM (/comments/1814014/72061716#comment_72061716)

(Had chickenpox as a kid — some mothers would have “chickenpox parties” where they’d deliberately infect their kids all at once. smh)

To be fair, this was a reasonable thing to do before the vaccine was developed, since chickenpox tends to be worse the older you are when you get it.

[new]



(/user/polecat)

polecat (/user/polecat) ▶ **Ronin83**

November 19 · 04:51:04 PM (/comments/1814014/72061762#comment_72061762)

I understand that. I've also HAD the shingles as an adult and been contagious. That was a few years ago and I was trying to get a product out the door. Could do without a repeat.

I'll get the shot. (Actually it is 2 shots.)

★ 8 Recommend



[new]



(/user/paz3)

paz3 (/user/paz3) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 05:09:23 PM (/comments/1814014/72061957#comment_72061957)

It was one shot when I was immunized about a year ago.

★ 4 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Senor Unoball)

Senor Unoball (/user/Senor Unoball) ▶ **paz3**

November 19 · 05:23:28 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062089#comment_72062089)

The new Shingrix vaccine is two shots. The second is given 2-6 months after the first.

There was a severe shortage of the vaccine last summer, but that problem may have been straightened out by now. I got my first shot easily enough, but when I went to get the second, nobody had it. Not my doctor's office, my usual pharmacy, not any other pharmacy. I finally got on a wait list at my doctor's office and they found my second shot because I'm in a higher-risk category as well as having had the first shot and needing the second one.

If you got the earlier vaccine and not Shingrix, you can, and should, still get the Shingrix as soon as you can.

★ 13 Recommend



[new]



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/All... ▶ **Senor Unoball**



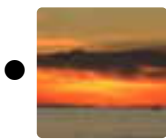
November 19 · 05:35:58 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062217#comment_72062217)

I've been on a waiting list for about a month and a half at my pharmacy. They are still waiting to be restocked w/ shingles vaccine. Glad I'm not in the High Risk category. I can wait. Others aren't as fortunate.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/indycam)

indycam (/user/indycam) ▶ **Senor Unoball**

November 19 · 05:46:49 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062350#comment_72062350)

I got the first shot and then had to hunt around for the second one . I found someone with it on the shelf , went there and was happy to get the second one right in the same spot on my arm as the first .

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/TRsCousin)

TRsCousin (/user/TRsCousin) ▶ **Senor Unoball**

November 19 · 06:28:19 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062781#comment_72062781)

The shortage asen't straightened out yet, at least in my area. I've been hounding my pharmacist since last spring.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/ericy)

ericy (/user/ericy) ▶ **Senor Unoball**

November 19 · 08:03:58 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063859#comment_72063859)

I got the first one from my doctor's office. I was set to go in for the 2nd, and they called me and told me that they were out. Fortunately a local pharmacy had it in stock.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/paz3)

paz3 (/user/paz3) ▶ Senor Unoball

November 19 · 08:20:07 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064028#comment_72064028)

I'll definitely look into that. I may get notified by my medical provider.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Senor Unoball

November 20 · 01:53:23 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066198#comment_72066198)

still a shortage. I was on a waiting list for the 2nd shot — just got it a couple of weeks ago.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Ebionim)

Ebionim (/user/Ebionim) ▶ Ronin83

November 19 · 04:56:59 PM (/comments/1814014/72061830#comment_72061830)

The same thing was done with mumps when I was growing up. As it was explained to me, much better than getting it after puberty....

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/CailleachNiAlba)

CailleachNiAlba (/user/CailleachNiAlba) ▶ Ebionim

November 19 · 10:08:04 PM (/comments/1814014/72065011#comment_72065011)

My husband got mumps as an adult, and it definitely was NOT something any man would enjoy!

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia testudines) ▶ Ronin83

November 20 · 01:08:38 AM (/comments/1814014/72066054#comment_72066054)

Chicken pox has always KILLED children.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/lucky lizard)

lucky lizard (/user/lucky lizard) ▶ polecat

November 19 · 05:54:44 PM (/comments/1814014/72062440#comment_72062440)

Good luck with that. I hope your area *has* the vaccine. There is a great shortage of it right now. (I'm presuming that's the new one.) There is no prediction about when they will get it. I just have to keep asking when I pick up my prescription.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/AllAmericanChica) ▶ lucky lizard

November 19 · 06:13:08 PM (/comments/1814014/72062637#comment_72062637)

Give them your phone number and insist on being put on a Waiting List. I'm on one. In fact, my pharmacy has orders to call, leave a voice message AND text. I don't want to be the person who goes in later only to be told, "Oh we had some, but it's all gone again. Come back in a month or two."

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/lucky lizard)

lucky lizard (/user/lucky lizard) ▶ AllAmericanChica

November 19 · 06:26:36 PM (/comments/1814014/72062767#comment_72062767)

I'll try it. A friend did and they told her they wouldn't call. First come, first served. 😞

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ lucky lizard

November 20 · 01:54:54 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066203#comment_72066203)

wow. In our case, it was our pharmacist who made the decision to put people on the waiting list and call.

I appreciate him even more now!

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/lesa5363)

lesa5363 (/user/lesa5363) ▶ polecat

November 19 · 06:13:44 PM (/comments/1814014/72062646#comment_72062646)

My mom exposed us when we were small. I didn't get it until I was 17. I was so sick I couldn't go to school for six weeks. I broke out twice, and got pneumonia. I didn't know I had been exposed, and went to see David Bowie with my aunt, who was 25. She was hospitalized. Her children, my cousins were 28 months and 10 months. Between the two of them, they had 12 lesions. They didn't have the immunizations when I was young. I have already had shingles once, at 40, and that was awful. My insurance won't pay for the shots until I am 60, and you can get shingles more than once. Jenny McCarthy also claims now that her child "grew out of" autism. She should never be considered an expert in anything. She just wrote that book because her acting gigs dried up and she had to do something to make some quick cash, and she knew plenty of people would buy into her idiocy.

★ 15 Recommend

[new]



(/user/frenchexile)

frenchexile (/user/frenchexile) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 07:54:25 PM (/comments/1814014/72063759#comment_72063759)

Seriously, why does any one take advice from a porn actress on anything but sex?

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/raptavio)

raptavio (/user/raptavio) ▶ **frenchexile**

November 19 · 11:11:21 PM (/comments/1814014/72065472#comment_72065472)

You really are fixated on what Jenny McCarthy has done for a living. It's creepy and more than a little problematic.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/fcvaguy)

fcvaguy (/user/fcvaguy) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 08:10:30 PM (/comments/1814014/72063924#comment_72063924)

Shingles vaccine highly recommended. Also depending on age, the stronger flu vaccine and the two-step pneumonia vaccine (age 60 and age 65).

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/middleschool)

middleschool (/user/middleschool) ▶ **polecat**

November 19 · 08:18:44 PM (/comments/1814014/72064017#comment_72064017)

Please get the shingles shot! I had shingles in my eyes and visited the eye doctors weekly. I was one nerve away from becoming blind. Don't take the risk.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Milkmaid)

Milkmaid (/user/Milkmaid) ▶ polecat

November 19 · 08:23:03 PM (/comments/1814014/72064056#comment_72064056)

I need to get it too. I had chickenpox as a kid the same time as my little brother. We laid in the dark in his bedroom, him in one twin bed and me in the other, for what seemed like weeks. It was miserable. I've had elderly neighbors who have had shingles and said it's the worst pain they've ever experienced. What is wrong with people that they don't vaccinate their children? I have an autistic child and I would still not swear off vaccines. It is gross irresponsibility.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/hulihuligirl)

hulihuligirl (/user/hulihuligirl) ▶ Milkmaid

November 19 · 08:59:26 PM (/comments/1814014/72064410#comment_72064410)

I have a neighbor who got shingles and it never went away. He has had shingles for 5 or 6 years now around his waist from the center and to his mid back. He says it is a painful today as it was 6 weeks in. His doctor has tried to kill some of the damaged nerve ending with electric pulse but it didn't work.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Milkmaid)

Milkmaid (/user/Milkmaid) ▶ hulihuligirl

November 19 · 10:24:26 PM (/comments/1814014/72065114#comment_72065114)

Oh my God, that's so sad.

★ 4 Recommend



(/user/CalvinTheBold)

CalvinTheBold (/user/CalvinTheBold) November 19 · 03:44:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72060953#comment_72060953)

Those anti-vaxxers are nuts.

★ 59 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Idontknowwhy)

Idontknowwhy (/user/Idontknowwhy) ▶ CalvinTheBold

November 19 · 05:20:01 PM (/comments/1814014/72062054#comment_72062054)

One could say their willful ignorance has brought a pox upon their houses.

★ 23 Recommend

[new]



(/user/kb0hae)

kb0hae (/user/kb0hae) ▶ CalvinTheBold

November 19 · 05:21:38 PM (/comments/1814014/72062066#comment_72062066)

Exactly! There should be no exceptions, ALL kids should get vaccinated! Unless there is a valid medical reason for them not to be. Far too many parents here send their kids to school with a cold or the flu, and soon the whole school has it, and of course the kids pass it to their parents...

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/TRsCousin)

TRsCousin (/user/TRsCousin) ▶ kb0hae

November 19 · 06:31:51 PM (/comments/1814014/72062809#comment_72062809)

There are also a fair number of children in schools who have fragile or compromised immune systems. HYPAA laws forbid schools’ telling parents of other students. Anti-vaxxers never seem to consider that fact.

★ 12 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Finnegan05)

Finnegan05 (/user/Finnegan05) ▶ TRsCousin

November 19 · 08:33:41 PM (/comments/1814014/72064151#comment_72064151)

They do not care

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/AllAmericanChica)

AllAmericanChica (/user/AllAmericanChica) ▶ CalvinTheBold

November 19 · 05:37:21 PM (/comments/1814014/72062229#comment_72062229)

Yes and unfortunately their off kiltzer wacky beliefs negatively impact all of us.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ CalvinTheBold

November 20 · 01:56:34 AM (/comments/1814014/72066208#comment_72066208)

they’re worse than nuts because they cause terrible damage to others.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/HoundDog)

HoundDog (/user/HoundDog) November 19 · 03:50:17 PM (/comments/1814014/72061022#comment_72061022)

As polecat notes many of these child hood virus infections lurk in remote parts of the body, constantly fought back by strong immune systems response. Only to resurge during moments of weakened immune systems.

Some pathologists seem to think that this lurking may not be entirely dormant, but rather involve an ongoing war within the body that maybe the underlying cause of many unexplained auto-immune system diseases.

★ 29 Recommend

[new]



(/user/PJEvans)

PJEvans (/user/PJEvans) ▶ HoundDog

November 19 · 04:12:45 PM (/comments/1814014/72061295#comment_72061295)

Stress can be enough.

★ 20 Recommend

[new]



(/user/originalcinner)

originalcinner (/user/originalcinner) ▶ PJEvans

November 19 · 05:23:07 PM (/comments/1814014/72062085#comment_72062085)

That’s why I got the shingles shot. I was just a smidge over 50, so my insurance covered it, and I was about to move house to another state. I was pretty sure that was the sort of stress that would bring on shingles (I had chickenpox as a kid, being British, where we didn’t vaccinate against it). I think it worked, I didn’t get shingles :)

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/elginblt)

elginblt (/user/elginblt) ▶ HoundDog

November 19 · 05:27:46 PM (/comments/1814014/72062127#comment_72062127)

I've had chicken pox, shingles and now have Rheumatoid arthritis. Believable to me. It would be interesting to see if there's a droo in auto-immune disorders to correlate with the drop in infections.

★ 10 Recommend



(/user/bear83)

bear83 (/user/bear83) November 19 · 03:51:14 PM (/comments/1814014/72061032#comment_72061032)

Stupid people do stupid things. Even worse, this B.S. puts members of the community who cannot be vaccinated for legitimate health reasons at risk.

Selfish, me-first idiots.

★ 49 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Ebionim)

Ebionim (/user/Ebionim) ▶ **bear83**

November 19 · 04:59:19 PM (/comments/1814014/72061854#comment_72061854)

Nah. They just want their Darwin Awards & chose a grossly inefficient way of getting one.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Lucy Montrose)

Lucy Montrose (/user/Lucy Montrose) ▶ **Ebionim**

November 19 · 06:46:36 PM (/comments/1814014/72062957#comment_72062957)

Hey! An award is an award, amirite?!

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/jayden)

jayden (/user/jayden) November 19 · 03:57:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061131#comment_72061131)

Sounds like Jesus is slacking off on his job of protecting the little children.

The parents who immunized their children should sue those who did not and whose children got sick. It's time the US get back to the days of "leave your religion at the door" when it comes to public spaces. Our right to be free from their religion outweighs their right to force it on the rest of us; especially children.

★ 24 Recommend

[new]



(/user/RoIn)

RoIn (/user/RoIn) ▶ **jayden** November 19 · 04:43:58 PM (/comments/1814014/72061680#comment_72061680)

As noted elsewhere in the thread this is not a religious school but one that appeals to secular progressives who claim a religious exemption for convenience.

★ 19 Recommend



[new]



(/user/jayden)

jayden (/user/jayden) ▶ **RoIn**

November 19 · 04:44:39 PM (/comments/1814014/72061689#comment_72061689)

Sue them anyway.

★ 9 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Ebionim)

Ebionim (/user/Ebionim) ▶ **RoIn**

November 19 · 05:01:54 PM (/comments/1814014/72061882#comment_72061882)

Sad to think there are progressives that stupid, but I guess they're right up there with the ones who are still proud to proclaim they don't vote for whatever incoherent reason.

★ 18 Recommend



[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia test...) ▶ **Ebionim**

November 20 · 01:11:40 AM (/comments/1814014/72066070#comment_72066070)

My 10 year old niece has leukemia and these antivaxxers could kill her with their idiocy.

★ 5 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **Ebionim**

November 20 · 02:02:14 AM (/comments/1814014/72066221#comment_72066221)

I have someone like this in our family. Has a master's degree (not in a scientific field) so it's not lack of education but simply faulty thinking. This person wouldn't let anyone in their family get flu vaccines because




someone they knew got Bell’s Palsy and they were convinced it was because of the flu shot (it’s not (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5414992/)).

Now, 2 decades later, this person is getting flu shots every year because they’ve been told they won’t be let near their grandchildren if they don’t. Luckily this person’s children understand science.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/avatarabbiehoffman)


avatarabbiehoffman (/user/avatarabbiehoffm... ▶ RoIn

November 19 · 06:05:24 PM (/comments/1814014/72062558#comment_72062558)

Doesn’t sound so convenient now...

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/paz3)


paz3 (/user/paz3) ▶ jayden November 19 · 05:13:24 PM (/comments/1814014/72061997#comment_72061997)

Sounds like some followers of Jesus are slacking off in their defined responsibility to be the hands, feet and minds of Jesus post-Resurrection. Which includes protecting children.

Love<.....>selfishness

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Liberal for Life)


Liberal for Life (/user/Liberal for Life) ▶ jayden

November 19 · 05:19:21 PM (/comments/1814014/72062050#comment_72062050)

How is not immunizing your own child forcing another child to practice your religion? I’m not sure you understand the concept of freedom of religion. Or religion.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/freancewoman)

freancewoman (/user/freancewoman) ▶ Liberal for Life

November 19 · 06:07:59 PM (/comments/1814014/72062591#comment_72062591)

It's simple: Your religious beliefs are forcing the too young to be vaccinated, and those with compromised immune systems to face the risk of becoming ill, perhaps mortally so, from YOUR religious belief.

The freedom to practice your religion should stop at the borderline of harming others who don't share those beliefs.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/frenchexile)

frenchexile (/user/frenchexile) ▶ **Liberal for Life**

November 19 · 07:56:47 PM (/comments/1814014/72063778#comment_72063778)

No but we do understand nonsense.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Liberal for Life)

Liberal for Life (/user/Liberal for Life) ▶ **frenchexile**

November 19 · 08:16:09 PM (/comments/1814014/72063979#comment_72063979)

Actually, what YOU don't understand is what you consider nonsense. The limitation is within you.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/chelonia testudines) ▶ **Liberal for Life**

November 20 · 01:12:59 AM (/comments/1814014/72066077#comment_72066077)

If your religion says it is OK yo kill my niece with leukemia because you are afraid of vaccines — then your religion is a pile of bullshit and you are forcing your bullshit on my vulnerable niece.

★ 7 Recommend



(/user/GatorgirlInc)

GatorgirlInc (/user/GatorgirlInc) November 19 · 04:04:55 PM (/comments/1814014/72061199#comment_72061199)

Yep . . . this is actually in the county just above mine (I'm in Rutherford County), and i read about it in this weekend's Asheville Citizen-Times . . . idiots!

★ 14 Recommend



(/user/radicalink)

radicalink (/user/radicalink) November 19 · 04:06:18 PM (/comments/1814014/72061212#comment_72061212)

Back when I was young, parents would try to get you to get chickenpox. Heh! But then we weren't a bunch of snowflakes and only had corncobs for dolls, and cod liver oil for dessert.

“A **pox party** (also **measles party**, **flu party** etc.) is a social activity where children are deliberately exposed to an infectious disease (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Infectious_disease). Such parties were done before vaccines were available on the premise of providing children with immunity against diseases such as chickenpox, which is more dangerous to adults than children^[1] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-1)[2] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-2) and measles, which is more dangerous to adults than it is to children over 5 years old.^[3] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-3) Nowadays pox parties are typically organized by anti-vaccinationists (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-vaccinationists>) who mistakenly think that vaccination is more dangerous than contracting the disease.^[4] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-4)[5] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-5) Deliberately exposing people to diseases is discouraged by public health (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Public_health) officials in favor of vaccination (<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaccination>).^[6] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-6) There exist variations of pox parties that involve shipping infectious material. In many parts of the world shipping infectious items is illegal^[7] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-ReutersNov2011-7) or tightly regulated.^[8] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-8)[9] (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pox_party#cite_note-9)”

★ 15 Recommend

[new]



(/user/GatorgirlInc)

GatorgirlInc (/user/GatorgirlInc) ▶ **radicalink**

November 19 · 04:08:08 PM (/comments/1814014/72061234#comment_72061234)

Good grief!! “Pox parties”?? Never heard of such a thing before . . . ;)

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/PJEvans)

PJEvans (/user/PJEvans) ▶ **GatorgirlInc**

November 19 · 04:13:59 PM (/comments/1814014/72061309#comment_72061309)

I have. They’re a really weird idea — these are contagious diseases, and measles, in particular, spreads really easily. It’s actually harder to prevent outbreaks, at least among the unvaccinated.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Unicornsparklefarts)

Unicornsparklefarts (/user/Unicornspark...) ▶ **PJEvans**

November 19 · 04:47:51 PM (/comments/1814014/72061721#comment_72061721)

When I was young, children were sent to "play" with households infected with mumps, measles (German and Allied), and chicken pox. There was no medical immunization available then, and people recognised the severity of childhood diseases when contracted as adults. People infected after puberty got very, very sick, and were at far greater risk of death than children. The pox parties were the way we had then to establish immunity in children to protect them from grave peril in the future.

★ 25 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Pogoatty)

Pogoatty (/user/Pogoatty) ▶ **Unicornsparklefarts**

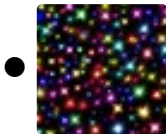
November 19 · 05:04:37 PM

(/comments/1814014/72061908#comment_72061908)

German and Allied measles?! Was there a particular war with measles?

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Unicornsparklefarts)

Unicornsparklefarts (/user/... ▶ **Pogoatty**

November 19 · 06:04:22 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062541#comment_72062541)

It was right after WWII, and the running joke referred to rubella and rubeola as German and Allied measles; the joke satirized confusion in understanding of the two terms which caused heated public debate at the time.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Pogoatty)

Pogoatty (/user/Pogo... ▶ **Unicornsparklefarts**

November 19 · 06:52:18 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063019#comment_72063019)

Ahhh, the Allied measles were the longer lasting measles (they were called the hard measles when I was a kid) and German measles only lasted three or four days. I got them both, German measles I got at least once a year. Along with chicken pox, mumps, Scarlet fever, etc....

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Pogoatty

November 20 · 02:08:41 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066237#comment_72066237)

I don't know about German measles lasting less long, but German Measles (Rubella) is dangerous to fetuses.

As is toxoplasmosis. (I had never had toxoplasmosis so stayed far far away from cats during my last pregnancy).

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/dotdash2u)

dotdash2u (/user/dotdash2u) ▶ Unicornsparklefarts

November 19 · 05:41:49 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062296#comment_72062296)

I remember being intentionally exposed to childhood diseases as a child — which I got and still have the immune titers to prove it ;-)

Polio was the “biggy” which kept us isolated from crowded places in the summer. No vaccine yet. The minute that was available people were lining up.

★ 16 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Unicornsparklefarts)

Unicornsparklefarts (/user/... ▶ dotdash2u

November 19 · 06:03:56 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062536#comment_72062536)

Yes. That was a terrifying time. Those pictures of little children in enormous, hideous iron lungs are still haunting. I know they were all we had to keep the stricken alive, but sight of them was frightful.

★ 12 Recommend

[new]



(/user/gardnerhill)

gardnerhill (/user/gardnerhill) ▶ dotdash2u

November 19 · 06:46:58 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062962#comment_72062962)

My mom was a nurse in the days before Salk — she remembers the wards full of iron lungs.

And that was an improvement from when people with polio simply suffocated to death since their diaphragms no longer worked.

★ 10 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Roln)

Roln (/user/Roln) ▶ **gardnerhill**

November 19 · 07:01:05 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063120#comment_72063120)

My mom was a nurse in the days before Salk — she remembers the wards full of iron lungs.

The next time an anti-vaxxer tells you that vaccines are just a conspiracy to make profits for big pharma just laugh and point out that big pharma can make MUCH more profit by selling them an iron lung than they can be selling them a polio vaccine.

★ 14 Recommend

[new]



(/user/gardnerhill)

gardnerhill (/user/gar... ▶ **Roln**

November 19 · 07:19:07 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063355#comment_72063355)

The way I counteract anti-choicers who smugly tell me that of course doctors are in favor of legal abortion because they make *millions* on abortion (funny, GOPigs normally love obscene profits don't they?) by pointing out that doctors make MUCH more money if women keep that pregnancy, give birth, and raise a child for 18 years.

Big Pharma makes its real profits on stuff like heart meds — public-service vaccines like the flu shot are their loss-leaders.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skohayes) ▶ **dotdash2u**

November 19 · 07:21:51 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063392#comment_72063392)

I remember going to the elementary school on a Saturday and they were giving out the sugar cubes with the vaccine in them.

★ 9 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **skohayes**

November 20 · 02:10:13 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066244#comment_72066244)

And I remember lining up in school for shots. There was no question about getting them — I don't think a single kid in my class didn't get them.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Belle Ame)

Belle Ame (/user/Belle Ame) ▶ **dotdash2u**

November 19 · 08:42:23 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064233#comment_72064233)

I have an older friend who had polio as a child and it altered her life for many months. She recovered and seemed to live a normal life through work, marriage, and raising children. Then she slipped on icy steps in her 50s and injured her knee. As it failed to heal and improve they realized she had post-polio syndrome. Basically the lasting damage done by polio can be masked as a teen and young adult but can resurface as you approach your senior years. Her ability to walk well continue to weaken, causing more falls that caused more injuries until she has to use a scooter even in her home.

This is to point out that experiencing any disease is an attack on the body. You may think your child has recovered fully but you don't really know what is hidden only to resurface decades later. It is irresponsible to not make choices that have the least chance of complications.

[new]



(/user/dotdash2u)

dotdash2u (/user/dot... ▶ Belle Ame

November 19 · 11:39:15 PM

(/comments/1814014/72065662#comment_72065662)

Interesting. This is the first I’m hearing about post-polio syndrome.

Your point is well taken about hidden sequelae.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Belle Ame

November 20 · 02:10:59 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066247#comment_72066247)

post-polio syndrome is truly awful. I’m so sorry about your friend.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/thejeff)

thejeff (/user/thejeff) ▶ PJEvans

November 19 · 04:49:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061745#comment_72061745)

It was a good idea, back before there were vaccines. As stated, these diseases were worse when you got them as adults, so build up the immunity as children. It’s essentially the same idea as vaccines, just less pleasant.

It’s insane now.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chelonia testudines)

chelonia testudines (/user/cheloni... ▶ thejeff

November 20 · 01:14:04 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066081#comment_72066081)

It was NEVER a good idea. It was always a stupid idea. Parents who love their children don;t purposely expose them to what can be a deadly illness.

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Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ chelonia testudines

(/comments/1814014/72066256#comment_72066256)

So, in many cases, it may have meant that 1) the kids got the disease when they were young and healthy so they did better than if they were older or if they were already sick when they contracted the illness; and 2) for women, if you didn't have chickenpox or German Measles as a child, your lack of immunity would endanger the fetus when you got pregnant, if you were exposed to those illnesses.

Now that we have vaccines, none of this seems reasonable. But at the time, it was a reasonable choice to make.

★ 4 Recommend

●



chelonio testudines (/... ▶ Tamar

(/comments/1814014/72069119#comment_72069119)

★ 0 Recommend



Toro Blanco (/user/Toro Blanco) ▶ PJEvans

November 19 · 05:00:40 PM (/comments/1814014/72061873#comment_72061873)

They made sense when there was NO vaccine, and the consequences were much more serious if you caught it as an adult...

It was basically preventative medicine in that regard: given that it was much safer to catch those diseases as a kid, it made sense to ensure that (in the absence of a true cure) you ensured your kid caught it young rather than risk infection and much more serious effects as an adult.

★ 17 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Clio2)

Clío2 (/user/Clio2) ▶ **Toro Blanco**

November 19 · 05:05:17 PM

(/comments/1814014/72061913#comment_72061913)

But there was still a risk of complications, even in kids.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Toro Blanco)

Toro Blanco (/user/Toro Bla...) ▶ **Clío2**

November 19 · 05:12:26 PM

(/comments/1814014/72061988#comment_72061988)

Of course, I'm not saying it's a good idea, only that I can understand the mindset: as a parent, you were weighing the options and choosing the one that seemed least risky.

It's the same mindset that argues in favor of vaccines now: there's a (very, very tiny) risk of complications when you get a vaccine, but the risks of not getting it are so much worse, so as a parent you roll those dice and get the vaccine.

Of course, a vaccination is a MUCH safer bet than a pox party.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skohayes) ▶ **Clío2**

November 19 · 07:23:48 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063412#comment_72063412)

True, my brother got measles and ended up in the hospital with pneumonia, and almost died.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ **Clio2**

November 20 · 02:18:49 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066261#comment_72066261)

but if 90% or more kids were going to get the illness no matter what you did, and if your daughter’s pregnancy would be at risk without that immunity, then making sure your kid got the disease made sense.

At that time.

(not anymore).

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tenn Wisc Dem)

Tenn Wisc Dem (/user/Tenn Wisc ...) ▶ **Toro Blanco**

November 19 · 06:02:08 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062519#comment_72062519)

In addition, if a woman got German measles (now called rubella) during the first three months of pregnancy, the fetus was at risk of serious defects. A cousin of mine had a daughter born with serious heart defects, which caused many surgeries. When I got rubella at 16, I was very relieved.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skohayes) ▶ **Tenn Wisc Dem**

November 19 · 07:27:17 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063453#comment_72063453)

My stepmom got German measles when she was pregnant and she miscarried. She was never able to get pregnant again.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Black Knight)

Black Knight (/user/Black K... ▶ **Tenn Wisc Dem**

November 19 · 08:57:09 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064384#comment_72064384)

It's actually the motive behind a murder in an Agatha Christie novel!

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

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

November 20 · 02:19:28 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066264#comment_72066264)

I must never have read that one (or I simply don't remember!).

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/RepublicanKos)

RepublicanKos (/user/RepublicanKos) ▶ **GatorgirlInc**

November 19 · 04:23:29 PM (/comments/1814014/72061457#comment_72061457)

Pox parties, diving boards and of course no bike helmets.

★ 12 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Clio2)

Clio2 (/user/Clio2) ▶ **RepublicanKos**

November 19 · 05:06:32 PM (/comments/1814014/72061927#comment_72061927)

DDT.

Cast-lead soldiers.

Playing with mercury out of broken thermometers.

★ 11 Recommend

[new]



(/user/dotdash2u)

dotdash2u (/user/dotdash2u) ▶ **Clio2**

November 19 · 05:48:11 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062365#comment_72062365)

As well, unleaded gas was very controversial when it first came out. Everyone thought it would give you “engine-knock”.

Whoever’s heard of that now?

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/freelancewoman)

freelancewoman (/user/free... ▶ dotdash2u

November 19 · 06:20:10 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062702#comment_72062702)

No seat belts, playing in plastic cleaners bags...

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/gardnerhill)

gardnerhill (/user/gardnerhill) ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 06:49:02 PM

(/comments/1814014/72062982#comment_72062982)

No wonder the young people today are so much smarter than we were — they didn't grow up breathing lead fumes from every car going by.

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Milkmaid)

Milkmaid (/user/Milkmaid) ▶ gardnerhill

November 19 · 08:39:16 PM

(/comments/1814014/72064197#comment_72064197)

They're not smarter. "Tech savvy" doesn't equal smarter. And consider that it takes a lot less effort to learn nowadays - it's all right there at their fingertips on their various devices. They no longer have to read books or do hours of research. Too many kids nowadays just Google answers rather than actually learning to think and problem solve.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/trumpeter)

trumpeter (/user/trumpeter) ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 06:56:18 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063066#comment_72063066)

A bunch of kids riding in the bed of the pickup truck...

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Clio2)

Clio2 (/user/Clio2) ▶ trumpeter

November 19 · 07:04:29 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063157#comment_72063157)

Walking to school unsupervised....crawling up storm sewers...climbing trees...setting off “cherry bombs”....

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/trumpeter)

trumpeter (/user/tru... ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 07:11:19 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063246#comment_72063246)

Trying to ride your bike across the telephone pole stretched across the creek as a bridge...

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ trumpeter

November 20 · 02:20:43 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066272#comment_72066272)

WOW.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/skohayes)

skohayes (/user/skoh... ▶ Clio2

November 19 · 07:33:57 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063526#comment_72063526)

Playing on the train tracks or going ice skating on a (mostly) frozen pond at 10 PM when your parents have gone out to a party.

★ 6 Recommend



[new]

(/user/Clio2)

Clio2 (/user/Clio2) ▶ skohayes

November 20 · 12:33:22 AM

(/comments/1814014/72065940#comment_72065940)

Swimming off the dock after dark.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ trumpeter

November 20 · 02:21:11 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066275#comment_72066275)

I still sometimes see workers doing that on the highway. Scares the wits out of me.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ Clio2

November 20 · 02:20:25 AM

(/comments/1814014/72066271#comment_72066271)

I thought things made out of solid lead (e.g., fishing weights) were not a source of lead poisoning.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]

(/user/BobBobANewBob)

BobBobANewBob (/user/BobBobANewB... ▶ RepublicanKos

November 19 · 05:43:13 PM (/comments/1814014/72062311#comment_72062311)

Riding your bicycle behind the mosquito fogger truck — it was so cool blasting through the smoke column (and living to tell about it)!

★ 5 Recommend

[new]

(/user/Lucy Montrose)

Lucy Montrose (/user/Lucy Montrose) ▶ RepublicanKos

November 19 · 06:50:20 PM (/comments/1814014/72062997#comment_72062997)

Big wooden and metal playground equipment, with 30 foot fireman's poles, lots of splinters, and nothing but gravel on the ground... no cushy surfaces made from recycled tires for us kids!

★ 8 Recommend

[new]



(/user/T100R)

T100R (/user/T100R) ▶ Lucy Montrose

November 19 · 07:06:14 PM

(/comments/1814014/72063181#comment_72063181)

And don't forget the monkey bars set directly into blacktop.

★ 6 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Tamar)

Tamar (/user/Tamar) ▶ RepublicanKos

November 20 · 02:19:46 AM (/comments/1814014/72066267#comment_72066267)

no seatbelts.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/estamm)

estamm (/user/estamm) ▶ Gatorgirlnc

November 19 · 04:42:10 PM (/comments/1814014/72061662#comment_72061662)

Guess you don't watch South Park either.... LOL

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November 19 · 04:56:28 PM (/comments/1814014/72061825#comment_72061825)

I must say I don't remember my parents ever taking me to a pox party but I do remember going over to other kids houses when they still have scabs from chicken pox. My sense is that it was no big deal but then again I was preteen, trusted my parents and not that smart. Heh!

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November 19 · 07:17:43 PM (/comments/1814014/72063340#comment_72063340)

Today, they call them “day cares”.

We didn’t have them when I was little, but my brother, sister and I all managed to get measles, then mumps and then German measles all at same time over a period of about 3 months. No wonder my mother drank.

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November 19 · 04:36:15 PM (/comments/1814014/72061606#comment_72061606)

That is horrendous. Amazing how these idiots have no problem putting their children in danger.

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November 19 · 04:46:03 PM (/comments/1814014/72061698#comment_72061698)

In the old days, it was known to be much safer to get chicken pox as a young child than it was as an older teenager or adult, so it made a lot of sense.

These days? Just take the darn vaccine

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November 19 · 04:46:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061705#comment_72061705)

Chicken Pox parties that were held before the vaccine was available are perhaps a bit more defensible.

In the modern era?

Not even close to defensible.

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Lenny Flank (/user/Lenny Flank) November 19 · 04:19:21 PM (/comments/1814014/72061396#comment_72061396)

Given that it’s Asheville, I strongly suspect that most of these “religious exemptions” are really just granola-types who think it’s all a “Big Pharma Corporate Conspiracy!!!!”

Sadly, when it comes to anti-science crackpottery, the left is no more immune than the right.
(Pardon my pun.)

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November 19 · 04:24:33 PM (/comments/1814014/72061467#comment_72061467)

Yes, the Waldorf School is not a conservative place, but is secular and on the progressive side (their mission statement includes world peace). Still -- idiots.

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November 19 · 04:33:48 PM (/comments/1814014/72061583#comment_72061583)

World peace and respect for the earth. This is not a fundie school but one for secular progressives.

Sadly, such “progressives” make up a big chunk of anti-vaxxers.

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November 19 · 04:37:02 PM (/comments/1814014/72061614#comment_72061614)

We used to have a fairly large and loud anti-vaxx contingent here at DKos, and still occasionally get a few who show up. Fortunately they usually get HRd into oblivion, and most of them have now either been bojo’d for CT or have self-exiled over to 99conspiracies.com, where they can preach their crap to each other.

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