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The Measles Vaccine Narrative Is Collapsing

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The measles has become Big Pharma's "tip of the spear" and the catalyst for pressure to impose vaccine mandates and remove freedom of choice in the form of repealing personal, religious and even medical exemptions. Since the vaccine proponent's agenda is to go with the apocalyptic-fear-mongering measles strategy, let's poke some major holes in it by looking at what the contemporary science says about the false narratives being repeated *ad nauseum* in the media.

Let's start by looking at five key false talking points driving the campaign of fear and coerced compliance,* and then discuss the first talking point in detail:

- If the measles returns, thousands of children will die annually in the U.S.
- The two-dose MMR vaccine regimen provides lifelong protection in most people.
- Previously vaccinated adults with waning antibody protection can receive effective and lasting protection from MMR booster shots.
- We must achieve and sustain a 95 percent vaccination rate to maintain herd immunity.
- The MMR and MMRV will protect against all strains of measles.

Why Thousands of Children *Won't* Die Without Vaccination



It is time to put this unreasonable fear of measles to rest. The real risks from measles in modern-day America pale as compared to vaccine injuries and adverse effects on the health of our children. This is the hyper-exaggeration of the threat and the fear that threat produces in the population. The vaccine industry is counting on this fear to drive public compliance and legislative action to remove freedom of choice.

The Measles Vaccine: Was It Necessary at All?

The first measles vaccine, introduced in 1963, was ineffective and problematic. The second generation of the vaccine was introduced in 1968 and achieved more widespread use and acceptance. The vaccine industry narrative takes credit for the decline in measles deaths as a result of the measles vaccine. However, U.S. government public health statistics present quite a different story.

The rate of deaths attributed to measles had declined by more than 98 percent between the years of 1900 and 1962 and was continuing in a downward decline at that point (some government statistics say the death rate had decreased 99.4 percent prior to the measles vaccine's introduction in 1963). There is no reason to believe it wouldn't have continued to decrease absent the introduction of the vaccine. To suggest the measles vaccine had anything to do with the decline in mortality is dishonest and a poor attempt at rewriting history.

Skewing the Numbers

The government-reported mortality rate for measles prior to the introduction of the vaccine was approximately one in 10,000 cases. It is often reported as one in 1,000 cases. This is once again an attempt to exaggerate the facts. Ninety percent of all measles cases were never reported because parents never took their children to the doctor. The cases were mild, lasted a few days, the kids went back to school and life went on. No big deal.

Approximately 10 percent of the overall cases were severe enough to seek medical care. Of those 10 percent who sought medical care and were *reported*, the fatality rate was about one in 1,000. News outlets often inaccurately report the death rate figure as one in 1,000 cases by leaving the word *reported* out. The facts are that the death rate was closer to one in 10,000 cases.

Another crucial fact to consider: Of those deaths from measles complications, studies show that fatalities were 10 times higher in extremely low-income, poverty-stricken communities compared to middle-income communities. This increased incidence of fatalities drastically skewed the overall death rates. The death rate in middle- and upper-income areas is thought to have been one in 100,000 cases or less.

This points to the fact that malnutrition, overcrowding, decreased personal hygiene, poor sanitary conditions, lack of vitamins and vitamin-fortified foods, and decreased access to medical care all play a role in the outcome of infectious diseases.

Of course, even one death is too many, but we must also consider that the measles vaccine itself has been responsible for serious vaccine injuries, permanent disabilities and deaths. (*Stay tuned.*)

Fast forward 60 years to 2019 and the standard of living has improved for nearly all Americans. We have better access to quality nutrition, vitamins and vitamin-fortified foods, clean water, improved public health measures in all sectors including the awareness of proper personal hygiene and access to advanced medical care. We now know that vitamin A is a powerful weapon in the arsenal to reduce the rates of complications from the measles. And, for the most vulnerable among us, we now have immunoglobulin therapy that can bolster the body's resistance to measles infection.

All of these factors would significantly reduce the rates of complications and deaths from the measles in modern-day-America as compared to 1960. In the 1950s and 60s, measles was viewed as an inconvenient, yet mostly harmless condition that virtually everyone got, recovered from and then had lifelong protection.

Death by Measles: A Look Back at a Different World

Measles was a deadly disease in the late 19th and early 20th century in the U.S. and Western Europe. Cities were extremely overcrowded, lacked proper sanitation and waste disposal, clean water and access to nutritious food. There was no garbage pickup, so trash piled up. There were open sewers behind shacks and overcrowded buildings housing large numbers of people. Horses were the main mode of transportation, so the narrow streets were full of manure and the air was contaminated. Flies and rats were everywhere. The conditions were ripe for infection.

Why Are Measles Still Deadlier in Some Countries Than Others?

The conditions in the mid to late 1800s and early 1900s were in many ways very similar to impoverished parts of the world today, where there is a lack of all these basic community public services, limited access to healthy food and clean water, filth and garbage everywhere, open sewage, lack of education about personal hygiene and rampant malnutrition is commonplace. These conditions create an environment ripe for infectious disease and weaken people's immune systems to the point where they are unable to fight even the mildest of infections.

Those descriptions certainly do not reflect the United States of America, Western Europe and other advanced societies today! This is the reason why the fear mongering, hysteria and lies about measles returning and decimating our children are so disingenuous. They are being pushed by the insatiable, profit-driven vaccine makers. The media, which is beholden to them for advertising revenue, becomes their mouthpiece.

Natural Alternatives to Vaccination

Solutions other than vaccines exist. Even vitamin A supplementation is being used successfully by the World Health Organization in third-world countries where measles is still epidemic. The WHO's vitamin A campaigns have been heralded as huge successes.

In modern-day America, we also have access to other types of herbal and natural antiviral compounds that could protect a child who may contract the measles from developing complications, reducing the risk of complications and shortening the duration of the illness. And immune-compromised individuals now have access to immune globulin therapy, which is extremely effective in reducing complications from measles.

Editor's Note: This article is the abbreviated version of a longer, fully referenced article that addresses the other four false talking points; the cumulative health effect of multiple vaccine doses; injuries and deaths attributable to the MMR vaccine; how the vaccine industry operates in a liability-free environment; and the long-term benefits of acquiring these childhood infections early in life. It is available as part of a free e-book by the author (details in author bio below).

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