

If Reporters Were Honest

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In the black and white world of the mainstream media, there is no controversy here. Vaccines are “*safe and effective*”. Everyone should get them. Vaccinated children have immunity. Unvaccinated children spread diseases.

In the real world, more and more parents don't believe these claims. They are increasingly skeptical about vaccine safety. In fact, studies have shown that the better educated parents are, the less likely they are to participate in the recommended vaccine schedule.

Reporters can't understand this. The networks and newspapers have given us years of coverage featuring experts all vouching for the safety of vaccines. “*The science is settled*”, we are told. No further research or discussion is needed.

Of course, this isn't authentic science or journalism. Real science is never settled. Real science asks real questions and demands real answers. Real science asks – *Is what we are doing working?* Real journalism involves uncovering the truth. If reporters were honest, they'd do more than regurgitate talking points from vaccine promoters. They would truly investigate why more and more parents and scientists are questioning the claims of vaccine safety and effectiveness.

This isn't about the science. This isn't about honest journalism. It never has been. It's about marketing a product for the medical industry. It's about selling an ideology, regardless of the merits of this ideology. It's about making our children (and soon adults) a captive-market for the pharmaceutical industry.

We Need a More Sophisticated Discussion

We need a more sophisticated discussion on this matter, one that moves beyond simplistic and often vitriolic rants on ‘*anti-vaxxers*’, and instead offers an in depth examination of the merit and safety of individual vaccine products.

We also need to help people to understand the difference between ‘*vaccination*’ and ‘*immunisation*’. These words are inappropriately used interchangeably, even by so-called ‘*experts*’, but these words are not the same. Vaccinated children can be infected and infectious, and therefore are not immunized, and non-vaccinated children can be immune from infection and are not automatically infectious.

We need a clear definition of what constitutes ‘*immunity*’, and a critical examination of the questionable and temporary ‘*immunity*’ provided by individual vaccine products.

We need to examine whether vaccinated children have better overall health than unvaccinated children.

We need to hold thoughtful and intelligent discussions on what level of risk justifies the denial of informed consent, the removal of a parent's right to make medical decisions for their children, the loss of bodily sovereignty, and the demonization and discrimination of healthy children.

We need to discuss why vaccine products do not undergo the same level of rigorous safety testing as does every other medical product.

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We also need to discuss who will be held responsible when we finally admit what an unsafe, unchecked vaccine schedule has done to our children and adults.

But these questions and considerations would undermine the false narrative that all vaccines are safe and effective for all people. This would invite complexity into the black and white world of mainstream media reporting on vaccines. It would foster doubt, when the last thing we want is doubt.

Unfortunately, there are lots of people who are doing everything they can to prevent that from happening.