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Last week, Clark County, Washington, health officials declared a state of emergency after an outbreak of 23 measles cases (<https://www.dailykos.com/stories/2019/1/23/1828810/-Lack-of-vaccinations-fuels-measles-outbreak-in-Washington-public-health-emergency-declared>)—20 of which were unvaccinated children. That number has since grown to 34 cases in the four weeks since the first measles cases were diagnosed. Oregon Live reports that all of the new cases were diagnosed in unvaccinated children between the ages of 1 and 10 years old. (<https://www.oregonlive.com/health/2019/01/vancouver-area-measles-outbreak-up-to-34-people.html>)

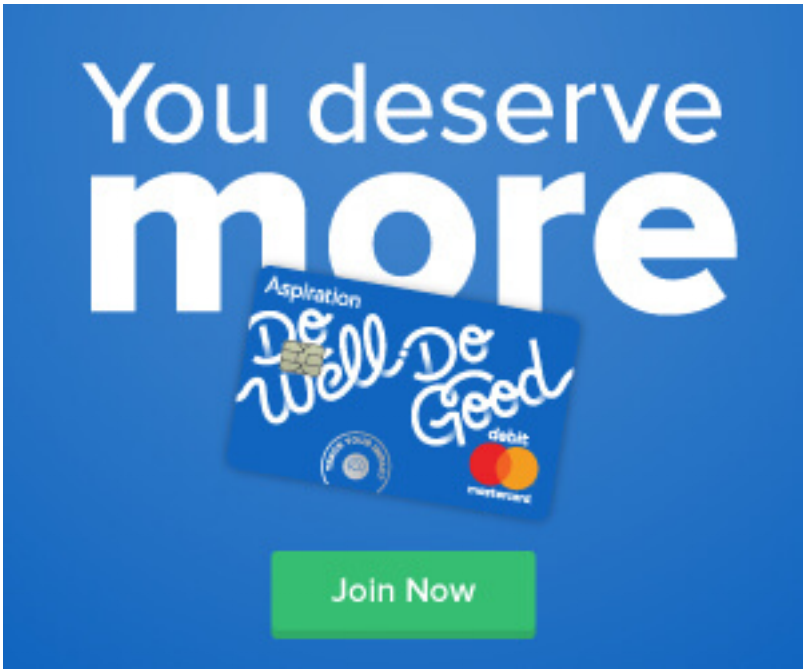
Forbes reports that this led Gov. Jay Inslee to announce his own state of emergency, which allows the state’s military department, emergency operations center, and health officials to coordinate and share resources. (<https://www.forbes.com/sites/brucelee/2019/01/27/washington-declares-emergency-for-measles-outbreak-how-this-affects-you/#9f509211b818>)

In 2000, the United States was able to joyously declare that measles had been “eliminated” (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/01/23/how-the-u-s-went-from-eliminating-measles-to-a-measles-outbreak-at-disneyland/?utm_term=.9f933fbbb122) as a disease. In 2018, we are dealing with this. According to Oregon Live, the new cases stem from the Vancouver area, whose unvaccinated population numbers around 33 percent.

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33%? All Republicans, I bet.

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January 28 · 03:20:38 PM (/comments/1830317/72752558#comment_72752558)

Lots of ignorant Dems are so “libertarian” that they are anti-vaxxers.

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January 28 · 03:44:29 PM (/comments/1830317/72752897#comment_72752897)

Unfortunately ‘tis true. Liberals who (rightly) distrust big corporations are sometimes can be persuaded by peer pressure into thinking that anything a corporation touches, e.g. vaccines, is a Bad Thing. Sadly Oprah has more clout than the entire scientific community, in some peoples’ lives.

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So infuriating, those anti-vaxxers, on both the left and the right.

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Dangerous, not just infuriating.

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Anti vaxxers should be returned to the 18th and 19th centuries and be required to deal with medicine as it was practiced then. They are hypocrites when it comes to dealing with universal

vaccination. It's alright for everyone else to vaccinate their kids to provide herd immunity, but not ok for them to vaccinate their own kids because of some unsupported belief that the vaccines may carry some risk. The overwhelming evidence is that the risks of vaccination infinitely outweigh any risk from uncontrolled childhood diseases. They want the safety of herd immunity without having to worry their empty heads about infinitesimally small risks associated with vaccines. These are the same people who cry bad science about climate change, but use cell phones, the internet, modern cars and planes, and all the other advances in modern society created by science. Send them back to a time where 50% of children did not survive to age ten, and they would be first in line to vaccinate their kids.

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The overwhelming evidence is that the risks of vaccination infinitely outweigh any risk from uncontrolled childhood diseases.

I think you mean just the opposite, but, yeah. And “herd immunity” only works when vaccination levels are above 80%. 67% is NOT 80%!

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We have the same problem with anti-GMO idiots as well. And even diaries claiming that glyphosate causes cancer.

We have no credibility on climate change until we shut down our own junk science promoters.

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To be fair, a man in CA. was just awarded , by Monsanto, somewhere close to \$289 million for cancer caused by glyphosate.

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A lawsuit is not science.

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There IS scientific evidence that glyphosate is linked to cancer. Gobble those GMO's and pesticides at your own peril.

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This is what I mean by junk science on our side. Glyphosate has been proven NOT to cause cancer in humans:

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/...
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GMOs are good for the environment and totally safe.

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From the linked paper: this was a study of

a prospective cohort of licensed pesticide applicators from North Carolina and Iowa....

In this large, prospective cohort study, no association was apparent between glyphosate and any solid tumors or lymphoid malignancies overall, including NHL and its subtypes. There was some evidence of increased risk of AML among the highest exposed group that requires confirmation.

“licenced applicators” in the U.S. hardly covers all exposure, but even if it did, “no association was apparent” is hardly “proof” that glyphosate does not cause cancer in humans. Nor does it claim to be. It does suggest that hysteria over it is misplaced.

Look, we absolutely cannot feed the world without GMOs and chemicals, but they need to be developed and used carefully and with science-based regulation.

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It is proof, at least as much proof that we will ever have. These workers would have had far higher exposure than any other population. The study population was huge -- 52,000 people -- with long follow up. We will never have a better study.

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T'isn't so much the science of GMOs that's problematic, it's the idea that you can keep making new GMOs every time the pests evolve around your chemical soup. I think we'll need GMOs for droughts etc. (I'm also not a fan of laws that limit farmers from collecting seeds.)

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There is no law preventing farmers from collecting seeds, they just have to pay the intellectual property owner if they seeds are patented. The truth is that farmers haven't been saving seeds from year to year for a very long time — it is more economical to BUY seeds. Seeds that have a high yield tend not to reproduce well. This was discovered over a century ago and has led to the revolutions in agriculture that now feed the world.

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There's a new group of folks besides anti-vaxxers. They call themselves the vaccine injured. No, seriously, it's a thing. I'm running into it on my neighborhood app. Since we live close to Vancouver, and the date for having

either proof of vaccination or your exclusion papers into schools is looming close and was just announced on the app, the discussion about the outbreak and the need for vaccines has been on.

One woman, who proclaims it her “job” now, is working with the vaccine injured community...which is .001% or something of all who are vaccinated, so I’m not sure how much of a population she is actually working with. But she persists in putting forth how dangerous vaccines are, etc. I live with someone with an immuno-suppressed system and who, if exposed to something like measles, could easily be health compromised. It’s dangerous for him.

Pisses me off no end. That one year old with measles? Too young to be vaccinated. The list of places now that one could have picked up exposure is growing by leaps and bounds. The incubation period is 2 -3 weeks, so we’re not nearly through with this outbreak. And it’s ridiculous. People poo-poo how dangerous a disease this can be, but children becoming deaf, blind, and brain damaged from it, let alone the risk of dying is no small thing. It was the leading cause of childhood death before we got the vaccine in place.

I get there may be religious reasons. Ok. But 33% of unvaccinated people are not unvaccinated because of religion. That is just stupidity.

Ok. Rant over. Probably. For now. Liable to renew at later date.

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(/user/atdailykos)

atdailykos (/user/atdailykos) ▶ joniworx

January 29 · 06:53:12 PM (/comments/1830317/72768121#comment_72768121)

The biggest complaint about vaccinations is the reactions which are caused by an allergic reaction to what is the median to convene the virus. My granddaughter can’t take vaccines in the common form but her pediatrician changed the formula to the less used form and no problem. Plus the vaccines dosage can be stretched out longer to prevent reactions. (more shots, less dosage over a longer period of time) When we have an epidemic because of unvaccinated people with the deadly results will these people realize the reason for getting vaccinated.

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/MichaelLDeaney)

MichaelLDeaney (/user/MichaelLDeaney) ▶ Senor Unoball

January 29 · 03:17:09 PM (/comments/1830317/72765231#comment_72765231)

This is not likely a typical DEM vs REP issue, and it belittles what’s left of the collective IQ. This is a complete lack of self edification of historically and scientifically documented fact! END OF DISCUSSION.

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Ralphdog)

Ralphdog (/user/Ralphdog) ▶ **levy001**

January 28 · 03:23:45 PM (/comments/1830317/72752604#comment_72752604)

Not always. Around us they’re mostly Birkenstock/granola liberals with too many college degrees but not enough education.

★ 22 Recommend



[new]



(/user/denig)

denig (/user/denig) ▶ **Ralphdog**

January 28 · 05:19:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72754192#comment_72754192)

What’ve you got against Birkenstocks and granola?

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/beamish boy)

beamish boy (/user/beamish boy) ▶ **denig**

January 28 · 07:11:02 PM (/comments/1830317/72755649#comment_72755649)

It's New Balance and muesli now.

★ 2 Recommend



[new]



(/user/charliehall2)

charliehall2 (/user/charliehall2) ▶ **beamish boy**

January 28 · 08:42:59 PM

(/comments/1830317/72756600#comment_72756600)

Don't tell these folks that the owner of New Balance is a Trump supporter.

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/HaikuzaKos)

HaikuzaKos (/user/HaikuzaKos) ▶ **Ralphdog**

January 29 · 12:58:02 PM (/comments/1830317/72763087#comment_72763087)

Exactly

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/one eyed pug)

one eyed pug (/user/one eyed pug) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 03:25:14 PM (/comments/1830317/72752619#comment_72752619)

in 2015 a Pew study found that anti-vaccine people were about equally divided between liberals and conservatives, with 12% of liberals and 10% of conservatives seeing vaccines as unsafe. So you would lose this bet...

★ 18 Recommend



[new]



(/user/sbkenn58)

sbkenn58 (/user/sbkenn58) ▶ one eyed pug

January 29 · 02:39:37 PM (/comments/1830317/72764626#comment_72764626)

No medicines are 100% safe, but in many cases, th risk is far lower than not taking them. Cannabis is probably the best all round remedy, but it doesn't work for every ailment.

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/RealityBased1)

RealityBased1 (/user/RealityBased1) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 03:38:28 PM (/comments/1830317/72752820#comment_72752820)

anti-vax sentiment does not seem to be associated with political suasion.

Neurologica (<https://theness.com/neurologicablog/index.php/dunning-kruger-and-gmo-opposition/>) recently reviewed a report on Dunning-Kruger that showed different types of beliefs are associated with different types of philosophies. From the article

Antivaccine and anti-GMO attitudes, on the other hand, are bipartisan. Further, they are based largely on fear driven by scientific misinformation.

★ 16 Recommend



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(/user/libera nos)

libera nos (/user/libera nos) ▶ RealityBased1

January 28 · 05:48:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72754639#comment_72754639)

Either scientific misinformation, or massive distrust of science or of corporations.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/David Jarman)

David Jarman (/user/David Jarman) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 03:43:45 PM (/comments/1830317/72752887#comment_72752887)

Clark County, Washington is a classic “swing county.” It went 44.5-44.3 for Clinton in 2016, and 48.6-48.4 for Obama in 2012. (It’s, of course, possible that the anti-vaxxers within that county are disproportionately from one party or the other, though not likely, since as others have already pointed out, polling nationwide finds an equal liberal/conservative split among those people.)

★ 5 Recommend

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(/user/Remembering Jello)

Remembering Jello (/user/Remembering Jello) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 03:59:17 PM (/comments/1830317/72753123#comment_72753123)

I would really really like to take this bet, at any dollar figure you’re comfortable with.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/ynohtnA)

ynohtnA (/user/ynohtnA) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 04:16:22 PM (/comments/1830317/72753355#comment_72753355)

Sorry, liberals, or at least people who claim to be liberals lead the way when it comes to this form of science denial. Stupid isn’t entirely partisan.

★ 7 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Bob Love)

Bob Love (/user/Bob Love) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 04:35:02 PM (/comments/1830317/72753621#comment_72753621)

Heavily Republican area for WA.

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(/user/Danarchist)

Danarchist (/user/Danarchist) ▶ Bob Love

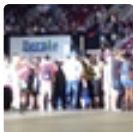
January 28 · 07:21:00 PM (/comments/1830317/72755746#comment_72755746)

We also have the same problem in some very liberal areas. See Vashon Island: [www.bbc.com/...](https://www.bbc.com/news/av/health-39558607/vashon-island-the-place-where-many-parents-skip-jabs) (<https://www.bbc.com/news/av/health-39558607/vashon-island-the-place-where-many-parents-skip-jabs>)

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(/user/joniworx)

joniworx (/user/joniworx) ▶ Bob Love

January 29 · 01:49:26 PM (/comments/1830317/72763865#comment_72763865)

Swing county, really.

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/Leftleaner)

Leftleaner (/user/Leftleaner) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 04:41:56 PM (/comments/1830317/72753701#comment_72753701)

The article I read said that the schools with the highest unvaccinated rate were Christian schools and Waldorf schools, both ends of the spectrum. I know people who are far left who think the vaccinations are a conspiracy within big pharma and that they aren't letting the real truth come out about the side effects. Since we know big pharma does that sort of thing, it's an easy jump.

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(/user/beamish boy)

beamish boy (/user/beamish boy) ▶ Leftleaner

January 28 · 07:13:32 PM (/comments/1830317/72755683#comment_72755683)

There are also fundie Jewish cultlets in New York State.

★ 3 Recommend



[new]



(/user/charliehall2)

charliehall2 (/user/charliehall2) ▶ beamish boy

January 28 · 08:44:33 PM (/comments/1830317/72756613#comment_72756613)

Also California. A few years ago the single school in that state with the lowest vaccination rate was a school run by a Jewish cult. :(

★ 1 Recommend



[new]



(/user/jfredmuggs)

jfredmuggs (/user/jfredmuggs) ▶ levy001

January 29 · 12:27:15 PM (/comments/1830317/72762646#comment_72762646)

You would be surprised. A lot of liberals are also stupid enough to buy the antivaxxer crap.

★ 1 Recommend

[new]



(/user/literaterose)

literaterose (/user/literaterose) ▶ levy001

January 29 · 02:03:53 PM (/comments/1830317/72764082#comment_72764082)

Not at all. The anti-vax movement is heavily populated with progressive—hell, *radically* progressive—people (folks who often characterize garden-variety liberals/Democrats as too conservative, in many cases), deeply attached to new age/woo psuedoscience which often profoundly misunderstands how the immune system works, as well as being generally deeply suspicious of “modern” medicine and anything they perceive as coming from corporations, including research labs. Ironically, lots of them don’t subscribe (at least, anymore) to the long-debunked autism nonsense (I actually wonder if that’s still more prevalent among far-right conservatives, but I have no idea), but it’s more about weird layering of cognitive fallacies like the appeals to nature and antiquity. Vancouver is right across the river from Portland, OR (so I suspect Oregon officials are correctly concerned), a hotbed of this particular element of left/progressive ignorance.

And I’m saying this based, in part, on knowing far too many of these folks myself. I’m about as far-left as one can get, but I can’t tell you how many times I’ve been reduced to tears of rage and desperation trying to get through to people I otherwise think of as intelligent, compassionate, deeply concerned with community and global interconnectedness, and proponents of critical thinking...except for this issue, where it’s all about personal choice and public welfare be damned. The irony deepens when the majority of them are also loudly and vigorously (as they should!) engaging in discussion and activism about climate change, citing **science** and its importance as the foundation for that... but somehow, that same principal applied to vaccination and immunology is suspect. It drives me to despair. I sometimes think there will be little hope of things swinging back to sanity until truly staggering epidemics start killing people’s kids en masse again, like in pre-vaccine days. The last couple generations really can’t fathom how commonplace it was for people to lose their kids just a few generations ago.

Those who don’t remember history, blah-blah-doomed-to-repeat-it-deathcakes...

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ levy001

January 29 · 05:04:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72766748#comment_72766748)

I’d wager not if I were a betting man.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/CitizenJoe)

CitizenJoe (/user/CitizenJoe) January 28 · 03:20:39 PM (/comments/1830317/72752559#comment_72752559)

Thank you for highlighting this. I've been following the story in The Oregonian for days now. The comments sections are loaded with anti-vaxxers, climate change deniers and anti-government sentiment. Of course, there are a lot of sane commenters as well.

★ 12 Recommend



(/user/Ralphdog)

Ralphdog (/user/Ralphdog) January 28 · 03:22:31 PM (/comments/1830317/72752582#comment_72752582)

The loss of herd immunity gives many 'conquered' diseases the potential to come back again. For most contagious viruses there's a critical fraction of the population that must be immunized to prevent epidemics from gaining traction and taking off like a prairie fire.

So when anti-vaxxers refuse to protect their children, they are also endangering **your** children by leaving a space for viruses to get rolling.

★ 24 Recommend

[new]



(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ **Ralphdog**

January 29 · 05:22:22 PM (/comments/1830317/72766986#comment_72766986)

Corrrect. And, according to the CDC, that threshhold is right around 80% vaccinated. As I mentioned in aother post, 67% doesn't come close to cutting it.

★ 0 Recommend

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(/user/BG Jack Ripper)

BG Jack Ripper (/user/BG Jack Ripper) ▶ **Ralphdog**

January 30 · 08:16:17 PM (/comments/1830317/72781359#comment_72781359)

I'm just spit-balling, but If your children are vaccinated then aren't they protected from the disease and prairie fires? Don't viruses mutate? so unless there is a 100% compliance isn't an epidemic always possible? I grew up in the 50's and probably had most of the childhood diseases, some you might not even heard of, yet I don't remember hearing of any great numbers dying from them as claimed today. I read an study this subject as a science health issue and ignore stultifying idiots who try to politicize it into a who's right by Party or plurality. Once upon a time Americans could trust their institutions of health, only now money interest run interference for concerns of profit over people and we must rely on who we believe, or find out for ourselves, like the questionable toxic things they put into vaccinations, or the vast amount of vaccines given to children today in massive dosages over short time spans overloading their immune systems. Lots of questions and not many satisfying answers! Maybe people are not anti-vaxxers but just people who want explanations when they see so many children with things like Autism that I never saw as a

child growing up,but today has hit most families!! It's amazing the amount of people on this thread who are so dead fire sure of their opinions, must be great to be a know it all bombast!! Hey!! I'm just spit-balling that's all....

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/ThePhlebob)

ThePhlebob (/user/ThePhlebob) January 28 · 03:27:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72752648#comment_72752648)

“In the proceeding week, that number has grown to 34 over four weeks since the first measles cases were diagnosed. Oregon Live reports that all of the new cases are made up of unvaccinated children, between the ages of 1-10 years-old.”
(<https://www.oregonlive.com/health/2019/01/vancouver-area-measles-outbreak-up-to-34-people.html>)

That extreme lopsidedness must be shouted from the rooftops, not to punish the anti-vaxxer parents of the patients — the illness is enough pain — but to point out to other anti-vaxxers and anti-vax-leaners that vaccination *does* work and they really ought to get their kids vaccinated.

★ 8 Recommend



(/user/hcrawford)

hcrawford (/user/hcrawford) January 28 · 03:28:00 PM (/comments/1830317/72752660#comment_72752660)

I remember looking into this subject long ago and found it crazy. In one article while it made some sense at first, but the next paragraph was a bunch of xenophobic, new world order crap. Sadly ignorance knows no party affiliation. I would like to ask those whose kids have died or suffered due to the neglect of a shot — was it worth it? Did your child's good health balance out the cost of your unsubstantiated theories?

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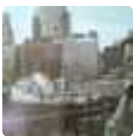
(/user/thenekkidtruth)

thenekkidtruth (/user/thenekkidtruth) January 28 · 03:29:53 PM (/comments/1830317/72752687#comment_72752687)

Multnomah County is right across the Columbia River, and it's home to populous Portland, Oregon — the largest city in that state. Vancouver and Portland are “sister cities” in two separate states.

★ 3 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Bob Love)

Bob Love (/user/Bob Love) ▶ **thenekkidtruth**

January 28 · 04:39:18 PM (/comments/1830317/72753664#comment_72753664)

Vancouver is the poor sister: lotta strip malls, lotta Republicans. Whereas Oregon is a Dem state because of Portland.

★ 2 Recommend

[new]



(/user/susanala)

susanala (/user/susanala) ▶ thenekkidtruth

January 28 · 05:01:20 PM (/comments/1830317/72753969#comment_72753969)

Washington Post ([https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2019/01/24/blazers-fans-may-have-been-exposed-measles-during-game-portland/?](https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2019/01/24/blazers-fans-may-have-been-exposed-measles-during-game-portland/?utm_term=.46cbe8c84808)

utm_term=.46cbe8c84808) reported last week that someone with active measles infection had attended a Trailblazers game.

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(/user/libera nos)

libera nos (/user/libera nos) ▶ susanala

January 28 · 05:50:43 PM (/comments/1830317/72754672#comment_72754672)

Bloody hell. Whatever your reason for not getting vaccinated, and however much you trust in alternative medicine, that's just both stupid and uncaring.

★ 5 Recommend

[new]



(/user/llywrch)

llywrch (/user/llywrch) ▶ susanala

January 29 · 12:11:16 PM (/comments/1830317/72762419#comment_72762419)

Morning tv news reported that someone with measles (or is it rubella? one is definitely more serious than the other) in the infectious stage was at OMSI, which is a big local draw for children.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/susanala)

susanala (/user/susanala) ▶ llywrch

January 29 · 04:14:57 PM (/comments/1830317/72766043#comment_72766043)

Rubella = German measles. Rubeola = measles.* Rubella is generally the milder of the 2 viruses. But if a pregnant woman contracts rubella, it can cause major birth defects.

(*some people refer to rubeola as red measles. But the rash from German measles is also red so)

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(/user/llywrch)

llywrch (/user/llywrch) ▶ susanala

January 29 · 07:27:10 PM

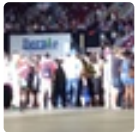
(/comments/1830317/72768494#comment_72768494)

The news has been calling this outbreak “measles”, without explaining which it is.

I'm hoping that it is rubella or the German measles myself; the "hard" measles are definitely nothing to trifle with.

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(/user/joniworx)

joniworx (/user/joniworx) ▶ susanala

January 29 · 01:51:25 PM (/comments/1830317/72763890#comment_72763890)

And in 2 -3 weeks, we'll see if anyone is infected.

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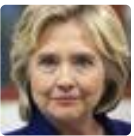
(/user/Mogolori)

Mogolori (/user/Mogolori) January 28 · 03:30:16 PM (/comments/1830317/72752691#comment_72752691)

Whoever runs that town's schools and local government need to get bounced STAT.

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[new]



(/user/Leftleaner)

Leftleaner (/user/Leftleaner) ▶ Mogolori

January 28 · 04:47:28 PM (/comments/1830317/72753777#comment_72753777)

State law says that parents can opt out of vaccinations for religious or philosophical reasons. The schools have no control. Once a case is discovered the kids without vaccinations are barred from attending until the outbreak is over. When there was a chicken pox case at a school I worked at, the unvaccinated kids were barred. Within a week, a large portion of them were vaccinated and back in school, philosophy be damned.

★ 14 Recommend

[new]



(/user/vadem165)

vadem165 (/user/vadem165) ▶ Leftleaner

January 28 · 08:48:45 PM (/comments/1830317/72756647#comment_72756647)

The only exemptions that should be allowed are medical (e. g. being allergic to the vaccine). Public health trumps religious exercise IMO.

★ 4 Recommend

[new]



(/user/poalcat51)

poalcat51 (/user/poalcat51) ▶ vadem165

January 29 · 12:21:04 PM (/comments/1830317/72762562#comment_72762562)

Opting out of MMR and other vaccinations were NOT an option when my son first enrolled in public school in 1983. He HAD to have proof he had been immunized. Period. This is what happens when you give someone an inch. They will take a mile, jeopardizing the health and lives of others.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/azbc)

azbc (/user/azbc) ▶ poalcat51

January 29 · 04:04:02 PM

(/comments/1830317/72765914#comment_72765914)

When I started school there was NO opt out period . When my kids started you Could opt out But you COULD NOT GO TO SCHOOL

With how many BILLIONS of people in the world no drug of any kind will be 100% free of all problems but society DOES have the right to isolate those who choose to risk us all

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/poalcat51)

poalcat51 (/user/poalcat51) ▶ azbc

January 29 · 05:22:03 PM

(/comments/1830317/72766976#comment_72766976)

I was five years old when I came down with Rubeola, the ten-day measles. To this day, I remember how miserably sick I was. There was no vaccine back in those days. I can't even begin to *imagine* parents wanting to subject their kids to the agony and potential dangers of this or any other communicable disease that can be easily controlled with an injection.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anja... ▶ poalcat51

January 29 · 05:31:59 PM

(/comments/1830317/72767138#comment_72767138)

I was in school before those vaccinations,as well. I 1st grade I had chicken pox (another one that wasn't considered dangerous — but can be), in 2nd grade I got rubeola. 4th grade I got mumps. But in between times, I got all the vaccinations that were out there — polio (first the Saulk vaccine, later the Sabin booster; smallpox; I believe I was vaccinated for Pertussis, which, I think, was new at the time (I have asthma, so the coughing and attendant breathing issues could have killed me)

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ vadem165

January 29 · 05:25:26 PM (/comments/1830317/72767035#comment_72767035)

Compromised immunne systems are a very good reason to not be vaccinated. And those individuals REALLY depend on herd immunity!

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/vadem165)

vadem165 (/user/vadem165) ▶ anjaspapa

January 30 · 12:41:26 AM

(/comments/1830317/72771299#comment_72771299)

Yes, so that's an argument for allowing medical exemptions AND requiring it of everyone else.

★ 0 Recommend

[new]



(/user/Weaving)

Weaving (/user/Weaving) ▶ Leftleaner

January 29 · 02:40:26 PM (/comments/1830317/72764641#comment_72764641)

I also heard on the news last night that doctors are giving exemptions when there's really not a medical or religios reason.

★ 0 Recommend

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(/user/ratcityreprobate)

ratcityreprobate (/user/ratcityreprobate) ▶ Mogolori

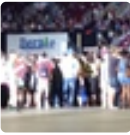
January 28 · 06:42:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72755319#comment_72755319)

Most are probably in Christian Schools, Charter Schools or Waldorf Schools and beyond the reach of the local school authorities.

★ 0 Recommend



[new]



(/user/joniworx)

joniworx (/user/joniworx) ▶ ratcityreprobate

January 29 · 01:53:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72763917#comment_72763917)

Yup, that’s not true here. Public schools are all involved.

★ 0 Recommend



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(/user/ratcityreprobate)

ratcityreprobate (/user/ratcityreprobate) ▶ joniworx

January 29 · 04:55:05 PM (/comments/1830317/72766612#comment_72766612)

Are you in Clark County?

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/RealityBased1)

RealityBased1 (/user/RealityBased1) January 28 · 03:32:28 PM (/comments/1830317/72752723#comment_72752723)

In 2000, the United States was able to joyously declare that measles had been “eliminated,” (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/01/23/how-the-u-s-went-from-eliminating-measles-to-a-measles-outbreak-at-disneyland/?utm_term=.9f933fbbb122) as a disease.



Of no coincidence at all, 2 years before that, in 1998, Dr Andrew Wakefield published his infamous “study” in the BMJ that has led directly to the current anti-vax hysteria, which in turn has led to a recurrence of measles, as well as other vaccine preventable diseases. (the article in question was withdrawn, and Andrew Wakefield was eventually stripped of his medical degree in Britain for his fraudulent paper)

Most (though not all) outbreaks of measles occur in those who have declined vaccination for various reasons, whether ideology or religion. The peak in USA was in 2014, when I’m sure many people remember the Disneyland outbreak.

Vaccination prevents millions of deaths worldwide every year, and is the single most cost effective Public Health initiative ever.

★ 16 Recommend



(/user/skillet)

skillet (/user/skillet) January 28 · 03:33:42 PM (/comments/1830317/72752745#comment_72752745)
Measles?....you gotta be kidding.

★ 1 Recommend



(/user/CwV)

CwV (/user/CwV) January 28 · 03:34:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72752750#comment_72752750)
Well, those kids won't need vaccination, they get their immunity the hard way.

A generation of parents that should know better.

But don't.

★ 9 Recommend

[new]



(/user/JeffSCinNY)

JeffSCinNY (/user/JeffSCinNY) ▶ **CwV**

January 28 · 04:52:55 PM (/comments/1830317/72753852#comment_72753852)
But a significant fraction will suffer severe problems such as deafness,seizures and pneumonia as a result.

★ 9 Recommend

[new]



(/user/chimene)

chimene (/user/chimene) ▶ **CwV**

January 28 · 05:45:08 PM (/comments/1830317/72754576#comment_72754576)
but... but... I never had measles when I was a kid and nobody else I knew did either! why should my little snowflake get a nasty needle-stick!?!

it's not like my parents or grandparents could have told me what childhood diseases were like when when *they* were kids or young parents... y'know, before there were all these nasty vaccinations available... /s

★ 2 Recommend

[new]

(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ chimene

January 29 · 05:38:14 PM (/comments/1830317/72767229#comment_72767229)

Yeah. Tell ‘em to ask the (grand)parents about polio, and what is was like for kids before Jonas Salk (I believe I misspelled his name in another post here). I can still picture a couple of my friends who caught it before they could be vaccinated. Scary stuff!

★ 0 Recommend

[new]

(/user/rsf)

rsf (/user/rsf) ▶ CwV

January 29 · 04:04:34 PM (/comments/1830317/72765918#comment_72765918)

Bonus, they’ll be more open to other infections for years

blogs.discovermagazine.com/... (http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/d-brief/2015/05/07/measles-immune-system/#.XFC_xNtKi70)

★ 0 Recommend

(/user/kjallen)

kjallen (/user/kjallen)

January 28 · 03:41:16 PM (/comments/1830317/72752851#comment_72752851)

My grandson was just telling me that he has seen questions from young people asking how they can get vaccinated without parental permission. Presumably, their parents are anti-vaxers, but they aren’t, and they don’t want to get sick.

★ 23 Recommend

(/user/democratos)

democratos (/user/democratos)

January 28 · 03:43:19 PM (/comments/1830317/72752880#comment_72752880)

A triumph of post-modern pseudo-science, vax-deniers.

★ 10 Recommend

(/user/randyb)

randyb (/user/randyb)

January 28 · 04:02:58 PM (/comments/1830317/72753181#comment_72753181)

I guess spending on the government to clean up the mess made by anti-vaxxer “morans” is an acceptable form of vaccination. Idiots, each and everyone of them.

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(/user/highacidity)

highacidity (/user/highacidity) January 28 · 04:33:20 PM (/comments/1830317/72753585#comment_72753585)

A good read:

This autism dad has a warning for anti-vaxxers (<https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2018/10/16/17964992/vaccine-autism-book-peter-hotez>)

**WHY A VACCINE RESEARCHER IS WAGING WAR ON THE ANTI-VACCINE MOVEMENT.
([HTTPS://WWW.VOX.COM/SCIENCE-AND-HEALTH/2018/10/16/17964992/VACCINE-AUTISM-BOOK-PETER-HOTEZ](https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2018/10/16/17964992/vaccine-autism-book-peter-hotez))**

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(/user/ynohtnA)

ynohtnA (/user/ynohtnA) January 28 · 04:38:13 PM (/comments/1830317/72753650#comment_72753650)

Anti-vax parents should cover any costs incurred by the State dealing with the damage resulting from their willful action.

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(/user/owlbear1)

owlbear1 (/user/owlbear1) ▶ **ynohtnA**

January 28 · 04:46:24 PM (/comments/1830317/72753759#comment_72753759)

Yes! Yet again “Libertarians” forcing everyone else to pay for their self-aggrandizing *rugged-individualist* tripe.

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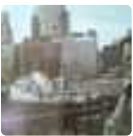
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January 28 · 08:20:26 PM (/comments/1830317/72756352#comment_72756352)

They should cover any costs incurred by ***anybody*** from their stupidity.

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(/user/Bob Love)

Bob Love (/user/Bob Love) January 28 · 04:42:27 PM (/comments/1830317/72753705#comment_72753705)

Anti-vaxxers are one more fact-averse community. The GOP coalition is made of such idiots.

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(/user/Remembering Jello)

Remembering Jello (/user/Remembering Jello) ▶ Bob Love

January 28 · 04:47:14 PM (/comments/1830317/72753773#comment_72753773)

Heh. In CA, these “ GOP Idiots” seem to cluster in Berkeley and the Bay Area (https://www.sfgate.com/local/article/kindergartens-vaccines-medical-exemptions-calif-13085811.php), both GOP strongholds....

Lotta idiots out there. Some of them Lefties.

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(/user/ChadmanFL)

ChadmanFL (/user/ChadmanFL) ▶ Remembering Jello

January 28 · 10:30:31 PM (/comments/1830317/72757599#comment_72757599)

Over 50% unvaccinated at some schools. That’s insane.

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(/user/jazzed)

jazzed (/user/jazzed) January 28 · 04:49:25 PM (/comments/1830317/72753802#comment_72753802)

There was a news segment recently about California physicians who charge an exorbitant fee (\$300) to assess your child then write a letter that child should not be vaccinated for medical reasons. In CA, this is the only exception to vaccination. The person at state level in CA reviewing the letters, says medical reasons have nothing to do with the vaccine or potential side effects.

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(/user/libera nos)

libera nos (/user/libera nos) ▶ jazzed

January 28 · 05:53:50 PM (/comments/1830317/72754720#comment_72754720)

If there’s money to be made, some supposedly responsible professionals will gladly place their ethics in a blind trust for the duration.

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(/user/jazzed)

jazzed (/user/jazzed) ▶ libera nos

yes. Morality and ethics seem to be far behind greed and money these days.

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(/user/Rubens)

Rubens (/user/Rubens) January 28 · 05:25:51 PM (/comments/1830317/72754296#comment_72754296)

One hopes that none of the people infected — and in particular the kids who are at risk because of their parents’ idiocy — will be killed or seriously injured by the measles... although it’s only a matter of time if there are enough cases. If this does have to happen, one hopes that the victims will be personally close to the loudest and most destructive activists. What goes around...

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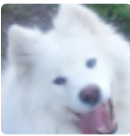
(/user/eeff)

eeff (/user/eeff) January 28 · 05:38:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72754472#comment_72754472)

which disease do you get spots all over you ? Chicken Pox ?

I had that in 1964, I remember being in Waltham, MA. I believe I had to stay at grandmas house a few days while I was sick. She lived in Weston, MA

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(/user/Laurel in CA)

Laurel in CA (/user/Laurel in CA) January 28 · 06:33:36 PM (/comments/1830317/72755207#comment_72755207)

Our samoyed (pictured at left) gets vaccinated, even though she could plausibly get a medical excuse, as she is immunosuppressed due to uveo-dermatologic syndrome. But the vet med literature indicates that she is still able to mount at least a partial immune response, with no danger to her health.

The cases of legitimate medical exemption are almost vanishingly rare. Those people — and the wider community including kids too young for full immunization and people too old — deserve the utmost in protection from the rest of us. Wakefield should be rotting in prison for his fraud and causing death and disability. And the anti-vaxxers in public sphere should be sentenced to a week-long intensive scientific and medical education including seeing the clinical consequences of the diseases caused by the diseases they have helped to bring back.

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(/user/Jeanette Elise)

Jeannette Elise (/user/Jeanette Elise) January 28 · 06:45:38 PM (/comments/1830317/72755373#comment_72755373)

Rant warning:

I personally think anti-vaxers should be charged with child endangerment and child abuse and should have their children removed from their custody until or unless said children are fully vaccinated as appropriate for their ages...and that those children should remain under the oversight of the court to determine that the vaccinations are kept up to date until the children are 18. I have seen the results of complications of “childhood diseases”, and I have also seen what happens when chicken pox gets loose in a unit of immune-suppressed children. Get out of here with any anti-vax propaganda! That kind of talk should be shut down...it’s not “free speech”, it’s dangerous and could cause death and disability!

//Rant mode off

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(/user/shaalvarez)

shaalvarez (/user/shaalvarez) ▶ Jeannette Elise

January 28 · 08:09:55 PM (/comments/1830317/72756254#comment_72756254)

I agree with you. My sister in law is an anti vaxxers. When my youngest son was born, a preemie no less, she was offended because I wouldn't let her and her kids near the baby. Newborns dont usually have all their vaccinations until almost a year old. It ended up becoming a huge argument. But it's not only about one family member affecting another. Any person who knowingly doesn't vaccinate themselves or their children is putting countless others at risk too.

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(/user/T100R)

T100R (/user/T100R) ▶ shaalvarez

January 28 · 08:27:49 PM (/comments/1830317/72756436#comment_72756436)

Indeed. I have an adult family member who has a compromised immune system. Every unvaccinated individual out there is a potentially lethal risk to him.

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(/user/moluv00)

moluv00 (/user/moluv00) ▶ Jeannette Elise

January 29 · 02:10:55 PM (/comments/1830317/72764196#comment_72764196)

Have your children been vaccinated for Ebola? Of course not. Vaccination is a tool. It makes sense if the likelihood of danger is warranted. If vaccination works, then its the unvaccinated children that are in danger, and the parents of vaccinated children have nothing to worry about. Yet, here we are. You protect your children with the knowledge that you’ve researched, but are angry when someone finds evidence to the contrary and chooses not to. That’s dangerous.


When people choose to vilify people that have found valid evidence counter to the pro-vaccine point of view, they should not have their liberty to make educated decisions for their children taken away by the state. Also, death and disability can be caused by vaccine

allergies. Check out what the CDC says about the percent of people who are allergic, then look at the numbers of people taking vaccinations. It would dwarf the 34 measles cases listed in this article.

If you’re really concerned about spreading disease, I suggest you teach your kids to wash their hands regularly. It would seem that the position of pro-vaxxers is to establish control over other people’s children rather than their own.

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(/user/Iron Maiden)

Iron Maiden (/user/Iron Maiden) ▶ moluv00

January 29 · 02:57:20 PM (/comments/1830317/72764926#comment_72764926)

Moluvo00, I have a compromised immune system. I have an autoimmune disease which means that if I am exposed, I could get really sick, really quick. And I had my vaccines, not to mention all the other stuff given to me by the Army, but that doesn’t always work if herd immunity goes down to to a certain level. So no, a person should not get to decide to put ME at risk because they CHOOSE not to believe the science. Those kids who are sick aren’t just putting other un-vaxed kids at risk, they are putting the community at large at risk! There will always be risks to any medication, but the risk is rare. I have a disease that means I can’t have anesthesia. Does this mean that others shouldn’t be given it for their surgeries because someone like me might show up in that room and have a reaction? No. It means all reasonable precautions should be taken, and if something happens, that’s life. You can’t walk around in a bubble, afraid to live life because something might happen. And that’s what it boils down to, people are afraid of what might happen, when the evidence of what WILL happen is right in front of them and they ignore it. Life is not easy, it is not fair, and it is not predictable. I could get hit by a truck walking my dogs as I could die from a sickness. Letting fear dictate a community is what got us Trump. It’s what is causing the measles. Saying it’s a choice is bullshit. Vaccinate your kids.

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(/user/post rational)


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January 28 · 09:54:08 PM (/comments/1830317/72757253#comment_72757253)

Someday I hope there will be a vaccination that prevents the kind of terminal stupidity these anti-vaxxers exhibit.

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(/user/Sailor Jo)

Sailor Jo (/user/Sailor Jo) ▶ post rational

January 29 · 07:13:38 PM (/comments/1830317/72768346#comment_72768346)

Don't worry. Climate change, helped by the climate change deniers, will reduce earth's population to a point that there will be only pockets of humans left and nobody needs to fear vaccines anymore.

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) January 29 · 01:25:41 AM (/comments/1830317/72758816#comment_72758816)

Insanity.. sheer bloody insanity, to expose these kids to a disease.. one that NO you fools is not gone....and one that can kill them, deafen them, mar them for life..for no reason.

Back before there were vaccines.. and we had no other options, that was one thing. We said a lot of prayers and we would deliberately expose them, to get them some immunity... to prevent a later age onset. As them getting the disease was a given.. but we could at least decide, when, and minimize the risks.

Younger (2-5) meant that they were less likely to suffer the major complications VS getting the same thing say at age 10, or worse, age 20 (much like the mumps, late onset can kill an adult)

Measles effects LINK (<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/complications.html>)

- Ear infections 1 in 10 and can result in permanent hearing loss.
- Diarrhea 1 in 10. *Dehydration can kill a child.
- 1 in 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, the most common cause of death
- About 1 in a 1000 will develop encephalitis (swelling of the brain) resulting in convulsions, deafness or brain damage.
- For every 1,000 children who get measles, one or two will die from it.
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- **So to not prevent it.. when you can do so.....should be considered child neglect.**

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(/user/Smile Meadoe)

Smile Meadoe (/user/Smile Meadoe) ▶ EstaW

January 29 · 02:12:03 PM (/comments/1830317/72764211#comment_72764211)

And also neglect of your personal obligation to your community. For want of a better way to say it; “God gave us smart people who invented ways to prevent disease that exists in our environment. It is an insult to this God to not embrace the help he sends for societies benefit through the gifts he grants through our fellow travelers in this life.”

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) ▶ Smile Meadoe

January 29 · 03:14:56 PM (/comments/1830317/72765202#comment_72765202)

Yep.. as for those who cannot take the vacs.. due to immune issues, allergic reactions etc.. that herd immunity is their ONLY protection. And yes, the Goddess gave us brains, we are supposed to use them.... we are adults..and like

any good Mother, she expects us to act like it !

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ **Smile Meadoe**

January 29 · 09:16:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72769601#comment_72769601)

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use. -Galileo Galilei

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ **EstaW**

January 29 · 09:13:37 PM (/comments/1830317/72769576#comment_72769576)

Another effect of measles that has recently been discovered is that it hits your immunity hard. Numerous studies have shown that for months after apparently full recovery from measles, the kids are more likely to die from other diseases than kids who never were infected. Apparently what is happening is the memory B cells developed against other antigens before the measles infection get wiped out and the victim is back at square one and has to develop immunity all over again.

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) ▶ **TexasAggie**

January 30 · 12:42:28 AM (/comments/1830317/72771308#comment_72771308)

Given how it is such a systemic infection.. not too much of a surprise to hear that. It is sorta like how anti bios.. kill off GOOD bacteria, along with the bad, and the body has to rebuild. But in the meantime you develop secondary infections and disruptions.

Secondary infections would be a factor....if the original is overwhelmed by the infection. So, for a time, they have none of the immunity.. they already had against more common antigens.. that would explain a lot .. thanks for the Intel.

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) January 29 · 01:43:00 AM (/comments/1830317/72758900#comment_72758900)

oh and just as aside.. I remember getting the first ever vacs for polio, small pox. Developed the year I was born. 1955 Those were things any sane parent was afraid of.

Polio was a major problem in the United States mere decades ago. In the late 1940s through early 1950s, polio crippled about 35,000 Americans each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The United States was polio-free by 1979 thanks to vaccine efforts. [LINK](https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/polio-vaccine-turns-58-a-look-back/)
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Mumps and measles, rubella vacs came later. 1971 before they were available full scale, waves of infection led to the double dose use by 1990, considered eradicated by 2013 [LINK](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Measles_vaccine)
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(/user/jfredmuggs)

jfredmuggs (/user/jfredmuggs) January 29 · 12:27:35 PM (/comments/1830317/72762650#comment_72762650)

Morons. Fucking morons.

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(/user/SupportDenmarkAndFreedom)

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January 29 · 12:48:09 PM (/comments/1830317/72762958#comment_72762958)

I was 4 when the polio vaccine was introduced and lived in the household of my grandfather, a doctor, so was at the head of the line for the vaccine. I remember the day vividly.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church was leading the anti-vaxxing mob at the time, spewing some Fire & Brimstone bullshit about polio being God’s punishment for the sin of ...wait for it... *swimming*.* He and his (**literal**) mob were demonstrating against the Salk vaccine at the school where it was being administered. My grandfather and I had to run their gauntlet to get in. I saw a completely new side of my grandfather... never before had he offered to hit anyone that I knew of, but he came damn close to punching the preacher that day. On the way home he told me **never** to believe anyone who says that it’s God who sends disease, and not Satan.

Years later when Jerry Falwell spewed the same BS about AIDS, I knew whose team he was on, along with 99.9% of Southern Baptist preachers. Unfortunately, I would not believe there were any exceptions, and could not bring myself to vote for Jimmy Carter. That’s the only time I left a vote blank.

*The preacher sez that swimming is immoral because you get nearly naked and display body parts that ought not be seen! He had successfully lobbied against a municipal swimming pool in the town for years, and tried to prevent swimming being part of the schools’ sport curriculum.


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(/user/HumboldtRick)
HumboldtRick (/user/HumboldtRick) January 29 · 01:06:35 PM (/comments/1830317/72763200#comment_72763200)
Thanks, brain-dead anti-vaxxers.

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(/user/nellybly)

nellybly (/user/nellybly) ▶ **HumboldtRick**

January 29 · 03:24:10 PM (/comments/1830317/72765337#comment_72765337)

Name calling isn't a good argument.

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(/user/mholster)

mholster (/user/mholster) January 29 · 01:14:35 PM (/comments/1830317/72763307#comment_72763307)

I grew up in the 1950's when nearly all children got the measles, including me and my brothers. No one called it a "state of emergency". It was no big deal. Now 34 cases are a "state of emergency"? Are you kidding? Stop parroting the hate and fear propaganda, step back and look at reality. This hysteria has really gotten out of control.

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(/user/lelkos)

lelkos (/user/lelkos) ▶ **mholster**

January 29 · 01:54:41 PM (/comments/1830317/72763942#comment_72763942)

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ lelkos

January 29 · 09:04:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72769503#comment_72769503)

“In Cuba where profit is not the motive, they were able to improve public health using homeopathy ”

Ah, **NO**. The Cubans are a lot brighter than that having an excellent medical program. And their vaccination rate is close to 100% because the state mandates it.

As for your pathetic attempt to blame the profit motive, the pharmaceutical houses have to have their arms severely twisted to make vaccines at all because the profit margin is infinitesimal.

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ mholster

January 29 · 08:59:55 PM (/comments/1830317/72769472#comment_72769472)

I grew up then, too. And yes, it most assuredly **was** a big deal. Schools were shut down, and some of the kids didn't emerge unscathed. A colleague of mine was deaf and mildly retarded from measles. A classmate of mine died.

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(/user/lelkos)

lelkos (/user/lelkos) January 29 · 01:53:49 PM (/comments/1830317/72763924#comment_72763924)

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(/user/moluv00)



moluv00 (/user/moluv00) January 29 · 01:56:58 PM (/comments/1830317/72763978#comment_72763978)

34 cases of measles is a state emergency? And people agree with that? For the longest time I thought fear propaganda was a uniquely right-wing thing, and here it is in plain sight on the left. The sad part is that most pro-vaccine people claim to have science on their side, but not really. Not because individual vaccines can't work, but because there's no evidence that proves the efficacy of "vaccine cocktails" and the current vaccine schedules recommended for children. And, there is never any critical discussion of vaccine harm.

I'm not anti-vax, because if there's a chance that my family will get a dangerous disease and it can be prevented by vaccination, I'm all for it. But, the thought that nearly every conceivable disease should be vaccinated for, multiple times a year, is ludicrous. Especially with infants.

As dangerous as it is, I'm not going to volunteer for an ebola vaccine except under the most dire circumstances. If there are 34 cases of the measles in a local area, maybe there need to be some lessons about the importance of hand washing.

What most people never discuss is the actual vaccine manufacturing process. As a former manufacturing engineer, I can assure you that no manufactured product is 100% defect free. Even if they were 99.999% defect free (which is likely a grossly conservative number), there would still be .001% defective vaccines out there. If given to 100,000,000 people annually that would mean that

1000 people are getting vaccines that are damaging to them. This doesn't even account for the people that have natural allergic reactions. Compare that number to the 34 measles cases that happened one year over a decade. And, consider the fact that vaccines, unlike normal prescription or store-bought medications, do not have the same level of regulatory restrictions.

Not being vaccinated, because you're suspicious of the corporate agenda is one thing, but if you actually look at the numbers critically, it becomes prudent to be more cautious. Look at vaccines from the perspective of a CEO of a vaccine producer. Just like at an auto company, they have to take into the consideration how their product can cause harm. As a community, we have to acknowledge the potential for harm, and make an informed decision about using the product.

I drive cars. Fast. I love them. But, if there were a car company that was hiding the safety record of it's vehicles, I would not come anywhere near the product unless there were no other choice, and I really needed one to get to work. In the same way, when you have people being dismissive of the potential downsides of a product, even a good one, it's obvious that they have not performed any real critical analysis.

To finish my rant, I find it strange when the same people that will denounce every corporate-driven agenda across every industry (agribusiness — Monsanto, banking and finance — Wells Fargo, energy — BP, etc.) they will literally put their lives on the line to defend pharmaceuticals. 34 cases of the measles is not an emergency, blind patriotism (either on the right, or on the left) is.

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lelkos (/user/lelkos) ▶ moluv00

January 29 · 02:14:13 PM (/comments/1830317/72764240#comment_72764240)

Thank you so much for your comments! I also find it shocking that people who read Daily Kos and are becoming aware that the profit motive drives almost everything in our society...and that corporations have total control of our government...Why do they not see that this is also true of Big Pharma?

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(/user/Smile Meadoe)

Smile Meadoe (/user/Smile Meadoe) January 29 · 02:04:45 PM (/comments/1830317/72764093#comment_72764093)

I am a medical technologist, and a microbiologist in Washington State. This is a health emergency which needs the full force of the Washington State Health Department behind what happens.

What can legislators do in their obligation to protect the public:

1. Make the vaccinations mandatory for all with no excuses.
2. Understand that there will be some noncompliance with the law.
- 3.Demand recording of who is not complying with the law. So all these restrictions must be listed and explained to anyone who is signing a waiver of non compliance with the law.
4. Require that whoever is not in compliance with the vaccination laws will be physically and forcibly quarantined in situ with their whole household, whenever there is any threat of the disease anywhere in the State or near the state, until the emergency is declared over by the State Health


Department. If there are vaccinated persons also in these households, they must also be put in quarantine because they will not be sick but would carry the disease to others if allowed to go out in public air.

5. These provisions must be the law for any communicable disease the Health Department deems it necessary, and for which a vaccination exists. For diseases where there is no vaccination compliance with these provisions is already what the Health Department can enforce if they determine it is warranted, it is part of the disease reporting requirements.

Note this is what was done in the past for reportable diseases to protect the public before the vaccinations were available, it was done because it worked and in those instances there was no choice.

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(/user/nellybly)

nellybly (/user/nellybly) ▶ Smile Meadoe

January 29 · 03:32:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72765457#comment_72765457)

That’s a very slippery slope. What happens if someone doesn’t comply? Forcibly quarantine them in concentration camps? Listen to yourself. Stop peddling fear.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/thewavethatiam)

thewavethatiam (/user/thewavethatiam)

January 29 · 02:16:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72764278#comment_72764278)

Vaccines are complicated.

1) certain types are not very effective so why run the risks, and the USA does have a vaccine compensation fund so there are admitted bad results: if someone immediately comes down with a seizure or high fever and then has brain or other damage etc. It’s tough to prove such claims but some law firms do handle this. If there is a family history of egg allergy, for instance, vaccines can be contraindicated.

2) medical establishment recommends too many too soon. If a woman is nursing, a newborn is likely protected from her antibodies and risks probably outweigh benefits. Certainly a newborn should not have more than one shot before leaving the hospital and yet at one time they were given 3-6 out of over zealousness and fear that ‘certain types’ would not return. When too many infants were left with brain damage or dead from seizures, the protocol was again for a reduced number. We had none given to our children til 2-3 months and then one at a time, none when children were the least bit sick. I preferred to nurse and stay home than vaccinate so early.

3) the particular problem with the MMR is that it is very difficult to get the components separately even when one may only need the rubella booster. I had already had mumps; it’s not usually a bad illness though rarely boys can become sterile (usually in only one testes). So I took the MMR rather than having a titer (titer cost \$; vaccine was ‘free’) and since then I have had terrible arthritis in my hands. Just a coincidence, I am sure most docs and pharma rep would say.

4) rubella also a harmless illness; we are made to take it because if a pregnant woman contracts it, her fetus could become deaf. So maybe women thinking to get pregnant or reaching that age should be sure they take the rubella vaccine.

5) chicken pox is also not usually a dangerous illness. But big pharma invented it so they want everyone to take it.

6) Ditto some of the newer ones.

7) A mother who won't be nursing should be given the option of just the measles vaccine in hospital. No need for most 0-3 month olds in first world to worry about the rest of the big six: dpt mmr, with maternal antibodies and good hygiene.

8) tho now So many in USA are doing without proper sanitation again so might need to consider individual situations ... but vaccine protocols do not consider individual circumstances.

Well that's just a bit of the complication side. People with auto immune diseases so severe that they cannot get vaccinated ...is a new wrinkle that I have not yet thought into, if it's a thing. I am a little unclear about the post above. Surely if someone is vaccinated, they need not worry about being infected by the unvaccinated (except for the ineffectiveness, they say, about diphtheria etc) so I am guessing the writer meant they are so immunocompromised they can't tolerate a vaccine. Such a person would be extremely careful about their hygiene and contacts, I suppose, like someone with serious food allergies wouldn't eat out unless they were negligent or reckless.

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(/user/rsf)

rsf (/user/rsf) ▶ thewavethatiam

January 29 · 04:01:27 PM (/comments/1830317/72765871#comment_72765871)

1)The VAERS program exists because we as a society recognized that it is less expensive to have a fund to cope with the few instances of negative reactions to vaccines than it is to deal with diseases and their complications when they are widespread.

2) Babies' immune systems, like their brains, are primed for learning. Like Early intervention programs, we've learned that a good start is better than playing catch up (or trying to unlearn and then learn) later.

3) You may have a point here. I am at the borderline age which was assumed to be immune to measles, and had the MMR because I work with small children and don't want to be a carrier. And my arthritis got worse, too! But looking at my grandmother and mother's history, arthritis was pretty much in the books for me, and it's eased some this past six months (not enough, but some). It may be that having the individual vaccines would make a difference for older people, but I don't know if there are any studies yet.

4) Rubella isn't harmless. [www.cdc.gov/](http://www.cdc.gov/(https://www.cdc.gov/rubella/about/complications.html)...)
(<https://www.cdc.gov/rubella/about/complications.html>)... And while the worst complications are concerned with birth defects, those problems are worse if the mom gets infected very early in the pregnancy. Long before you'd know to avoid contact. And of course, vaccines aren't perfect. This is a great example of when herd immunity matters the most.

5) Chickenpox is also not harmless [www.cdc.gov/](http://www.cdc.gov/(https://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox/about/complications.html)...)
(<https://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox/about/complications.html>)... And getting it when you are older opens you up to the "fun" of shingles. No thanks. i wouldn't wish the misery my mom's been going through for the past three years on a dog.

6)...

7) A mother who won't be nursing? Given how much work we've done into convincing mothers that they should nurse for all the benefits that provides?

8) The whole point of doing any program broadly is to cover the individual circumstances without having to go through the paperwork and barriers involved in trying to tailor the plan to each little quirk out there.

Look, I'm not a fan of the venture capitalists who keep pushing pharmaceutical prices higher. But if it weren't for modern drugs — and vaccines — we would live in a very different world.

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(/user/BicycleBob)

BicycleBob (/user/BicycleBob) January 29 · 02:16:43 PM (/comments/1830317/72764289#comment_72764289)

I grew up in an unvaccinated era. It sure didn't feel like an emergency, and probably gave my immune system some useful exercise. A shot should save lives, not weeks.

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(/user/Old Verger)

Old Verger (/user/Old Verger) January 29 · 02:32:47 PM (/comments/1830317/72764522#comment_72764522)

It is now time to return to the "good old days" when, prior to the use of vaccines, infected children and their entire households were quarantined until the contagion passed.

That way, the general public is protected, vaccination or not.

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(/user/nellybly)

nellybly (/user/nellybly) ▶ **Old Verger**

January 29 · 03:34:10 PM (/comments/1830317/72765494#comment_72765494)

That should go for any illness. Stop showing up to work with the flu and getting the rest of us sick.

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(/user/Old Verger)

Old Verger (/user/Old Verger) ▶ nellybly

January 29 · 05:02:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72766720#comment_72766720)

Sure. That’s common sense, and the flu is dangerous, and it is largely preventable. So are measles, chicken pox, mumps and whooping cough. But just staying home is voluntary. Quarantine is not — it is legally enforced. So the choice is simple: either have your kids vaccinated against childhood diseases, or plan on being locked up in your own house whenever they come down with something.

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ Old Verger

January 29 · 05:54:18 PM (/comments/1830317/72767430#comment_72767430)

And we know how well quarantine worked for polio (and scarlet fever, etc.)...

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(/user/Old Verger)

Old Verger (/user/Old Verger) ▶ anjaspapa

January 29 · 06:45:36 PM

(/comments/1830317/72768035#comment_72768035)

We do not know how much worse those epidemics would have been without it.

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(/user/sst)

sst (/user/sst) January 29 · 02:39:11 PM (/comments/1830317/72764619#comment_72764619)

My family has plenty of stories from the past where family members died of diseases that are now preventable. I myself nearly died of measles at age four. How can people so easily forget the lessons of their own past? Nor do I understand the anti vaccine movement. People used to lose half their children to these diseases.

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(/user/blondedragon)

blondedragon (/user/blondedragon) January 29 · 02:42:17 PM (/comments/1830317/72764670#comment_72764670)

The whole anti-vaccination fad started when some misguided souls, without solid medical research, chose to publish their theories on a tie between childhood vaccinations and autism. While it's wonderful that autism awareness has become more mainstream, those early articles have led to an entire generation of disproportionately unvaccinated children. This uninformed decision has turned classrooms into petri dishes and increased the number of adult infections in those who managed to get through childhood unscathed. On the bright side some states have been able to pass legislation requiring vaccinations before children can begin school; the courts ruling that the risk to Public Health far outweighed a parent's choice, likening said choice to child endangerment.

No political dance in this one folks, you can stop the Dem/Lib sparring match.

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ **blondedragon**

January 29 · 08:56:12 PM (/comments/1830317/72769443#comment_72769443)

The single article that started the whole mess was published by a British doctor who had a business of being an expert witness for parents who wanted to sue someone when something happened to their child, and they picked vaccinations. His paper was withdrawn and his license was yanked when it turned out that he had lied in the paper about the status of the 12 or 13 kids he studied. It seems that he called them normal before the vaccination when in fact they were showing signs of autism, which is why he picked them.

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(/user/janny560)

janny560 (/user/janny560) ▶ **TexasAggie**

January 30 · 08:09:34 AM (/comments/1830317/72772587#comment_72772587)

I just saw an article about Andrew Wakefield and how he perpetuated one of the largest cases of scientific fraud in history. Despite the truth coming out about his “research”, he is still a darling of the Anti-Vaxers. Wakefield is still standing with his “research”.

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(/user/hrprbn)

hrprbn (/user/hrprbn) January 29 · 02:51:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72764825#comment_72764825)

This is what happens when anti-vaxers continue to be given a platform to scream their lies. Any responsible media or social media group would point out the lies, and stop allowing the lies to be told. I totally believe in freedom of speech. I also believe that there are consequences for that speech. The anti-vaxers who are the loudest, those who have the tallest, broadest platforms should be held responsible for this outbreak. The bastard who concocted that fictional study should most certainly be held responsible. He could help pay the hospital/medical costs for these children and their families...and all the other children who have suffered from the measles because Mommy and Daddy were too lazy to investigate a story regarding the vaccination of their children. (Stories regarding vaccination ‘dangers’ have been going around for decades. When my son was small, I read as much as I could about all of the vaccinations he would receive. That’s being a responsible parent. I dunno, maybe I’m expecting too much from people. Like common sense.)

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(/user/monardia)

monardia (/user/monardia) January 29 · 03:17:54 PM (/comments/1830317/72765243#comment_72765243)

In my experience as a mother and a teacher in public schools, the antivaxers tend to fall into the group of self absorbed parents more concerned with their status and using their children to achieve this end. They simply don’t want to take the chance of having a child that isn’t “ perfect” because they see it as diminishing their status as perfect parents and people. They are even willing to risk the life of that child and others to preserve that status. That is more important to them than all the data that says vaccines don’t cause autism. They think that measles is a minor disease so they have a better chance of having a perfect child. One of my children had a reaction to the a vaccine and couldn’t be fully vaccinated so every time some unvaccinated kid turned up with something we had to worry about her. By the way she was perfectly fine, and she graduated from nursing school second in her class, she would have been perfect to me even if she wasn’t.

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(/user/deanatduke)

deanatduke (/user/deanatduke) January 29 · 03:33:38 PM (/comments/1830317/72765485#comment_72765485)

The World Health Organization has declared that “Vaccine Hesitancy” is one of the 10 most dangerous health threats in the world. I hope that people will inform themselves about vaccines, using reliable sources, such as the WHO and the CDC.

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(/user/PuckMonk)

PuckMonk (/user/PuckMonk) January 29 · 03:39:50 PM (/comments/1830317/72765566#comment_72765566)

The **MMR Vaccine** covers **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella** (*German measles*). **Antivaxxers** are putting those with compromised immune systems in danger of **death**. These people will usher in outbreaks of those preventable diseases plus **Chickenpox, Whooping Cough, (*too many others to list*)** and the reemergence of **Polio** and **Smallpox**. They should be charged with **Reckless Endangerment** and **Felony Child Endangerment** (a charge enhanced by aggravating

circumstances.) **Child endangerment** occurs when a person **engages in conduct** that places a child in **imminent danger of death, bodily injury**, or **physical** or **mental impairment**. This can be through an **act or omission**. **Involuntary Manslaughter** should apply for **every death**.

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(/user/eli joseph)

eli joseph (/user/eli joseph) January 29 · 04:17:10 PM (/comments/1830317/72766078#comment_72766078)

I am a physician and I have taken care of infants with whooping cough who were in the hospital for 3 months on oxygen. These diseases can easily kill infants and they aren't fully vaccinated to whooping cough until 12 months. I have watched migrant workers spend their very hard-earned cash to get their children vaccinated because they know the effects of these diseases. Both whooping cough and measles are air-borne viruses and washing your hands has absolutely no effect. Both my grandma and grandpa came from large families, my grandma has 7 siblings but only 3 survived to adulthood and my grandpa had 11 siblings and only 7 survived to adulthood all due to childhood illnesses.

My son has autism and I am always so insulted that who he is as a person is somehow so awful that it is worth your child potentially dying to avoid having a child like him. I don't trust big pharma with a lot of things and I do think that they abuse their power, but they are actually not even making many new vaccines because the profits aren't there, so this isn't about profits — this is about science and about the biggest advance in healthcare ever.

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) January 29 · 05:03:40 PM (/comments/1830317/72766739#comment_72766739)

This is asinine — and there is no compelling reason for it (that level of unvaccinated)!

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/mmfeelgood)

mmfeelgood (/user/mmfeelgood) January 29 · 05:41:18 PM (/comments/1830317/72767270#comment_72767270)

I really dont give a RIP what party they belong to. I am on immunosuppressants, and its stupidity if you think you wont harm anyone else by not vaccinating your child. Just keep them away from me. I would like to stay healthy. Am 71, kidney transplant recipient, would like to stay as healthy as I can. Leave the politics out of it...get an education !

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(/user/Sailor Jo)

Sailor Jo (/user/Sailor Jo) January 29 · 07:06:06 PM (/comments/1830317/72768260#comment_72768260)

To me it seems that US people are overly emotional. That’s why they can be easily manipulated with fear. Fear is obviously stronger than the often poor education that pupils are receiving. No wonder they come up with all kinds of conspiracy theories or at least believe them.

Critical thinking is not taught much, it is more convincing the people they are part of “American superiority”. Now we see what comes out of that brainwash.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/RichardJB)

RichardJB (/user/RichardJB) January 29 · 07:20:32 PM (/comments/1830317/72768413#comment_72768413)

People can actually die of measles. Not something to play around with.

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) January 29 · 08:49:40 PM (/comments/1830317/72769370#comment_72769370)

I sincerely hope that none of the kids suffer any permanent disability from the disease, but if they do, then there are a couple parents that need to fight child endangerment charges in court. My step grandson went through a bout of measles that had him hospitalized for four days because his mother couldn't be bothered to get him vaccinated. It wasn’t that she was an antivaxxer. It was that she couldn’t be bothered to do it. His father would have done it if he had known, but by that time they were divorced.

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(/user/janny560)

janny560 (/user/janny560) January 30 · 08:05:38 AM (/comments/1830317/72772560#comment_72772560)

The WHO now calls the Anti-Vax Movement one of the greatest threats to health worldwide. Those of us in Public Health are not in the business to make money. That is especially true of the CDC and WHO. It is right to be suspicious of Big Pharma, but the CDC is always testing vaccines for safety. In my work, I have to contend with the anti-vaxers, pro-raw milk and anti-fluoride folks. It is frightening to see public health regressing so much. In addition, public health is hugely underfunded compared to health care. It get’s even worse under GOP anti-government control.

★ 0 Recommend



(/user/GeminiHawk)

GeminiHawk (/user/GeminiHawk) January 30 · 11:01:19 AM (/comments/1830317/72774222#comment_72774222)

Are the vaccinated getting measles? What’s up with that?

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(/user/Walter Einenkel)

Walter Einenkel (/user/Walter Einenkel) January 28 · 03:15:18 PM (/comments/1830317/72752467#comment_72752467)

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(/user/levy001)

levy001 (/user/levy001) January 28 · 03:19:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72752536#comment_72752536)

33%? All Republicans, I bet.

Recommended 3 times



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(/user/Senor Unoball)

Senor Unoball (/user/Senor Unoball) ▶ **levy001**

January 28 · 03:20:38 PM (/comments/1830317/72752558#comment_72752558)

Lots of ignorant Dems are so “libertarian” that they are anti-vaxxers.

Recommended 32 times



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(/user/nilso)

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

January 28 · 03:44:29 PM (/comments/1830317/72752897#comment_72752897)

Unfortunately ‘tis true. Liberals who (rightly) distrust big corporations are sometimes can be persuaded by peer pressure into thinking that anything a corporation touches, e.g. vaccines, is a Bad Thing. Sadly Oprah has more clout than the entire scientific community, in some peoples’ lives.

Recommended 22 times



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(/user/livosh1)

livosh1 (/user/livosh1) ▶ **nilso**

January 28 · 06:24:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72755097#comment_72755097)

So infuriating, those anti-vaxxers, on both the left and the right.

Recommended 13 times



[new]



(/user/FarWestGirl)

FarWestGirl (/user/FarWestGirl) ▶ livosh1

January 29 · 03:42:06 AM

(/comments/1830317/72759232#comment_72759232)

Dangerous, not just infuriating.

Recommended 12 times

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(/user/dslmn)

dslmn (/user/dslmn) ▶ livosh1

January 29 · 02:32:26 PM

(/comments/1830317/72764518#comment_72764518)

Anti vaxxers should be returned to the 18th and 19th centuries and be required to deal with medicine as it was practiced then. They are hypocrites when it comes to dealing with universal vaccination. It's alright for everyone else to vaccinate their kids to provide herd immunity, but not ok for them to vaccinate their own kids because of some unsupported belief that the vaccines may carry some risk. The overwhelming evidence is that the risks of vaccination infinitely outweigh any risk from uncontrolled childhood diseases. They want the safety of herd immunity without having to worry their empty heads about infinitesimally small risks associated with vaccines. These are the same people who cry bad science about climate change, but use cell phones, the internet, modern cars and planes, and all the other advances in modern society created by science. Send them back to a time where 50% of children did not survive to age ten, and they would be first in line to vaccinate their kids.

Recommended 7 times

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ dslmn

January 29 · 05:10:24 PM

(/comments/1830317/72766822#comment_72766822)

The overwhelming evidence is that the risks of vaccination infinitely outweigh any risk from uncontrolled childhood diseases.

I think you mean just the opposite, but, yeah. And “herd immunity” only works when vaccination levels are above 80%. 67% is NOT 80%!

Recommended 2 times

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(/user/charliehall2)

charliehall2 (/user/charliehall2) ▶ nilso

January 28 · 08:42:08 PM (/comments/1830317/72756594#comment_72756594)

We have the same problem with anti-GMO idiots as well. And even diaries claiming that glyphosate causes cancer.

We have no credibility on climate change until we shut down our own junk science promoters.

Recommended 2 times

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(/user/Nomoto)

Nomoto (/user/Nomoto) ▶ charliehall2

January 29 · 01:11:35 AM

(/comments/1830317/72758752#comment_72758752)

To be fair, a man in CA. was just awarded , by Monsanto, somewhere close to \$289 million for cancer caused by glyphosate.

Recommended 4 times

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(/user/bgblcklab1)

bgblcklab1 (/user/bgblcklab1) ▶ Nomoto

January 29 · 12:20:37 PM

(/comments/1830317/72762558#comment_72762558)

A lawsuit is not science.

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(/user/Marmalade)

Marmalade (/user/Ma... ▶ bgblcklab1

January 29 · 02:05:42 PM

(/comments/1830317/72764112#comment_72764112)

There IS scientific evidence that glyphosate is linked to cancer. Gobble those GMO's and pesticides at your own peril.

Recommended 3 times

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(/user/charliehall2)

charliehall2 (/user/ch... ▶ **Marmalade**

January 29 · 06:37:09 PM

(/comments/1830317/72767933#comment_72767933)

This is what I mean by junk science on our side. Glyphosate has been proven NOT to cause cancer in humans:

www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/...
(https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6279255/)

GMOs are good for the environment and totally safe.

Recommended 1 time

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(/user/saevans60)

saevans60 (/user/saev... ▶ **charliehall2**

January 29 · 09:05:26 PM

(/comments/1830317/72769508#comment_72769508)

From the linked paper: this was a study of

a prospective cohort of
licensed pesticide applicators
from North Carolina and
Iowa....

In this large, prospective
cohort study, no association
was apparent between
glyphosate and any solid
tumors or lymphoid
malignancies overall,
including NHL and its
subtypes. There was some
evidence of increased risk of
AML among the highest
exposed group that requires
confirmation.

“licenced applicators” in the U.S. hardly covers
all exposure, but even if it did, “no association
was apparent” is hardly “proof” that
glyphosate does not cause cancer in humans.
Nor does it claim to be. It does suggest that
hysteria over it is misplaced.

Look, we absolutely cannot feed the world
without GMOs and chemicals, but they need
to be developed and used carefully and with
science-based regulation.

Recommended 0 times

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(/user/charliehall2)

charliehall2 (/user/ch... ▶ saevans60

January 29 · 10:08:12 PM

(/comments/1830317/72770059#comment_72770059)

It is proof, at least as much proof that we will
ever have. These workers would have had far
higher exposure than any other population.
The study population was huge -- 52,000
people -- with long follow up. We will never
have a better study.

Recommended 2 times

[new]



(/user/rsf)

rsf (/user/rsf) ▶ charliehall2

January 29 · 02:51:15 PM

(/comments/1830317/72764827#comment_72764827)

T'isn't so much the science of GMOs that's problematic, it's the idea that you can keep making new GMOs every time the pests evolve around your chemical soup. I think we'll need GMOs for droughts etc. (I'm also not a fan of laws that limit farmers from collecting seeds.)

Recommended 1 time

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(/user/charliehall2)

charliehall2 (/user/charlieha... ▶ rsf

January 29 · 06:39:44 PM

(/comments/1830317/72767966#comment_72767966)

There is no law preventing farmers from collecting seeds, they just have to pay the intellectual property owner if they seeds are patented. The truth is that farmers haven't been saving seeds from year to year for a very long time — it is more economical to BUY seeds. Seeds that have a high yield tend not to reproduce well. This was discovered over a century ago and has led to the revolutions in agriculture that now feed the world.

Recommended 0 times

[new]



(/user/joniworx)

joniworx (/user/joniworx) ▶ Senor Unoball

January 29 · 01:47:39 PM (/comments/1830317/72763831#comment_72763831)

There's a new group of folks besides anti-vaxxers. They call themselves the vaccine injured. No, seriously, it's a thing. I'm running into it on my neighborhood app. Since we live close to Vancouver, and the date for having either proof of vaccination or your exclusion papers into schools is looming close and was just announced on the app, the discussion about the outbreak and the need for vaccines has been on.

One woman, who proclaims it her "job" now, is working with the vaccine injured community...which is .001% or something of all who are vaccinated, so I'm not sure how much of a population she is actually working with. But she persists in putting forth how dangerous vaccines are, etc. I live with someone with an immuno-suppressed system and who, if exposed to something like measles, could easily be health compromised. It's dangerous for him.

Pisses me off no end. That one year old with measles? Too young to be vaccinated. The list of places now that one could have picked up exposure is growing by leaps and bounds. The incubation period is 2 -3 weeks, so we're not nearly through with this outbreak. And it's ridiculous. People poo-poo how

dangerous a disease this can be, but children becoming deaf, blind, and brain damaged from it, let alone the risk of dying is no small thing. It was the leading cause of childhood death before we got the vaccine in place.

I get there may be religious reasons. Ok. But 33% of unvaccinated people are not unvaccinated because of religion. That is just stupidity.

Ok. Rant over. Probably. For now. Liable to renew at later date.

Recommended 9 times

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(/user/atdailykos)

atdailykos (/user/atdailykos) ▶ **joniworx**

January 29 · 06:53:12 PM (/comments/1830317/72768121#comment_72768121)

The biggest complaint about vaccinations is the reactions which are caused by an allergic reaction to what is the median to convene the virus. My granddaughter can't take vaccines in the common form but her pediatrician changed the formula to the less used form and no problem. Plus the vaccines dosage can be stretched out longer to prevent reactions. (more shots, less dosage over a longer period of time) When we have an epidemic because of unvaccinated people with the deadly results will these people realize the reason for getting vaccinated.

Recommended 0 times



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(/user/MichaelLDeLANEY)

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

January 29 · 03:17:09 PM (/comments/1830317/72765231#comment_72765231)

This is not likely a typical DEM vs REP issue, and it belittles what's left of the collective IQ. This is a complete lack of self edification of historically and scientifically documented fact! END OF DISCUSSION.

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(/user/Ralphdog)

Ralphdog (/user/Ralphdog) ▶ **levy001**

January 28 · 03:23:45 PM (/comments/1830317/72752604#comment_72752604)

Not always. Around us they're mostly Birkenstock/granola liberals with too many college degrees but not enough education.

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(/user/denig)



denig (/user/denig) ▶ Ralphdog

January 28 · 05:19:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72754192#comment_72754192)

What’ve you got against Birkenstocks and granola?

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(/user/beamish boy)

beamish boy (/user/beamish boy) ▶ denig

January 28 · 07:11:02 PM (/comments/1830317/72755649#comment_72755649)

It's New Balance and muesli now.

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charliehall2 (/user/charliehall2) ▶ beamish boy

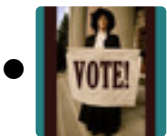
January 28 · 08:42:59 PM

(/comments/1830317/72756600#comment_72756600)

Don't tell these folks that the owner of New Balance is a Trump supporter.

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(/user/HaikuzaKos)

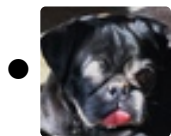
HaikuzaKos (/user/HaikuzaKos) ▶ Ralphdog

January 29 · 12:58:02 PM (/comments/1830317/72763087#comment_72763087)

Exactly

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(/user/one eyed pug)

one eyed pug (/user/one eyed pug) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 03:25:14 PM (/comments/1830317/72752619#comment_72752619)

in 2015 a Pew study found that anti-vaccine people were about equally divided between liberals and conservatives, with 12% of liberals and 10% of conservatives seeing vaccines as unsafe. So you would lose this bet...

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(/user/sbkenn58)

sbkenn58 (/user/sbkenn58) ▶ one eyed pug

January 29 · 02:39:37 PM (/comments/1830317/72764626#comment_72764626)

No medicines are 100% safe, but in many cases, th risk is far lower than not taking them. Cannabis is probably the best all round remedy, but it doesn't work for every ailment.

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(/user/RealityBased1)

RealityBased1 (/user/RealityBased1) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 03:38:28 PM (/comments/1830317/72752820#comment_72752820)

anti-vax sentiment does not seem to be associated with political suasion.

Neurologica (<https://theness.com/neurologicablog/index.php/dunning-kruger-and-gmo-opposition/>) recently reviewed a report on Dunning-Kruger that showed different types of beliefs are associated with different types of philosophies. From the article

Antivaccine and anti-GMO attitudes, on the other hand, are bipartisan. Further, they are based largely on fear driven by scientific misinformation.

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(/user/libera nos)

libera nos (/user/libera nos) ▶ RealityBased1

January 28 · 05:48:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72754639#comment_72754639)

Either scientific misinformation, or massive distrust of science or of corporations.

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(/user/David Jarman)

David Jarman (/user/David Jarman) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 03:43:45 PM (/comments/1830317/72752887#comment_72752887)

Clark County, Washington is a classic “swing county.” It went 44.5-44.3 for Clinton in 2016, and 48.6-48.4 for Obama in 2012. (It’s, of course, possible that the anti-vaxxers within that county are disproportionately from one party or the other, though not likely, since as others have already pointed out, polling nationwide finds an equal liberal/conservative split among those people.)

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(/user/Remembering Jello)

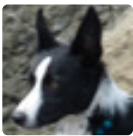
Remembering Jello (/user/Remembering Jello) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 03:59:17 PM (/comments/1830317/72753123#comment_72753123)

I would really really like to take this bet, at any dollar figure you’re comfortable with.

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(/user/ynohtnA)

ynohtnA (/user/ynohtnA) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 04:16:22 PM (/comments/1830317/72753355#comment_72753355)

Sorry, liberals, or at least people who claim to be liberals lead the way when it comes to this form of science denial. Stupid isn’t entirely partisan.

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(/user/Bob Love)

Bob Love (/user/Bob Love) ▶ levy001

January 28 · 04:35:02 PM (/comments/1830317/72753621#comment_72753621)

Heavily Republican area for WA.

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(/user/Danarchist)

Danarchist (/user/Danarchist) ▶ Bob Love

January 28 · 07:21:00 PM (/comments/1830317/72755746#comment_72755746)

We also have the same problem in some very liberal areas. See Vashon Island: [www.bbc.com/...](https://www.bbc.com/news/av/health-39558607/vashon-island-the-place-where-many-parents-skip-jabs) (https://www.bbc.com/news/av/health-39558607/vashon-island-the-place-where-many-parents-skip-jabs)

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(/user/joniworx)

joniworx (/user/joniworx) ▶ Bob Love

January 29 · 01:49:26 PM (/comments/1830317/72763865#comment_72763865)

Swing county, really.

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(/user/Leftleaner)

Leftleaner (/user/Leftleaner) ▶ **levy001**

January 28 · 04:41:56 PM (/comments/1830317/72753701#comment_72753701)

The article I read said that the schools with the highest unvaccinated rate were Christian schools and Waldorf schools, both ends of the spectrum. I know people who are far left who think the vaccinations are a conspiracy within big pharma and that they aren't letting the real truth come out about the side effects. Since we know big pharma does that sort of thing, it's an easy jump.

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(/user/beamish boy)

beamish boy (/user/beamish boy) ▶ **Leftleaner**

January 28 · 07:13:32 PM (/comments/1830317/72755683#comment_72755683)

There are also fundie Jewish cultlets in New York State.

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(/user/charliehall2)

charliehall2 (/user/charliehall2) ▶ **beamish boy**

January 28 · 08:44:33 PM (/comments/1830317/72756613#comment_72756613)

Also California. A few years ago the single school in that state with the lowest vaccination rate was a school run by a Jewish cult. :(

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(/user/jfredmuggs)

jfredmuggs (/user/jfredmuggs) ▶ **levy001**

January 29 · 12:27:15 PM (/comments/1830317/72762646#comment_72762646)

You would be surprised. A lot of liberals are also stupid enough to buy the antivaxxer crap.

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(/user/literaterose)

literaterose (/user/literaterose) ▶ **levy001**

January 29 · 02:03:53 PM (/comments/1830317/72764082#comment_72764082)

Not at all. The anti-vax movement is heavily populated with progressive—hell, *radically* progressive—people (folks who often characterize garden-variety liberals/Democrats as too conservative, in many cases), deeply attached to new age/woo psuedoscience which often profoundly misunderstands how the immune system works, as well as being generally deeply suspicious of “modern” medicine and anything they perceive as coming from corporations, including research labs. Ironically, lots of them don’t subscribe (at least, anymore) to the long-debunked autism nonsense (I actually wonder if that’s still more prevalent among far-right conservatives, but I have no idea), but it’s more about weird layering of cognitive fallacies like the appeals to nature and antiquity. Vancouver is right across the river from Portland, OR (so I suspect Oregon officials are correctly concerned), a hotbed of this particular element of left/progressive ignorance.

And I’m saying this based, in part, on knowing far too many of these folks myself. I’m about as far-left as one can get, but I can’t tell you how many times I’ve been reduced to tears of rage and desperation trying to get through to people I otherwise think of as intelligent, compassionate, deeply concerned with community and global interconnectedness, and proponents of critical thinking...except for this issue, where it’s all about personal choice and public welfare be damned. The irony deepens when the majority of them are also loudly and vigorously (as they should!) engaging in discussion and activism about climate change, citing **science** and its importance as the foundation for that... but somehow, that same principal applied to vaccination and immunology is suspect. It drives me to despair. I sometimes think there will be little hope of things swinging back to sanity until truly staggering epidemics start killing people’s kids en masse again, like in pre-vaccine days. The last couple generations really can’t fathom how commonplace it was for people to lose their kids just a few generations ago.

Those who don’t remember history, blah-blah-doomed-to-repeat-it-deathcakes...

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ levy001

January 29 · 05:04:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72766748#comment_72766748)

I’d wager not if I were a betting man.

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(/user/CitizenJoe)

CitizenJoe (/user/CitizenJoe) January 28 · 03:20:39 PM (/comments/1830317/72752559#comment_72752559)

Thank you for highlighting this. I've been following the story in The Oregonian for days now. The comments sections are loaded with anti-vaxxers, climate change deniers and anti-government sentiment. Of course, there are a lot of sane commenters as well.

Recommended 14 times



(/user/Ralphdog)

Ralphdog (/user/Ralphdog) January 28 · 03:22:31 PM (/comments/1830317/72752582#comment_72752582)

The loss of herd immunity gives many ‘conquered’ diseases the potential to come back again. For most contagious viruses there’s a critical fraction of the population that must be immunized to prevent epidemics from gaining traction and taking off like a prairie fire.

So when anti-vaxxers refuse to protect their children, they are also endangering **your** children by leaving a space for viruses to get rolling.

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ **Ralphdog**

January 29 · 05:22:22 PM (/comments/1830317/72766986#comment_72766986)

Corrrect. And, according to the CDC, that threshhold is right around 80% vaccinated. As I mentioned in aother post, 67% doesn’t come close to cutting it.

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(/user/BG Jack Ripper)

BG Jack Ripper (/user/BG Jack Ripper) ▶ **Ralphdog**

January 30 · 08:16:17 PM (/comments/1830317/72781359#comment_72781359)

I’m just spit-balling, but If your children are vaccinated then aren’t they protected from the disease and prairie fires? Don’t viruses mutate? so unless there is a 100% compliance isn’t an epidemic always possible? I grew up in the 50’s and probably had most of the childhood diseases, some you might not even heard of, yet I don’t remember hearing of any great numbers dying from them as claimed today. I read an study this subject as a science health issue and ignore stultifying idiots who try to politicize it into a who’s right by Party or plurality. Once upon a time Americans could trust their institutions of health, only now money interest run interference for concerns of profit over people and we must rely on who we believe, or find out for ourselves, like the questionable toxic things they put into vaccinations, or the vast amount of vaccines given to children today in massive dosages over short time spans overloading their immune systems. Lots of questions and not many satisfying answers! Maybe people are not anti-vaxxers but just people who want explanations when they see so many children with things like Autism that I never saw as a child growing up,but today has hit most families!! It’s amazing the amount of people on this thread who are so dead fire sure of their opinions, must be great to be a know it all bombast!! Hey!! I’m just spit-balling that’s all....

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(/user/ThePhlebob)

ThePhlebob (/user/ThePhlebob) January 28 · 03:27:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72752648#comment_72752648)

“In the proceeding week, that number has grown to 34 over four weeks since the first measles cases were diagnosed. Oregon Live reports that all of the new cases are made up of unvaccinated children, between the ages of 1-10 years-old.”
(<https://www.oregonlive.com/health/2019/01/vancouver-area-measles-outbreak-up-to-34-people.html>)

That extreme lopsidedness must be shouted from the rooftops, not to punish the anti-vaxxer parents of the patients — the illness is enough pain — but to point out to other anti-vaxxers and anti-vax-leaners that vaccination *does* work and they really ought to get their kids vaccinated.

Recommended 12 times



(/user/hcrawford)

hcrawford (/user/hcrawford) January 28 · 03:28:00 PM (/comments/1830317/72752660#comment_72752660)

I remember looking into this subject long ago and found it crazy. In one article while it made some sense at first, but the next paragraph was a bunch of xenophobic, new world order crap. Sadly ignorance knows no party affiliation. I would like to ask those whose kids have died or suffered due to the neglect of a shot — was it worth it? Did your child’s good health balance out the cost of your unsubstantiated theories?

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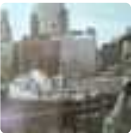
(/user/thenekkidtruth)

thenekkidtruth (/user/thenekkidtruth) January 28 · 03:29:53 PM (/comments/1830317/72752687#comment_72752687)

Multnomah County is right across the Columbia River, and it’s home to populous Portland, Oregon — the largest city in that state. Vancouver and Portland are “sister cities” in two separate states.

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(/user/Bob Love)

Bob Love (/user/Bob Love) ▶ **thenekkidtruth**

January 28 · 04:39:18 PM (/comments/1830317/72753664#comment_72753664)

Vancouver is the poor sister: lotta strip malls, lotta Republicans. Whereas Oregon is a Dem state because of Portland.

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(/user/susanala)

susanala (/user/susanala) ▶ **thenekkidtruth**

January 28 · 05:01:20 PM (/comments/1830317/72753969#comment_72753969)

Washington Post (https://www.washingtonpost.com/sports/2019/01/24/blazers-fans-may-have-been-exposed-measles-during-game-portland/?utm_term=.46cbe8c84808) reported last week that someone with active measles infection had attended a Trailblazers game.

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(/user/libera nos)

libera nos (/user/libera nos) ▶ susanala

January 28 · 05:50:43 PM (/comments/1830317/72754672#comment_72754672)

Bloody hell. Whatever your reason for not getting vaccinated, and however much you trust in alternative medicine, that’s just both stupid and uncaring.

Recommended 8 times



(/user/llywrch)

llywrch (/user/llywrch) ▶ susanala

January 29 · 12:11:16 PM (/comments/1830317/72762419#comment_72762419)

Morning tv news reported that someone with measles (or is it rubella? one is definitely more serious than the other) in the infectious stage was at OMSI, which is a big local draw for children.

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(/user/susanala)

susanala (/user/susanala) ▶ llywrch

January 29 · 04:14:57 PM (/comments/1830317/72766043#comment_72766043)

Rubella = German measles. Rubeola = measles.* Rubella is generally the milder of the 2 viruses. But if a pregnant woman contracts rubella, it can cause major birth defects.

(*some people refer to rubeola as red measles. But the rash from German measles is also red so)

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(/user/llywrch)

llywrch (/user/llywrch) ▶ susanala

January 29 · 07:27:10 PM


(/comments/1830317/72768494#comment_72768494)

The news has been calling this outbreak “measles”, without explaining which it is.

I'm hoping that it is rubella or the German measles myself; the "hard" measles are definitely nothing to trifle with.

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(/user/joniworx)

joniworx (/user/joniworx) ▶ susanala

January 29 · 01:51:25 PM (/comments/1830317/72763890#comment_72763890)

And in 2 -3 weeks, we'll see if anyone is infected.

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(/user/Mogolori)


Mogolori (/user/Mogolori)

January 28 · 03:30:16 PM (/comments/1830317/72752691#comment_72752691)

Whoever runs that town's schools and local government need to get bounced STAT.

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(/user/Leftleaner)


Leftleaner (/user/Leftleaner) ▶ Mogolori

January 28 · 04:47:28 PM (/comments/1830317/72753777#comment_72753777)

State law says that parents can opt out of vaccinations for religious or philosophical reasons. The schools have no control. Once a case is discovered the kids without vaccinations are barred from attending until the outbreak is over. When there was a chicken pox case at a school I worked at, the unvaccinated kids were barred. Within a week, a large portion of them were vaccinated and back in school, philosophy be damned.

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(/user/vadem165)


vadem165 (/user/vadem165) ▶ Leftleaner

January 28 · 08:48:45 PM (/comments/1830317/72756647#comment_72756647)

The only exemptions that should be allowed are medical (e. g. being allergic to the vaccine). Public health trumps religious exercise IMO.

Recommended 11 times

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(/user/poalcat51)

poalcat51 (/user/poalcat51) ▶ vadem165

Opting out of MMR and other vaccinations were NOT an option when my son first enrolled in public school in 1983. He HAD to have proof he had been immunized. Period. This is what happens when you give someone an inch. They will take a mile, jeopardizing the health and lives of others.

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(/user/azbc)

azbc (/user/azbc) ▶ **poalcat51**

January 29 · 04:04:02 PM

(/comments/1830317/72765914#comment_72765914)

When I started school there was NO opt out period . When my kids started you Could opt out But you COULD NOT GO TO SCHOOL

With how many BILLIONS of people in the world no drug of any kind will be 100% free of all problems but society DOES have the right to isolate those who choose to risk us all

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(/user/poalcat51)

poalcat51 (/user/poalcat51) ▶ **azbc**

January 29 · 05:22:03 PM

(/comments/1830317/72766976#comment_72766976)

I was five years old when I came down with Rubeola, the ten-day measles. To this day, I remember how miserably sick I was. There was no vaccine back in those days. I can't even begin to *imagine* parents wanting to subject their kids to the agony and potential dangers of this or any other communicable disease that can be easily controlled with an injection.

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anja... ▶ **poalcat51**

January 29 · 05:31:59 PM

(/comments/1830317/72767138#comment_72767138)

I was in school before those vaccinations,as well. I 1st grade I had chicken pox (another one that wasn't considered dangerous — but can be), in 2nd grade I got rubeola. 4th grade I got mumps. But in between times, I got all the

vaccinations that were out there — polio (first the Saulk vaccine, later the Sabin booster; smallpox; I believe I was vaccinated for Pertussis, which, I think, was new at the time (I have asthma, so the coughing and attendant breathing issues could have killed me)

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ vadem165

January 29 · 05:25:26 PM (/comments/1830317/72767035#comment_72767035)

Compromised immunne systems are a very good reason to not be vaccinated. And those individuals REALLY depend on herd immunity!

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(/user/vadem165)

vadem165 (/user/vadem165) ▶ anjaspapa

January 30 · 12:41:26 AM

(/comments/1830317/72771299#comment_72771299)

Yes, so that’s an argument for allowing medical exemptions AND requiring it of everyone else.

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(/user/Weaving)

Weaving (/user/Weaving) ▶ Leftleaner

January 29 · 02:40:26 PM (/comments/1830317/72764641#comment_72764641)

I also heard on the news last night that doctors are giving exemptions when there's really not a medical or religios reason.

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(/user/ratcityreprobate)

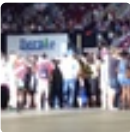
ratcityreprobate (/user/ratcityreprobate) ▶ Mogolori

January 28 · 06:42:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72755319#comment_72755319)

Most are probably in Christian Schools, Charter Schools or Waldorf Schools and beyond the reach of the local school authorities.

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(/user/joniworx)


joniworx (/user/joniworx) ▶ ratcityreprobate

January 29 · 01:53:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72763917#comment_72763917)

Yup, that’s not true here. Public schools are all involved.

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(/user/ratcityreprobate)

ratcityreprobate (/user/ratcityreprobate) ▶ joniworx

January 29 · 04:55:05 PM (/comments/1830317/72766612#comment_72766612)

Are you in Clark County?

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(/user/RealityBased1)

RealityBased1 (/user/RealityBased1)

January 28 · 03:32:28 PM (/comments/1830317/72752723#comment_72752723)


In 2000, the United States was able to joyously declare that measles had been “eliminated,” (https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/post-nation/wp/2015/01/23/how-the-u-s-went-from-eliminating-measles-to-a-measles-outbreak-at-disneyland/?utm_term=.9f933fbbb122) as a disease.

Of no coincidence at all, 2 years before that, in 1998, Dr Andrew Wakefield published his infamous “study” in the BMJ that has led directly to the current anti-vax hysteria, which in turn has led to a recurrence of measles, as well as other vaccine preventable diseases. (the article in question was withdrawn, and Andrew Wakefield was eventually stripped of his medical degree in Britain for his fraudulent paper)

Most (though not all) outbreaks of measles occur in those who have declined vaccination for various reasons, whether ideology or religion. The peak in USA was in 2014, when I’m sure many people remember the Disneyland outbreak.

Vaccination prevents millions of deaths worldwide every year, and is the single most cost effective Public Health initiative ever.

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(/user/skillet)

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January 28 · 03:33:42 PM (/comments/1830317/72752745#comment_72752745)

Measles?...you gotta be kidding.

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(/user/CwV)

CwV (/user/CwV) January 28 · 03:34:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72752750#comment_72752750)

Well, those kids won't need vaccination, they get their immunity the hard way.

A generation of parents that should know better.

But don't.

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(/user/JeffSCinNY)

JeffSCinNY (/user/JeffSCinNY) ▶ **CwV**

January 28 · 04:52:55 PM (/comments/1830317/72753852#comment_72753852)

But a significant fraction will suffer severe problems such as deafness,seizures and pneumonia as a result.

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(/user/chimene)

chimene (/user/chimene) ▶ **CwV**

January 28 · 05:45:08 PM (/comments/1830317/72754576#comment_72754576)

but... but... I never had measles when I was a kid and nobody else I knew did either! why should my little snowflake get a nasty needle-stick!?!

it's not like my parents or grandparents could have told me what childhood diseases were like when when *they* were kids or young parents... y'know, before there were all these nasty vaccinations available... /s

Recommended 5 times

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ **chimene**

January 29 · 05:38:14 PM (/comments/1830317/72767229#comment_72767229)

Yeah. Tell 'em to ask the (grand)parents about polio, and what is was like for kids before Jonas Salk (I believe I misspelled his name in another post here). I can still picture a couple of my friends who caught it before they could be vaccinated. Scary stuff!

Recommended 2 times

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(/user/rsf)

rsf (/user/rsf) ▶ **CwV** January 29 · 04:04:34 PM (/comments/1830317/72765918#comment_72765918)

Bonus, they'll be more open to other infections for years

blogs.discovermagazine.com/... (http://blogs.discovermagazine.com/d-brief/2015/05/07/measles-immune-system/#.XFC_xNtKi70)

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(/user/kjallen)

kjallen (/user/kjallen) January 28 · 03:41:16 PM (/comments/1830317/72752851#comment_72752851)

My grandson was just telling me that he has seen questions from young people asking how they can get vaccinated without parental permission. Presumably, their parents are anti-vaxers, but they aren't, and they don't want to get sick.

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(/user/democratos)

democratos (/user/democratos) January 28 · 03:43:19 PM (/comments/1830317/72752880#comment_72752880)

A triumph of post-modern pseudo-science, vax-deniers.

Recommended 12 times



(/user/randyb)

randyb (/user/randyb) January 28 · 04:02:58 PM (/comments/1830317/72753181#comment_72753181)

I guess spending on the government to clean up the mess made by anti-vaxxer "morans" is an acceptable form of vaccination. Idiots, each and everyone of them.

Recommended 1 time



(/user/highacidity)

highacidity (/user/highacidity) January 28 · 04:33:20 PM (/comments/1830317/72753585#comment_72753585)

A good read:

This autism dad has a warning for anti-vaxxers (https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2018/10/16/17964992/vaccine-autism-book-peter-hotez)

WHY A VACCINE RESEARCHER IS WAGING WAR ON THE ANTI-VACCINE MOVEMENT. (HTTPS://WWW.VOX.COM/SCIENCE-AND-HEALTH/2018/10/16/17964992/VACCINE-AUTISM-BOOK-PETER-HOTEZ)

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ynohtnA (/user/ynohtnA) January 28 · 04:38:13 PM (/comments/1830317/72753650#comment_72753650)

Anti-vax parents should cover any costs incurred by the State dealing with the damage resulting from their willful action.

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(/user/owlbear1)

owlbear1 (/user/owlbear1) ▶ **ynohtnA**

January 28 · 04:46:24 PM (/comments/1830317/72753759#comment_72753759)

Yes! Yet again “Libertarians” forcing everyone else to pay for their self-aggrandizing *rugged-individualist* tripe.

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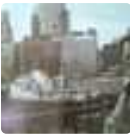
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January 28 · 08:20:26 PM (/comments/1830317/72756352#comment_72756352)

They should cover any costs incurred by *anybody* from their stupidity.

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(/user/Bob Love)

Bob Love (/user/Bob Love) January 28 · 04:42:27 PM (/comments/1830317/72753705#comment_72753705)

Anti-vaxxers are one more fact-averse community. The GOP coalition is made of such idiots.

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(/user/Remembering Jello)

Remembering Jello (/user/Remembering Jello) ▶ **Bob Love**

January 28 · 04:47:14 PM (/comments/1830317/72753773#comment_72753773)

Heh. In CA, these “ GOP Idiots” seem to cluster in Berkeley and the Bay Area (<https://www.sfgate.com/local/article/kindergartens-vaccines-medical-exemptions-calif-13085811.php>), both GOP strongholds....

Lotta idiots out there. Some of them Lefties.

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(/user/ChadmanFL)

ChadmanFL (/user/ChadmanFL) ▶ Remembering Jello

January 28 · 10:30:31 PM (/comments/1830317/72757599#comment_72757599)

Over 50% unvaccinated at some schools. That’s insane.

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(/user/jazzed)

jazzed (/user/jazzed) January 28 · 04:49:25 PM (/comments/1830317/72753802#comment_72753802)

There was a news segment recently about California physicians who charge an exorbitant fee (\$300) to assess your child then write a letter that child should not be vaccinated for medical reasons. In CA, this is the only exception to vaccination. The person at state level in CA reviewing the letters, says medical reasons have nothing to do with the vaccine or potential side effects.

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(/user/libera nos)

libera nos (/user/libera nos) ▶ jazzed

January 28 · 05:53:50 PM (/comments/1830317/72754720#comment_72754720)

If there’s money to be made, some supposedly responsible professionals will gladly place their ethics in a blind trust for the duration.

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(/user/jazzed)

jazzed (/user/jazzed) ▶ libera nos

January 28 · 06:35:05 PM (/comments/1830317/72755227#comment_72755227)

yes. Morality and ethics seem to be far behind greed and money these days.

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(/user/Rubens)

Rubens (/user/Rubens) January 28 · 05:25:51 PM (/comments/1830317/72754296#comment_72754296)

One hopes that none of the people infected — and in particular the kids who are at risk because of their parents’ idiocy — will be killed or seriously injured by the measles... although it’s only a matter of time if there are enough cases. If this does have to happen, one hopes that the victims will be personally close to the loudest and most destructive activists. What goes around...

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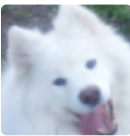
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eeff (/user/eeff) January 28 · 05:38:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72754472#comment_72754472)

which disease do you get spots all over you ? Chicken Pox ?

I had that in 1964, I remember being in Waltham, MA. I believe I had to stay at grandmas house a few days while I was sick. She lived in Weston, MA

Recommended 2 times



(/user/Laurel in CA)

Laurel in CA (/user/Laurel in CA) January 28 · 06:33:36 PM (/comments/1830317/72755207#comment_72755207)

Our samoyed (pictured at left) gets vaccinated, even though she could plausibly get a medical excuse, as she is immunosuppressed due to uveo-dermatologic syndrome. But the vet med literature indicates that she is still able to mount at least a partial immune response, with no danger to her health.

The cases of legitimate medical exemption are almost vanishingly rare. Those people — and the wider community including kids too young for full immunization and people too old — deserve the utmost in protection from the rest of us. Wakefield should be rotting in prison for his fraud and causing death and disability. And the anti-vaxxers in public sphere should be sentenced to a week-long intensive scientific and medical education including seeing the clinical consequences of the diseases caused by the diseases they have helped to bring back.

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(/user/Jeannette Elise)

Jeannette Elise (/user/Jeannette Elise) January 28 · 06:45:38 PM (/comments/1830317/72755373#comment_72755373)

Rant warning:

I personally think anti-vaxers should be charged with child endangerment and child abuse and should have their children removed from their custody until or unless said children are fully vaccinated as appropriate for their ages...and that those children should remain under the oversight of the court to determine that the vaccinations are kept up to date until the children are 18. I have seen the results of complications of “childhood diseases”, and I have also seen what happens when chicken pox gets loose in a unit of immune-suppressed children. Get out of here with any anti-vax propaganda! That kind of talk should be shut down...it’s not “free speech”, it’s dangerous and could cause death and disability!

//Rant mode off

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(/user/shaalvarez)

shaalvarez (/user/shaalvarez) ▶ Jeannette Elise

January 28 · 08:09:55 PM (/comments/1830317/72756254#comment_72756254)

I agree with you. My sister in law is an anti vaxxers. When my youngest son was born, a preemie no less, she was offended because I wouldn't let her and her kids near the baby. Newborns dont usually have all their vaccinations until almost a year old. It ended up becoming a huge argument. But it's not only about one family member affecting another. Any person who knowingly doesn't vaccinate themselves or their children is putting countless others at risk too.

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(/user/T100R)

T100R (/user/T100R) ▶ shaalvarez

January 28 · 08:27:49 PM (/comments/1830317/72756436#comment_72756436)

Indeed. I have an adult family member who has a compromised immune system. Every unvaccinated individual out there is a potentially lethal risk to him.

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(/user/moluv00)

moluv00 (/user/moluv00) ▶ Jeannette Elise

January 29 · 02:10:55 PM (/comments/1830317/72764196#comment_72764196)

Have your children been vaccinated for Ebola? Of course not. Vaccination is a tool. It makes sense if the likelihood of danger is warranted. If vaccination works, then its the unvaccinated children that are in danger, and the parents of vaccinated children have nothing to worry about. Yet, here we are. You protect your children with the knowledge that you've researched, but are angry when someone finds evidence to the contrary and chooses not to. That's dangerous.

When people choose to vilify people that have found valid evidence counter to the pro-vaccine point of view, they should not have their liberty to make educated decisions for their children taken away by the state. Also, death and disability can be caused by vaccine allergies. Check out what the CDC says about the percent of people who are allergic, then look at the numbers of people taking vaccinations. It would dwarf the 34 measles cases listed in this article.

If you're really concerned about spreading disease, I suggest you teach your kids to wash their hands regularly. It would seem that the position of pro-vaxxers is to establish control over other people's children rather than their own.

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(/user/Iron Maiden)

Iron Maiden (/user/Iron Maiden) ▶ moluv00

January 29 · 02:57:20 PM (/comments/1830317/72764926#comment_72764926)

Moluvo00, I have a compromised immune system. I have an autoimmune disease which means that if I am exposed, I could get really sick, really quick. And I had my vaccines, not to mention all the other stuff given to me by the Army, but that doesn't always work if herd immunity goes down to to a certain level. So no, a person should not get to decide to put ME at risk because they CHOOSE not to believe the science. Those kids who are sick aren't just putting other un-vaxed kids at risk, they are putting the community at large at risk! There will always be risks to any medication, but the risk is rare. I have a disease that means I can't have anesthesia. Does this mean that others shouldn't be given it for their surgeries because someone like me might show up in that room and have a reaction? No. It means all reasonable precautions should be taken, and if something happens, that's life. You can't walk around in a bubble, afraid to live life because something might happen. And that's what it boils down to, people are afraid of what might happen, when the evidence of what WILL happen is right in front of them and they ignore it. Life is not easy, it is not fair, and it is not predictable. I could get hit by a truck walking my dogs as I could die from a sickness. Letting fear dictate a community is what got us Trump. It's what is causing the measles. Saying it's a choice is bullshit. Vaccinate your kids.

Recommended 6 times



(/user/post rational)

post rational (/user/post rational) January 28 · 09:54:08 PM (/comments/1830317/72757253#comment_72757253)

Someday I hope there will be a vaccination that prevents the kind of terminal stupidity these anti-vaxxers exhibit.

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(/user/Sailor Jo)

Sailor Jo (/user/Sailor Jo) ▶ post rational

January 29 · 07:13:38 PM (/comments/1830317/72768346#comment_72768346)

Don't worry. Climate change, helped by the climate change deniers, will reduce earth's population to a point that there will be only pockets of humans left and nobody needs to fear vaccines anymore.

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) January 29 · 01:25:41 AM (/comments/1830317/72758816#comment_72758816)

Insanity.. sheer bloody insanity, to expose these kids to a disease.. one that NO you fools is not gone....and one that can kill them, deafen them, mar them for life..for no reason.

Back before there were vaccines.. and we had no other options, that was one thing. We said a lot of prayers and we would deliberately expose them, to get them some immunity... to prevent a later age onset. As them getting the disease was a given.. but we could at least decide, when, and minimize the risks.

Younger (2-5) meant that they were less likely to suffer the major complications VS getting the same thing say at age 10, or worse, age 20 (much like the mumps, late onset can kill an adult)

Measles effects LINK (<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/complications.html>)

- Ear infections 1 in 10 and can result in permanent hearing loss.
- Diarrhea 1 in 10. *Dehydration can kill a child.
- 1 in 20 children with measles gets pneumonia, the most common cause of death
- About 1 in a 1000 will develop encephalitis (swelling of the brain) resulting in convulsions, deafness or brain damage.
- For every 1,000 children who get measles, one or two will die from it.
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- **So to not prevent it.. when you can do so.....should be considered child neglect.**

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(/user/Smile Meadoe)

Smile Meadoe (/user/Smile Meadoe) ▶ EstaW

January 29 · 02:12:03 PM (/comments/1830317/72764211#comment_72764211)

And also neglect of your personal obligation to your community. For want of a better way to say it; “God gave us smart people who invented ways to prevent disease that exists in our environment. It is an insult to this God to not embrace the help he sends for societies benefit through the gifts he grants through our fellow travelers in this life.”

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) ▶ Smile Meadoe

January 29 · 03:14:56 PM (/comments/1830317/72765202#comment_72765202)

Yep.. as for those who cannot take the vacs.. due to immune issues, allergic reactions etc.. that herd immunity is their ONLY protection. And yes, the Goddess gave us brains, we are supposed to use them.... we are adults..and like any good Mother, she expects us to act like it !

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ Smile Meadoe

January 29 · 09:16:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72769601#comment_72769601)

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use. -Galileo Galilei

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ EstaW

January 29 · 09:13:37 PM (/comments/1830317/72769576#comment_72769576)

Another effect of measles that has recently been discovered is that it hits your immunity hard. Numerous studies have shown that for months after apparently full recovery from measles, the kids are more likely to die from other diseases than kids who never were infected. Apparently what is happening is the memory B cells developed against other antigens before the measles infection get wiped out and the victim is back at square one and has to develop immunity all over again.

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) ▶ TexasAggie

January 30 · 12:42:28 AM (/comments/1830317/72771308#comment_72771308)

Given how it is such a systemic infection.. not too much of a surprise to hear that. It is sorta like how anti bios.. kill off GOOD bacteria, along with the bad, and the body has to rebuild. But in the meantime you develop secondary infections and disruptions.

Secondary infections would be a factor....if the original is overwhelmed by the infection. So, for a time, they have none of the immunity.. they already had against more common antigens.. that would explain a lot .. thanks for the Intel.

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(/user/EstaW)

EstaW (/user/EstaW) January 29 · 01:43:00 AM (/comments/1830317/72758900#comment_72758900)

oh and just as aside.. I remember getting the first ever vacs for polio, small pox. Developed the year I was born. 1955 Those were things any sane parent was afraid of.

Polio was a major problem in the United States mere decades ago. In the late 1940s through early 1950s, polio crippled about 35,000 Americans each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The United States was polio-free by 1979 thanks to vaccine efforts. LINK
(<https://www.cbsnews.com/pictures/polio-vaccine-turns-58-a-look-back/>)

Mumps and measles, rubella vacs came later. 1971 before they were available full scale, waves of infection led to the double dose use by 1990, considered eradicated by 2013 LINK
(https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Measles_vaccine)

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(/user/jfredmuggs)

jfredmuggs (/user/jfredmuggs) January 29 · 12:27:35 PM (/comments/1830317/72762650#comment_72762650)

Morons. Fucking morons.

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(/user/SupportDenmarkAndFreedom)

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January 29 · 12:48:09 PM (/comments/1830317/72762958#comment_72762958)

I was 4 when the polio vaccine was introduced and lived in the household of my grandfather, a doctor, so was at the head of the line for the vaccine. I remember the day vividly.

The pastor of the First Baptist Church was leading the anti-vaxxing mob at the time, spewing some Fire & Brimstone bullshit about polio being God’s punishment for the sin of ...wait for it...

swimming.^{*} He and his (**literal**) mob were demonstrating against the Salk vaccine at the school where it was being administered. My grandfather and I had to run their gauntlet to get in. I saw a completely new side of my grandfather... never before had he offered to hit anyone that I knew of, but he came damn close to punching the preacher that day. On the way home he told me **never** to believe anyone who says that it’s God who sends disease, and not Satan.

Years later when Jerry Falwell spewed the same BS about AIDS, I knew whose team he was on, along with 99.9% of Southern Baptist preachers. Unfortunately, I would not believe there were any exceptions, and could not bring myself to vote for Jimmy Carter. That’s the only time I left a vote blank.

^{*}The preacher sez that swimming is immoral because you get nearly naked and display body parts that ought not be seen! He had successfully lobbied against a municipal swimming pool in the town for years, and tried to prevent swimming being part of the schools’ sport curriculum.

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(/user/HumboldtRick)

HumboldtRick (/user/HumboldtRick) January 29 · 01:06:35 PM (/comments/1830317/72763200#comment_72763200)

Thanks, brain-dead anti-vaxxers.

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(/user/nellybly)

nellybly (/user/nellybly) ▶ **HumboldtRick**

January 29 · 03:24:10 PM (/comments/1830317/72765337#comment_72765337)

Name calling isn’t a good argument.



(/user/mholster)



mholster (/user/mholster) January 29 · 01:14:35 PM (/comments/1830317/72763307#comment_72763307)

I grew up in the 1950's when nearly all children got the measles, including me and my brothers. No one called it a "state of emergency". It was no big deal. Now 34 cases are a "state of emergency"? Are you kidding? Stop parroting the hate and fear propaganda, step back and look at reality. This hysteria has really gotten out of control.

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(/user/lelkos)



lelkos (/user/lelkos) ▶ **mholster**

January 29 · 01:54:41 PM (/comments/1830317/72763942#comment_72763942)

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ lelkos

January 29 · 09:04:46 PM (/comments/1830317/72769503#comment_72769503)

“In Cuba where profit is not the motive, they were able to improve public health using homeopathy ”

Ah, **NO**. The Cubans are a lot brighter than that having an excellent medical program. And their vaccination rate is close to 100% because the state mandates it.

As for your pathetic attempt to blame the profit motive, the pharmaceutical houses have to have their arms severely twisted to make vaccines at all because the profit margin is infinitesimal.

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) ▶ mholster

January 29 · 08:59:55 PM (/comments/1830317/72769472#comment_72769472)

I grew up then, too. And yes, it most assuredly **was** a big deal. Schools were shut down, and some of the kids didn’t emerge unscathed. A colleague of mine was deaf and mildly retarded from measles. A classmate of mine died.

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(/user/lalkos)

lalkos (/user/lalkos) January 29 · 01:53:49 PM (/comments/1830317/72763924#comment_72763924)

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(/user/moluv00)

moluv00 (/user/moluv00) January 29 · 01:56:58 PM (/comments/1830317/72763978#comment_72763978)

34 cases of measles is a state emergency? And people agree with that? For the longest time I thought fear propaganda was a uniquely right-wing thing, and here it is in plain sight on the left. The sad part is that most pro-vaccine people claim to have science on their side, but not really. Not because individual vaccines can't work, but because there's no evidence that proves the efficacy of "vaccine cocktails" and the current vaccine schedules recommended for children. And, there is never any critical discussion of vaccine harm.

I'm not anti-vax, because if there's a chance that my family will get a dangerous disease and it can be prevented by vaccination, I'm all for it. But, the thought that nearly every conceivable disease should be vaccinated for, multiple times a year, is ludicrous. Especially with infants.

As dangerous as it is, I'm not going to volunteer for an ebola vaccine except under the most dire circumstances. If there are 34 cases of the measles in a local area, maybe there need to be some lessons about the importance of hand washing.

What most people never discuss is the actual vaccine manufacturing process. As a former manufacturing engineer, I can assure you that no manufactured product is 100% defect free. Even if they were 99.999% defect free (which is likely a grossly conservative number), there would still be .001% defective vaccines out there. If given to 100,000,000 people annually that would mean that 1000 people are getting vaccines that are damaging to them. This doesn't even account for the people that have natural allergic reactions. Compare that number to the 34 measles cases that happened one year over a decade. And, consider the fact that vaccines, unlike normal prescription or store-bought medications, do not have the same level of regulatory restrictions.

Not being vaccinated, because you're suspicious of the corporate agenda is one thing, but if you actually look at the numbers critically, it becomes prudent to be more cautious. Look at vaccines from the perspective of a CEO of a vaccine producer. Just like at an auto company, they have to take into the consideration how their product can cause harm. As a community, we have to acknowledge the potential for harm, and make an informed decision about using the product.

I drive cars. Fast. I love them. But, if there were a car company that was hiding the safety record of it's vehicles, I would not come anywhere near the product unless there were no other choice, and I really needed one to get to work. In the same way, when you have people being dismissive of the potential downsides of a product, even a good one, it's obvious that they have not performed any real critical analysis.

To finish my rant, I find it strange when the same people that will denounce every corporate-driven agenda across every industry (agribusiness — Monsanto, banking and finance — Wells Fargo, energy — BP, etc.) they will literally put their lives on the line to defend pharmaceuticals. 34 cases of the measles is not an emergency, blind patriotism (either on the right, or on the left) is.

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(/user/lelkos)

lelkos (/user/lelkos) ▶ **moluv00**

January 29 · 02:14:13 PM (/comments/1830317/72764240#comment_72764240)

Thank you so much for your comments! I also find it shocking that people who read Daily Kos and are becoming aware that the profit motive drives almost everything in our society...and that corporations have total control of our government...Why do they not see that this is also true of Big Pharma?

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(/user/Smile Meadoe)

Smile Meadoe (/user/Smile Meadoe) January 29 · 02:04:45 PM (/comments/1830317/72764093#comment_72764093)

I am a medical technologist, and a microbiologist in Washington State. This is a health emergency which needs the full force of the Washington State Health Department behind what happens.

What can legislators do in their obligation to protect the public:

1. Make the vaccinations mandatory for all with no excuses.
2. Understand that there will be some noncompliance with the law.
- 3.Demand recording of who is not complying with the law. So all these restrictions must be listed and explained to anyone who is signing a waver of non compliance with the law.
4. Require that whoever is not in compliance with the vaccination laws will be physically and forcibly quarantined in situ with their whole household, whenever there is any threat of the disease anywhere in the State or near the state, until the emergency is declared over by the State Health Department. If there are vaccinated persons also in these households, they must also be put in quarantine because they will not be sick but would carry the disease to others if allowed to go out in public air.
5. These provisions must be the law for any communicable disease the Health Department deems it necessary, and for which a vaccination exists. For diseases where there is no vaccination compliance with these provisions is already what the Health Department can enforce if they determine it is warranted, it is part of the disease reporting requirements.

Note this is what was done in the past for reportable diseases to protect the public before the vaccinations were available, it was done because it worked and in those instances there was no choice.

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(/user/nellybly)

nellybly (/user/nellybly) ▶ **Smile Mead**

January 29 · 03:32:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72765457#comment_72765457)

That’s a very slippery slope. What happens if someone doesn’t comply? Forcibly quarantine them in concentration camps? Listen to yourself. Stop peddling fear.

Recommended 1 time



(/user/thewavethatiam)

thewavethatiam (/user/thewavethatiam) January 29 · 02:16:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72764278#comment_72764278)

Vaccines are complicated.

1) certain types are not very effective so why run the risks, and the USA does have a vaccine compensation fund so there are admitted bad results: if someone immediately comes down with a seizure or high fever and then has brain or other damage etc. It’s tough to prove such claims but some law firms do handle this. If there is a family history of egg allergy, for instance, vaccines can be contraindicated.

2) medical establishment recommends too many too soon. If a woman is nursing, a newborn is likely protected from her antibodies and risks probably outweigh benefits. Certainly a newborn should not have more than one shot before leaving the hospital and yet at one time they were given 3-6 out of over zealousness and fear that ‘certain types’ would not return. When too many infants were left with brain damage or dead from seizures, the protocol was again for a reduced number. We had none given to our children til 2-3 months and then one at a time, none when children were the least bit sick. I preferred to nurse and stay home than vaccinate so early.

3) the particular problem with the MMR is that it is very difficult to get the components separately even when one may only need the rubella booster. I had already had mumps; it’s not usually a bad illness though rarely boys can become sterile (usually in only one testes). So I took the MMR rather than having a titer (titer cost \$; vaccine was ‘free’) and since then I have had terrible arthritis in my hands. Just a coincidence, I am sure most docs and pharma rep would say.

4) rubella also a harmless illness; we are made to take it because if a pregnant woman contracts it, her fetus could become deaf. So maybe women thinking to get pregnant or reaching that age should be sure they take the rubella vaccine.

5) chicken pox is also not usually a dangerous illness. But big pharma invented it so they want everyone to take it.

6) Ditto some of the newer ones.

7) A mother who won't be nursing should be given the option of just the measles vaccine in hospital. No need for most 0-3 month olds in first world to worry about the rest of the big six: dpt mmr, with maternal antibodies and good hygiene.

8) tho now So many in USA are doing without proper sanitation again so might need to consider individual situations ... but vaccine protocols do not consider individual circumstances.

Well that's just a bit of the complication side. People with auto immune diseases so severe that they cannot get vaccinated ...is a new wrinkle that I have not yet thought into, if it's a thing. I am a little unclear about the post above. Surely if someone is vaccinated, they need not worry about being infected by the unvaccinated (except for the ineffectiveness, they say, about diphtheria etc) so I am guessing the writer meant they are so immunocompromised they can't tolerate a vaccine. Such a person would be extremely careful about their hygiene and contacts, I suppose, like someone with serious food allergies wouldn't eat out unless they were negligent or reckless.

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(/user/rsf)

rsf (/user/rsf) ▶ thewavethatiam

January 29 · 04:01:27 PM (/comments/1830317/72765871#comment_72765871)

1)The VAERS program exists because we as a society recognized that it is less expensive to have a fund to cope with the few instances of negative reactions to vaccines than it is to deal with diseases and their complications when they are widespread.

2) Babies' immune systems, like their brains, are primed for learning. Like Early intervention programs, we've learned that a good start is better than playing catch up (or trying to unlearn and then learn) later.

3) You may have a point here. I am at the borderline age which was assumed to be immune to measles, and had the MMR because I work with small children and don't want to be a carrier. And my arthritis got worse, too! But looking at my grandmother and mother's history, arthritis was pretty much in the books for me, and it's eased some this past six months (not enough, but some). It may be that having the individual vaccines would make a difference for older people, but I don't know if there are any studies yet.

4) Rubella isn't harmless. www.cdc.gov/ (<https://www.cdc.gov/rubella/about/complications.html>)... And while the worst complications are concerned with birth defects, those problems are worse if the mom gets infected very early in the pregnancy. Long before you'd know to avoid contact. And of course, vaccines aren't perfect. This is a great example of when herd immunity matters the most.

5) Chickenpox is also not harmless [www.cdc.gov/](https://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox/about/complications.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/chickenpox/about/complications.html>)... And getting it when you are older opens you up to the “fun” of shingles. No thanks. i wouldn’t wish the misery my mom’s been going through for the past three years on a dog.

6)...

7) A mother who won’t be nursing? Given how much work we’ve done into convincing mothers that they should nurse for all the benefits that provides?

8) The whole point of doing any program broadly is to cover the individual circumstances without having to go through the paperwork and barriers involved in trying to tailor the plan to each little quirk out there.

Look, I’m not a fan of the venture capitalists who keep pushing pharmaceutical prices higher. But if it weren’t for modern drugs — and vaccines — we would live in a very different world.

Recommended 1 time



(/user/BicycleBob)

BicycleBob (/user/BicycleBob) January 29 · 02:16:43 PM (/comments/1830317/72764289#comment_72764289)

I grew up in an unvaccinated era. It sure didn’t feel like an emergency, and probably gave my immune system some useful exercise. A shot should save lives, not weeks.

Recommended 1 time



(/user/Old Verger)

Old Verger (/user/Old Verger) January 29 · 02:32:47 PM (/comments/1830317/72764522#comment_72764522)

It is now time to return to the “good old days” when, prior to the use of vaccines, infected children and their entire households were quarantined until the contagion passed.

That way, the general public is protected, vaccination or not.

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(/user/nellybly)

nellybly (/user/nellybly) ▶ **Old Verger**

January 29 · 03:34:10 PM (/comments/1830317/72765494#comment_72765494)

That should go for any illness. Stop showing up to work with the flu and getting the rest of us sick.

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(/user/Old Verger)

Old Verger (/user/Old Verger) ▶ nellybly

January 29 · 05:02:21 PM (/comments/1830317/72766720#comment_72766720)

Sure. That’s common sense, and the flu is dangerous, and it is largely preventable. So are measles, chicken pox, mumps and whooping cough. But just staying home is voluntary. Quarantine is not — it is legally enforced. So the choice is simple: either have your kids vaccinated against childhood diseases, or plan on being locked up in your own house whenever they come down with something.

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) ▶ Old Verger

January 29 · 05:54:18 PM (/comments/1830317/72767430#comment_72767430)

And we know how well quarantine worked for polio (and scarlet fever, etc.)...

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(/user/Old Verger)

Old Verger (/user/Old Verger) ▶ anjaspapa

January 29 · 06:45:36 PM

(/comments/1830317/72768035#comment_72768035)

We do not know how much worse those epidemics would have been without it.

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(/user/sst)

sst (/user/sst) January 29 · 02:39:11 PM (/comments/1830317/72764619#comment_72764619)

My family has plenty of stories from the past where family members died of diseases that are now preventable. I myself nearly died of measles at age four. How can people so easily forget the lessons of their own past? Nor do I understand the anti vaccine movement. People used to lose half their children to these diseases.

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(/user/blondedragon)

blondedragon (/user/blondedragon) January 29 · 02:42:17 PM (/comments/1830317/72764670#comment_72764670)

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hrprbn (/user/hrprbn) January 29 · 02:51:07 PM (/comments/1830317/72764825#comment_72764825)

This is what happens when anti-vaxers continue to be given a platform to scream their lies. Any responsible media or social media group would point out the lies, and stop allowing the lies to be told. I totally believe in freedom of speech. I also believe that there are consequences for that speech. The anti-vaxers who are the loudest, those who have the tallest, broadest platforms should be held responsible for this outbreak. The bastard who concocted that fictional study should most certainly be held responsible. He could help pay the hospital/medical costs for these children and their families...and all the other children who have suffered from the measles because Mommy and

Daddy were too lazy to investigate a story regarding the vaccination of their children. (Stories regarding vaccination ‘dangers’ have been going around for decades. When my son was small, I read as much as I could about all of the vaccinations he would receive. That’s being a responsible parent. I dunno, maybe I’m expecting too much from people. Like common sense.)

Recommended 1 time



(/user/monardia)

monardia (/user/monardia) January 29 · 03:17:54 PM (/comments/1830317/72765243#comment_72765243)

In my experience as a mother and a teacher in public schools, the antivaxers tend to fall into the group of self absorbed parents more concerned with their status and using their children to achieve this end. They simply don’t want to take the chance of having a child that isn’t “ perfect” because they see it as diminishing their status as perfect parents and people. They are even willing to risk the life of that child and others to preserve that status. That is more important to them than all the data that says vaccines don’t cause autism. They think that measles is a minor disease so they have a better chance of having a perfect child. One of my children had a reaction to the a vaccine and couldn’t be fully vaccinated so every time some unvaccinated kid turned up with something we had to worry about her. By the way she was perfectly fine, and she graduated from nursing school second in her class, she would have been perfect to me even if she wasn’t.

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(/user/deanatduke)

deanatduke (/user/deanatduke) January 29 · 03:33:38 PM (/comments/1830317/72765485#comment_72765485)

The World Health Organization has declared that “Vaccine Hesitancy” is one of the 10 most dangerous health threats in the world. I hope that people will inform themselves about vaccines, using reliable sources, such as the WHO and the CDC.

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(/user/PuckMonk)

PuckMonk (/user/PuckMonk) January 29 · 03:39:50 PM (/comments/1830317/72765566#comment_72765566)

The **MMR Vaccine** covers **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella** (*German measles*). **Antivaxxers** are putting those with compromised immune systems in danger of **death**. These people will usher in outbreaks of those preventable diseases plus **Chickenpox, Whooping Cough, (*too many others to list*)** and the reemergence of **Polio** and **Smallpox**. They should be charged with **Reckless Endangerment** and **Felony Child Endangerment** (a charge enhanced by aggravating circumstances.) **Child endangerment** occurs when a person **engages in conduct** that places a child in **imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment**. This can be through an **act or omission**. **Involuntary Manslaughter** should apply for **every death**.

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(/user/eli joseph)

eli joseph (/user/eli joseph) January 29 · 04:17:10 PM (/comments/1830317/72766078#comment_72766078)

I am a physician and I have taken care of infants with whooping cough who were in the hospital for 3 months on oxygen. These diseases can easily kill infants and they aren't fully vaccinated to whooping cough until 12 months. I have watched migrant workers spend their very hard-earned cash to get their children vaccinated because they know the effects of these diseases. Both whooping cough and measles are air-borne viruses and washing your hands has absolutely no effect. Both my grandma and grandpa came from large families, my grandma has 7 siblings but only 3 survived to adulthood and my grandpa had 11 siblings and only 7 survived to adulthood all due to childhood illnesses.

My son has autism and I am always so insulted that who he is as a person is somehow so awful that it is worth your child potentially dying to avoid having a child like him. I don't trust big pharma with a lot of things and I do think that they abuse their power, but they are actually not even making many new vaccines because the profits aren't there, so this isn't about profits — this is about science and about the biggest advance in healthcare ever.

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(/user/anjaspapa)

anjaspapa (/user/anjaspapa) January 29 · 05:03:40 PM (/comments/1830317/72766739#comment_72766739)

This is asinine — and there is no compelling reason for it (that level of unvaccinated)!

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(/user/mmfeelgood)

mmfeelgood (/user/mmfeelgood) January 29 · 05:41:18 PM (/comments/1830317/72767270#comment_72767270)

I really dont give a RIP what party they belong to. I am on immunosuppressants, and its stupidity if you think you wont harm anyone else by not vaccinating your child. Just keep them away from me. I would like to stay healthy. Am 71, kidney transplant recipient, would like to stay as healthy as I can. Leave the politics out of it...get an education !

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(/user/Sailor Jo)

Sailor Jo (/user/Sailor Jo) January 29 · 07:06:06 PM (/comments/1830317/72768260#comment_72768260)

To me it seems that US people are overly emotional. That's why they can be easily manipulated with fear. Fear is obviously stronger than the often poor education that pupils are receiving. No wonder they come up with all kinds of conspiracy theories or at least believe them.

Critical thinking is not taught much, it is more convincing the people they are part of "American superiority". Now we see what comes out of that brainwash.

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(/user/RichardJB)

RichardJB (/user/RichardJB) January 29 · 07:20:32 PM (/comments/1830317/72768413#comment_72768413)

People can actually die of measles. Not something to play around with.

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(/user/TexasAggie)

TexasAggie (/user/TexasAggie) January 29 · 08:49:40 PM (/comments/1830317/72769370#comment_72769370)

I sincerely hope that none of the kids suffer any permanent disability from the disease, but if they do, then there are a couple parents that need to fight child endangerment charges in court. My step grandson went through a bout of measles that had him hospitalized for four days because his mother couldn't be bothered to get him vaccinated. It wasn't that she was an antivaxxer. It was that she couldn't be bothered to do it. His father would have done it if he had known, but by that time they were divorced.

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(/user/janny560)

janny560 (/user/janny560) January 30 · 08:05:38 AM (/comments/1830317/72772560#comment_72772560)

The WHO now calls the Anti-Vax Movement one of the greatest threats to health worldwide. Those of us in Public Health are not in the business to make money. That is especially true of the CDC and WHO. It is right to be suspicious of Big Pharma, but the CDC is always testing vaccines for safety. In my work, I have to contend with the anti-vaxers, pro-raw milk and anti-fluoride folks. It is frightening to see public health regressing so much. In addition, public health is hugely underfunded compared to health care. It get's even worse under GOP anti-government control.

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(/user/GeminiHawk)

GeminiHawk (/user/GeminiHawk) January 30 · 11:01:19 AM (/comments/1830317/72774222#comment_72774222)

Are the vaccinated getting measles? What's up with that?

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