

Why do so many refuse to take the COVID vaccine

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## [The Top Four Reasons Why Many People, Doctors & Scientists Refuse To Take The COVID Vaccine](#)

When you ask somebody why they are choosing to take the covid vaccine or why they are wearing a mask, they may respond, “because science.” The next question to ask is, how many of these people have actually gone through the science of vaccines and whether or not masks may be an effective tool for limiting the spread of COVID?

From what I see, the majority of people receive their information from mainstream media organizations, which are organizations that [have strong](#) ties to pharmaceutical corporations and governments, and are known for presenting one perspective that favours a particular agenda while completely ridiculing the other. They sometimes go as far as labelling another perspective as a “conspiracy theory” despite the fact that there is ample, credible evidence to support the claims of that perspective. Do people simply believe things because they feel that everybody else believes it too? What are the social and cultural implications of not being in alignment with the majority?

Due to reliance on a single media source, many people are not shown information and perspectives that tell a different or more complete story, especially when it comes to “controversial” topics. Often times, these topics are avoided using ridicule in place of addressing points brought up from other perspectives. We’ve seen a lot of this with COVID, an unprecedented amount of censorship of science has taken place with regards to all things COVID, and many academics have been speaking up about it for quite some time. [Buy](#)

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A quote I often like to use to demonstrate this, and one I’ve used many times before, comes from [Dr. Kamran Abbasi](#), a recent executive editor of the prestigious *British Medical Journal*, editor of the *Bulletin of the World Health Organization*, and a consultant editor for PLOS Medicine. He is editor of the *Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine* and *JRSM Open*. He recently [published a piece](#) in the BMJ, titled “Covid-19: politicization, “corruption,” and suppression of science.”

*Science is being suppressed for political and financial gain. Covid-19 has unleashed state corruption on a grand scale, and it is harmful to public health. Politicians and industry are responsible for this opportunistic embezzlement. So too are scientists and health experts. The pandemic has revealed how the medical-political complex can be manipulated in an emergency—a time when it is even more important to safeguard science.*

I also recently [wrote an article](#) about Vinay Prasad MD MPH, an associate professor at the University of California San Francisco. He is one of many experts in the field during this pandemic who has been criticizing Facebook fact-checkers for their missteps in claiming content is false when it is not.

One of the best examples of suppression is “anti-lockdown” rhetoric. [Multiple dozens of studies](#) have shown and concluded that lockdowns do not reduce COVID infection, will kill more people than COVID due to lack of access to health care, starvation and more, and cause a wide range of other health and economical issues. Regardless, the experts who have been publishing and sharing this information have been heavily censored. And culturally, we’re pretending that there’s no science to oppose lockdowns.

I [recently wrote an article](#) by Dr. Sunetra Gupta, an Oxford professor who is regarded by many as the world's pre-eminent infectious disease epidemiologist. She is one of many who explains that lockdowns have done nothing to protect people from COVID, and that they have caused a great deal of harm.

Why is it that such an alarming amount of respected experts who oppose the measures being taken to combat COVID, are being ridiculed, ignored, and unacknowledged, yet a political doctor, somebody like Anthony Fauci, can get all of the air time he pleases? Why aren't all perspectives, science and data shared equally? Why have effective "alternative" treatments been ignored and the vaccine made out to be the only option?

Below are the top four reasons why COVID vaccine hesitancy is at an all time high among people of all backgrounds. **Buy New \$13.70 (\$0.11 / Ounce)**(as of 03:33 EDT - Details)



### **1. A Lack of Trust In Government & Pharmaceutical Companies.**

First I'd like to draw your attention to a quote taken [from a paper](#) published in the International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy by professor Paddy Rawlinson, from Western Sydney University.

*Critical criminology repeatedly has drawn attention to the state-corporate nexus as a site of corruption and other forms of criminality, a scenario exacerbated by the intensification of neoliberalism in areas such as health. The state-pharmaceutical relationship, which increasingly influences health policy, is no exception. That is especially so when pharmaceutical products such as vaccines, a burgeoning sector of the industry, are mandated in direct violation of the principle of informed consent. Such policies have provoked suspicion and dissent as critics question the integrity of the state-pharma alliance and its impact on vaccine safety. However, rather than encouraging open debate, draconian modes of governance have been implemented to repress and silence any form of criticism, thereby protecting the activities of the state and pharmaceutical industry from independent scrutiny. The article examines this relationship in the context of recent legislation in Australia to intensify its mandatory regime around vaccines. It argues that attempts to undermine freedom of speech, and to systematically excoriate those who criticise or dissent from mandatory vaccine programs, function as a corrupting process and, by extension, serve to provoke the notion that corruption does indeed exist within the state-pharma alliance.*

There are many examples that illustrate why so many people simply cannot trust these institutions when it comes to anything, let alone health. Another one comes from [from a paper published in 2010](#) by Robert G. Evans, PhD, Emeritus Professor, Vancouver School of Economics, UBC. The paper, titled "Tough on Crime? Pfizer and the CIHR" is accessible through the National Library of Medicine (PubMed), and it outlines how Pfizer has been a "habitual offender" constantly engaging in illegal and criminal activities. This particular paper points out that from 2002 to 2010, Pfizer has been "assessed \$3 billion in criminal convictions, civil penalties and jury awards" and has set records for both criminal fines and total penalties. Keep in mind we are now in 2021, that number is likely much higher.

A fairly [recent article published](#) in the New England Journal of Medicine focuses on outlining why those injured by the COVID-19 vaccine won't be eligible for compensation from the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) because COVID is still an "emergency." It also brings up the topic of vaccine hesitancy.

It mentions that among African Americans, many are hesitant to get their COVID vaccine because of events like the Tuskegee syphilis study. The study used African Americans to see how syphilis progressed. The people with syphilis were told they were receiving free

treatment, but they were really receiving nothing. This also happened after the discovery of a cure, the people were still not given the cure or any other known treatment. They were lied

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It wasn't until a whistleblower, Peter Buxtun, [leaked information](#) about the study to the *New York Times* and the paper published it on the front page on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 1972, that the Tuskegee study finally ended. By this time only 74 of the test subjects were still alive. 128 patients had died of syphilis or its complications, 40 of their wives had been infected, and 19 of their children had acquired congenital syphilis.

The study in the NEJM points out:

*In a Kaiser Family Foundation poll conducted in August and September 2020, it was found that 49% of Black respondents would probably not or definitely not take a Covid-19 vaccine, as compared with 33% of White respondents. Similarly, a Pew Research Center poll from November found that although 71% of Black respondents knew someone who had been hospitalized or died from Covid-19, only 42% intended to get a Covid-19 vaccine when it became available. These findings indicate a need to provide strong safety nets and supports to encourage Covid-19 vaccine adoption in vulnerable communities, including adequate injury compensation.*

One study estimates [up to 31 percent of surveyed Americans](#) may not take the vaccine. That's a lot of people if you extrapolate it out to the entire population. And it's hard to really know how many people won't. CNN has [made it seem](#) as if Donald Trump supporters will not be taking the shot, if this is the case that could be more than 50 percent of Americans, or at least all those who voted for Trump, which is a big number.

There are countless examples, it's not just within the black community. Multiple polls in Canada and the United States have shown that what seem to be quite a large minority will not be getting the vaccine. This also includes medical professionals. For example [50 percent of healthcare workers](#) and hospital staff in Riverside County are refusing to take the COVID-19 vaccine. Keep in mind that Riverside County, California has a population of approximately 2.4 million. [A survey conducted](#) at Chicago's Loretto Hospital shows that 40 percent of healthcare workers will not take the COVID-19 vaccine once it's available to them.

Vaccine hesitancy among physicians and academics is nothing new. To illustrate this I often point to a conference held at the end of 2019 put on by the World Health Organization (WHO). At the conference, Dr. Heidi Larson a Professor of Anthropology and the Risk and Decision Scientist Director at the Vaccine Confidence Project Emphasized this point, having [stated](#),

*The other thing that's a trend, and an issue, is not just confidence in providers but confidence of health care providers. We have a very wobbly health professional frontline that is starting to question vaccines and the safety of vaccines. That's a huge problem, because to this day any study I've seen...still, the most trusted person on any study I've seen globally is the health care provider.*

## 2. The Virus Has A 99.95 Survival Rate.

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Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, MD, PhD, from the Stanford University School of Medicine [recently shared](#) that the survival rate for people under 70 years of age is about 99.95 percent. He also said that COVID is less dangerous than the flu for children. This comes based on approximately 50 studies that have been published, and information showing that more children in the U.S. have died from the flu than COVID. This correlates with data from Sweden as well.

Jonas F Ludvigsson a paediatrician at Örebro University Hospital and professor of clinical epidemiology at the Karolinska Institute [has published research showing](#) that out of nearly 2 million school children, zero died from covid despite no lockdowns, school closings or mask mandates during the first wave of the pandemic.

There is a perception out there that COVID is no more dangerous than other severe respiratory illnesses, which are the second leading cause of death worldwide, and that covid is similar to already existing coronaviruses that have circled the globe for decades affecting hundreds of millions of people a year and killing tens of millions.

Another issue raised by many, [which is a matter of public record now](#), is the fact that it's very unclear as to how many deaths marked as COVID are, and were, actually a result of COVID. These are reasons why people view the vaccine as unnecessary. In some cases, people feel that the risk of vaccine injury is greater than the risk of dying from COVID, which may actually be quite true. This is a completely separate debate, but here is data from the (US) Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System (VAERS):

From the 3/19/2021 release of VAERS data:

### Found 44,606 cases where Vaccine is COVID19

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Event Outcome	Count	Percent
Death	2,050	4.6%
Permanent Disability	826	1.85%
Office Visit	6,758	15.15%
Emergency Room	29	0.07%
Emergency Doctor/Room	7,456	16.72%
Hospitalized	4,442	9.96%
Hospitalized, Prolonged	8	0.02%
Recovered	16,601	37.22%
Birth Defect	52	0.12%
Life Threatening	1,318	2.95%
Not Serious	16,306	36.56%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>† 55,846</b>	<b>† 125.2%</b>

† Because some cases have multiple vaccinations and symptoms, a single case can account for multiple entries in this table. This is the reason why the Total Count is greater than 44606 (the number of cases found), and the Total Percentage is greater than 100.

This system (VAERS) has been known to only capture about 1 percent of vaccine injuries. A 2010 HHS [pilot study](#) by the Federal Agency for Health Care Research (AHCR) in the United States found that 1 in every 39 vaccines causes injury, a shocking comparison to the claims from the CDC of 1 in every million. For example, From 1990 to 2007 there were about 80,000 US cases of Kawasaki disease; during the same period just 56 US cases were reported to VAERS—0.07%. (Hua et al, *Pediatr Inf Dis J* 2009; 28:943-947) The cause of KD is unknown; it is rare, it is very serious, and it is prevalent among young and frequently vaccinated children. If any event deserves prompt reporting to VAERS it is Kawasaki disease, but this does not happen.

Keep in mind that approximately 100,000 million people in the U.S. have had at least one shot.

On top of this you have reports of deaths all over social media. There seem to be hundreds of examples but at the end of the day, there is not a proper system in place to properly track



adverse reactions and deaths. The mainstream is not at all interested in that conversation either.

### 3. Some People Don't Know How Safe And Effective The Vaccine Is

Dr. Peter Doshi, an associate editor at the British Medical Journal [published a piece](#) in the journal issuing a word of caution about the supposed “95% Effective” COVID vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna. It outlines multiple reasons why the effectiveness claimed by the pharmaceutical companies is called into question.

You can also read a piece that dives deeper into this question that we recently published, [here](#).

The vaccine is being heavily marketed as a saviour, which is the case with almost all vaccines despite many concerns being raised over the years. One great example is with regards to aluminum containing vaccines. [Scientists have discovered](#) that injected aluminum is very different from ingested aluminum. Injected aluminum doesn't exit the body, and can be detected within the brain years after injection. Is this “anti-vax”? No, it's just science, these are legitimate concerns.

When it comes to the COVID vaccine, there are concerns, especially since the mRNA technology used in many of the vaccines is new.

A few other papers have raised concerns, for example. A [study](#) published in October of 2020 in the International Journal of Clinical Practice states:

*COVID-19 vaccines designed to elicit neutralising antibodies may sensitise vaccine recipients to more severe disease than if they were not vaccinated. Vaccines for SARS, MERS and RSV have never been approved, and the data generated in the development and testing of these vaccines suggest a serious mechanistic concern: that vaccines designed empirically using the traditional approach (consisting of the unmodified or minimally modified coronavirus viral spike to elicit neutralising antibodies), be they composed of protein, viral vector, DNA or RNA and irrespective of delivery method, may worsen COVID-19 disease via antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE). This risk is sufficiently obscured in clinical trial protocols and consent forms for ongoing COVID-19 vaccine trials that adequate patient comprehension of this risk is unlikely to occur, obviating truly informed consent by subjects in these trials.*

In a new [research article](#) published in Microbiology & Infectious Diseases, veteran immunologist J. Bart Classen expresses similar concerns and writes that “RNA-based [COVID vaccines](#) have the potential to cause more disease than the epidemic of COVID-19.”

For decades, Classen has published papers exploring how vaccination can give rise to chronic conditions such as Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes — not right away, but three or four years down the road. In this latest paper, Classen warns that the RNA-based vaccine technology could create “new potential mechanisms” of vaccine adverse events that may take years to come to light.

A few years ago, a team of Scandinavian scientists conducted a [study](#) and found that African children inoculated with the DTP (diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis) vaccine, during the early 1980s had a 5-10 times greater mortality than their unvaccinated peers.

They state:

*It should be of concern that the effect of routine vaccinations on all-cause mortality was not tested in randomized trials. All currently available evidence suggests that DTP vaccine may kill more children from other causes than it saves from diphtheria, tetanus or*

*pertussis. Though a vaccine protects children against the target disease it may simultaneously increase susceptibility to unrelated infections.*

I'm placing this study here to show that some vaccines may have unknown long term health consequences, even if they do offer some protection to the targeted disease.

#### **4. There May Be Protection From Infection**

As with most viruses, the host gains immunity from infection. Take the measles virus. A child has a 0.01 chance of dying from the measles, yet if they survive the virus, they have lifetime protection against the virus, a strengthened and more evolved immune system, and may even have more possible protection from a select few cancers.

Furthermore, it's very questionable whether the MMR vaccine is effective. There is [a long history of measles outbreaks](#) in highly vaccinated populations. Children are required to get one shot, then the antibodies run out so they are required to get a second. A third one seems to be in the works. It's not even clear if [the vaccine is more dangerous than the measles or not](#).

Martin Kulldorff, a medical professor at Harvard university and vaccine safety expert [recently tweeted](#),

*After having protecting themselves while working class were exposed to the virus, the vaccinated #Zoomers now want #VaccinePassports where immunity from prior infection does not count, despite stronger evidence for protection. One more assault on working people.*

He also recently tweeted:

*Trust in #vaccines is declining, but don't blame the tiny group of anti-vaxxers. It is those pushing #VaccinePassports, arguing that all must be vaccinated, and those censoring vaccine discussions that are undermining trust in vaccines.*

There are multiple studies hinting at the point the professor makes, that those who have been infected with covid may have immunity for years, and possibly even decades. For example, according to a [new study](#) authored by respected scientists at leading labs, individuals who recovered from the coronavirus developed "robust" levels of B cells and T cells (necessary for fighting off the virus) and "these cells may persist in the body for a very, very long time." This is just one of many examples. There are studies that suggest infection to prior coronaviruses, which prior to COVID-19 circled the globe infecting hundreds of millions of people every single year, can also provide protection from COVID-19.

#### **The Takeaway**

At the end of the day, there are ample concerns about the COVID vaccine, its effectiveness, the safety of it in the short term and in the long term. Despite these concerns, the vaccine is heavily marketed as unquestionably safe and effective. A fifth category could have been added to this article, and that's the ridicule and acknowledgments of other, cheap effective treatments that have shown to have a tremendous amount of success. It seems these treatments would have rendered the vaccine useless and unnecessary, but the vaccine is a multiple billion dollar product.

We have to consider these things in this day and age. Would the "powers that be" really prevent and ridicule treatments that could have saved many lives, and can save many lives and render it useless and dangerous, despite so much evidence that says otherwise, to make the vaccine perceived as the only solution.

Do we really want to live in a world where we give a small group of people the ability to mandate vaccines in order to have access to certain freedoms we enjoyed prior to COVID? Is this right? Is this ethical? If we allow them to do this, what else will we allow them to do in the future?