

Why I Don't Vaccinate

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I had this terribly awful sinking feeling in my stomach. I watched my daughter's behavior in the tax office waiting room I was in, and it hit home to me how in so many ways things just weren't right for her. I don't remember what she was doing at that very moment, but I can describe to you a little bit of what was "normal" for her around that time.

She would sit and stare at the tv screen like she was in a trance. I could wave my hand in front of her face and snap my fingers in front of her, and it wouldn't change her stare a bit. Sometimes she would spin in circles for what seemed like minutes on end, and she wouldn't even get dizzy. She had the most amazing vocabulary at the age of two. We could show her 1000 flash cards with a picture on them, and she would identify every single one correctly. She could recite word-for-word from memory a whole children's book or 2 minutes of one of her favorite movies. But she couldn't even make a two-word original sentence to tell us any meaningful information. She would wake up in the middle of the night, crying because something hurt, but she couldn't even tell us, "Arm hurt." I remember a time when she was at the dinner table and had not eaten some food we wanted her to eat. We thought we'd be tough and tell her she couldn't leave until she ate it. She sat there for what I think was like an hour, and it became clear that she didn't really understand what was going on, what we were even trying to tell her to do. She simply could not make eye contact with us. One time, she just kept putting her hand into this dirty container that had dirty cinder blocks in it and had filled up with rainwater. After she had put her hand in it, she would put it in her mouth. I told her not to, but she just kept doing it. When I wanted to just gently reason with her, I kneeled down to be at her eye level, but every time I looked at her, she just looked away. Eventually I realized that she never ever made eye contact with us. She for the most part just stopped playing with toys, and in so much as she ever did, it was simply throwing them.

As I sat in that office, it finally hit home that things weren't right with my daughter. It hit home what her recent diagnosis of autism really meant for her, and I remember feeling like, "What did I do? How did my daughter become this way?" Whether it was in that office or not, I know that my wife and I had feelings of lament for her and her future. Would she be able to make any friends? Would she be able to go to college? Would she ever get married? Would she have to live with us the rest of her life?

What a completely different feeling I had at so many different times in the future! After my wife and I started a special diet for our daughter, within days, we felt like she was a completely different

person, like she had some sort of veil over her face that all of a sudden was taken off, and she was seeing the world in a completely different way. She very quickly started to come and look us directly in the eyes. She would then take our hand and lead us to go and play with her. My wife has a journal entry where she was astounded at how different Grace was when my wife blew bubbles. Grace would now look at them with this wonder in her eyes that was never there before, like she was truly seeing them for the first time in her life. She was giggling and excited about them, and kept saying things like, “Bubbles up high!” Before her affect was always like that of a robot. She started to treat a doll like it was her baby, engaging in the type of imaginative play that she had not done before. Within months, she was speaking in complete sentences. One of the most amazing and joyful times in our lives happened in this same relative period of time when we went with Grace down to the playground and actually saw her make a friend. To us, this was an absolute miracle. Seeing her amazing progress, her transformation into a new person, left me with a completely different feeling than I had in that office. I wanted to cry for joy and get down on my knees and thank God that he brought such wonderful healing to my daughter.

More happy feelings would come. Grace had received an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that meant she could get help from the school system for any learning deficits she had. This was important because even though she clearly became a different person when we went on our diet, she was behind in development. When Grace was in 3rd grade, at her annual assessment in the spring, she had her IEP removed because there weren’t any deficits she had that would qualify her for any further help. We knew she didn’t have autism in any meaningful way any more if she couldn’t even qualify for an IEP. Because it seemed like some people weren’t comfortable with us saying that, we decided to have her reassessed by a psychologist. Her diagnosis was completely taken away and was not replaced with anything. The psychologist himself seemed amazed and surprised, but we weren’t surprised in the least. Today, people who meet Grace are amazed to learn that autism was ever a part of her past.

The diet we went on is called the Gut and Psychology Syndrome Diet. It was developed by a Russian medical doctor living in the UK with postgraduate degrees in both human nutrition and neurology who recovered her son from autism with this diet she developed.^{1,2,3} Her name is Dr. Natasha Campbell-McBride. The diet is based on the theory that autism and other psychological disorders are connected to having dysbiosis of the gut or the microbiome.⁴ This means you don’t

¹ “Dr Campbell-McBride,” gaps.me, Accessed November 15, 2020, <https://www.gaps.me/dr-campbell-mcbride.php>.

² Campbell-McBride, Dr. Natasha, “My Son,” Gut For Life Website, Accessed November 15, 2020, <https://gutforlife.us/pages/my-son-watashinomusuko>.

³ Campbell-McBride, Dr. Natasha, *Gut and Psychology Syndrome*, (Soham, United Kingdom: Medinform Publishing, 2010), back cover.

⁴ Ibid, 5-7, 61-63.

have enough beneficial bacteria in your digestive tract and that you are overrun with opportunistic and pathogenic, or bad, bacteria.⁵ Because beneficial bacteria are important in breaking down food, complex proteins like gluten (a wheat protein) and casein (a dairy protein) are only partially broken down into gluteomorphines and casomorphines.⁶ So when my daughter was eating the waffles, pizza, goldfish crackers, and other foods she craved, she was essentially drugging her brain. On top of that, a healthy gut is normally lined with good bacteria, which aids in proper digestion and absorption of food and helps filter toxins from entering the bloodstream and being carried to the rest of the body, including the brain.⁷ So when my daughter ate things like preservatives, food coloring, artificial sweeteners, and residual pesticide, it would affect her to a much greater degree than someone who had a healthy microbiome.⁸ On top of that, the bad bacteria themselves were believed to produce toxins that would contribute to this whole problem.⁹

This meant we had to cut out the foods that fed the bad bacteria: starchy foods, especially processed carbs, and sugar.¹⁰ It meant that we had to stop eating processed food and any food additives and that all our food had to be home-cooked from raw ingredients.¹¹ It meant that we needed to remove as many toxins from our environment as possible, not using standard household cleaners, avoiding toxic fumes from fresh paint or new furniture, and buying natural personal care products like deodorant and toothpaste.¹² It meant that we should buy organic food as much as possible¹³ and that we needed to take probiotic supplements¹⁴ and eat probiotic food¹⁵ like fermented sauerkraut and pickles in order to build a healthy microbiome back up. The diet book observed that children with autism and other cognitive or behavioral disorders tend to have gastrointestinal (GI) issues and that a big part of the treatment was cleaning up and healing the digestive tract, basically helping to heal the GI problems to help heal the behavioral problems.¹⁶ Grace had some terrible GI issues, and when we went on the diet, not only did her autistic symptoms get better, but her GI problems also within a year were pretty much completely healed. Her healing was not the only thing we observed. Our whole family went on the diet. I quickly lost 30 pounds. I felt like I had more energy than I had ever had in my life. My seasonal allergies,

⁵ Campbell-McBride, Dr. Natasha, *Gut and Psychology Syndrome*, (Soham, United Kingdom: Medinform Publishing, 2010), 5-25.

⁶ Ibid, 21, 53-56.

⁷ Ibid, 16-25, 32, 83, 112.

⁸ Ibid, 16-25, 32, 83, 112.

⁹ Ibid, 16, 50-53.

¹⁰ Ibid, 92-93, 102, 106-112.

¹¹ Ibid, 112.

¹² Ibid, 306-310.

¹³ "Full GAPS Diet," GAPSdiet.com, Accessed November 29, 2020, <http://www.gapsdiet.com/gaps-full-diet.html>.

¹⁴ Campbell-McBride, Dr. Natasha, *Gut and Psychology Syndrome*, (Soham, United Kingdom: Medinform Publishing, 2010) 245-253.

¹⁵ Ibid, 146.

¹⁶ Ibid, 5-7, 13-14, 89.

which had been pretty severe, completely went away. My chronic eczema also completely cleared up. Needless to say, we found Dr. Natasha Campbell-McBride to be a very credible source.

This meant that if she advised us to do something we took it seriously. The edition of her book we had at the time stated this about vaccines:

If you look around, how many healthy children do you see? Childhood asthma, eczema, diabetes, allergies, hay fever, digestive disorders, ADHD and autism spectrum disorders have all gained epidemic proportions! The majority of siblings of autistic children have eczema, asthma or another one of these disorders. And though all these health problems appear to be different, they have one thing in common. A very big thing – a compromised immune system. A compromised immune system is not going to react well to environmental insults in the normal way! Vaccination is a huge insult to the immune system. The manufacturers of vaccines produce them for children with normal immune systems which will react to these vaccines in a predictable way. However, in our modern society with our modern way of life, we are rapidly moving to a situation where a growing proportion of children do not have a normal immune system and will not produce an expected reaction to the vaccine. In some of these children vaccination, putting an enormous strain on an already compromised immune system, becomes that “last straw which breaks the camel’s back” and brings on the beginning of autism, asthma, eczema, diabetes, etc. In other children, whose immune system is compromised to a lesser degree, vaccination will not start the disorder, but it will deepen the damage and move the child closer to it.¹⁷

Her book did not recommend that all children not be vaccinated, but did say that those with symptoms of gut dysbiosis and siblings of children with autism or other signs of gut dysbiosis should not be vaccinated.¹⁸ Her criteria would include all my children. Eventually we decided to forego all vaccines for all of our children going forward. We made this decision about vaccines based on the advice of this doctor who had brought a miracle recovery to our child and whom we trusted, but the topic of vaccination wasn’t necessarily towards the top of my concerns at the time.

Things dramatically changed for me when I saw Dr. Andrew Wakefield speak at the 2015 Leadership & Longevity Conference in Green Bay, WI.¹⁹ I knew of Dr. Wakefield before and that he had looked at the connection between the gut and autism, but it was at the very least strongly reinforced to me there that the study which so many people criticized him for, which was

¹⁷ Campbell-McBride, Dr. Natasha, *Gut and Psychology Syndrome*, (Soham, United Kingdom: Medinform Publishing, 2004), 59-60.

¹⁸ Ibid, 61.

¹⁹ “Dr. Andrew Wakefield: CDC Whistleblower, Autism & Autism and Mandatory Vaccination Leadership & Longevity,” YouTube, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8EtfkAngKw>.

supposedly a fraudulent study in regard to the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine, was actually a study linking a novel gut disease to autism and other related behavioral disorders.^{20,21} I was blown away when I saw pictures of sick children with distended bellies that reminded me of some of my children in their earlier years of life.²² Dr. Wakefield shared that some of them would have so much pain in their gut that they would hang on something solid like the arm of a couch with their belly directly on it to help counteract the abdominal pain they had.²³ I immediately remembered how my daughter would come and do the same exact thing on our upper legs as we were sitting down. It just seemed like a quirky behavior at the time that didn't mean much, but now it all made sense. Her gut dysbiosis gave her abdominal pain and that quirky behavior was the logical thing to do to alleviate it. At this point, I was overcome with a sense of gratitude to Dr. Wakefield since it drove home to me just how instrumental his research must have been in leading Dr. McBride to work to heal the gut to help recover a child from autism.

In the study Dr. Wakefield is criticized for, he and his colleagues did report that with 8 of the 12 children, the onset of their regressive autism or other behavioral disorder had been reported by the parents or the child's physician to be linked to MMR vaccination,²⁴ and Dr. Wakefield subsequently recommended that people receive the three portions of the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) as separate, individual shots.²⁵ This did produce some hesitancy about vaccines among parents and is probably why people try to pin the whole vaccine risk awareness movement on Dr. Wakefield,²⁶ even though there have been groups opposed to mandatory vaccination going all the way back to the 1800's²⁷, and there had been great controversies in the 1970's and 1980's surrounding severe vaccine reactions from the swine flu²⁸ and DPT shots.²⁹ Dr. Wakefield also

²⁰ "Dr. Andrew Wakefield: CDC Whistleblower, Autism & Autism and Mandatory Vaccination Leadership & Longevity," YouTube, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8EtfkAngKw>.

²¹ Wakefield, A J, J A Walker-Smith, etc., "Ileal-lymphoid-nodular hyperplasia, non-specific colitis, and pervasive developmental disorder in children," The Lancet Website, Published February 28, 1998, Accessed November 22, 2020, [https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736\(97\)11096-0.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(97)11096-0.pdf).

²² "Dr. Andrew Wakefield: CDC Whistleblower, Autism & Autism and Mandatory Vaccination Leadership & Longevity," YouTube, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8EtfkAngKw>.

²³ Ibid.

²⁴ Wakefield, A J, J A Walker-Smith, etc., "Ileal-lymphoid-nodular hyperplasia, non-specific colitis, and pervasive developmental disorder in children," The Lancet Website, Published February 28, 1998, Accessed November 22, 2020, [https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736\(97\)11096-0.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(97)11096-0.pdf).

²⁵ "Profile: Dr Andrew Wakefield," BBC News, Page Last Update January 27, 2010, Accessed November 22, 2020, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/3513365.stm>.

²⁶ Ibid.

²⁷ Humphries, Suzanne, MD and Roman Bystryanyk, *Dissolving Illusions*, (Self-Published, 2015), 95, 124.

²⁸ "The Swine Flu Fraud of 1976 (60 Minutes with Mike Wallace)," YouTube, Accessed November 22, 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ydx_ok6gyiY.

²⁹ "ABC – TV "the Morning Show" with Regis Philbin DPT 1986," YouTube, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-2b0-hMGm-o>.

revealed at this conference that he was making a film about a CDC whistleblower named Dr. William Thompson.³⁰

Dr. William Thompson is a senior scientist at the CDC who has worked on multiple studies that have been used to claim that vaccines do not cause autism and that they are generally “safe.”^{31,32} Dr. Thompson regretted the role he was playing in holding back vaccine safety research,³³ and apparently because he started to feel guilty in his conscience over this, he called a research scientist named Dr. Brian Hooker.³⁴ Dr. Hooker is the father of a severely autistic child who believed his child had regressed into autism as a result of vaccines.^{35,36,37} He had been in communication with the CDC communicating his criticism to them of their studies relating to vaccines.³⁸ Dr. Thompson was aware of Dr. Hooker because he had been assigned to communicate with him.³⁹ Many years later, he reached out to Dr. Hooker.⁴⁰ They had over 30 phone conversations between November 2013 and August 2014, and Dr. Hooker legally recorded 4 of them without Dr. Thompson’s knowledge.⁴¹

Dr. Thompson indicated to Dr. Hooker in these recorded conversations that in his 2004 study that investigated the MMR shot, he and his coauthors found a greater risk of autism for African-Americans (which he has in other places indicated to be African American boys specifically) who received the shot early as opposed to late, but they had not reported the findings.⁴² He also suggested the most interesting data he saw was in the “isolated” group, a group he described as kids who did not have comorbidities such as mental retardation, kids who would be “more likely to have something due to some exposure as opposed to something that’s just biological.”⁴³ This group would include people like my daughter as she was typically-developing and regressed into

³⁰ “Dr. Andrew Wakefield: CDC Whistleblower, Autism & Autism and Mandatory Vaccination Leadership & Longevity,” YouTube, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8EtfkAngKw>.

³¹ Barry, Kevin, Esq., *Vaccine Whistleblower*, (New York, NY: Skyhorse Publishing, 2017), xvi.

³² “Stipulated Order Proving CDC Has No Studies To Support Claim That Vaccines Given in First 6 Months of Life Do Not Cause Autism,” ICAN website, Published March 5, 2020, Accessed November 14, 2020, https://www.icandecide.org/ican_lawsuits/stipulated-order-proving-cdc-has-no-studies-to-support-claim-that-vaccines-given-in-first-6-months-of-life-do-not-cause-autism/.

³³ Barry, Kevin, Esq., *Vaccine Whistleblower*, (New York, NY: Skyhorse Publishing, 2017), 34-35.

³⁴ *Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe*, Andrew Wakefield, Cinema Libre, 2016.

³⁵ Barry, Kevin, Esq., *Vaccine Whistleblower*, (New York, NY: Skyhorse Publishing, 2017), 1-2.

³⁶ Hooker, Dr. Brian, “Draft Testimony For Autism Hearing – 11/28/12”, rescuepost.com, Accessed December 26, 2020, <https://www.rescuepost.com/files/hooker-autism-hearing-draft-testimony-draft-final-11-28-12-1.pdf>.

³⁷ Hooker, Dr. Brian, “Dr. Brian Hooker’s Written Testimony Submitted to Congress,” [Vaccineimpact.com](http://vaccineimpact.com), Accessed December 26, 2020, <https://vaccineimpact.com/2013/cdc-vaccine-link-to-autism-scandal-the-wrong-man-was-condemned/>.

³⁸ Ibid.

³⁹ *Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe*, Andrew Wakefield, Cinema Libre, 2016.

⁴⁰ Ibid.

⁴¹ Barry, Kevin, Esq., *Vaccine Whistleblower*, (New York, NY: Skyhorse Publishing, 2017), xxii,1.

⁴² Ibid, 42-46.

⁴³ Barry, Kevin, Esq., *Vaccine Whistleblower*, (New York, NY: Skyhorse Publishing, 2017), 48-49.

autism. The data associated with this study shows that this group had a 7-8 times higher risk of autism if they received the MMR at 12-18 months versus receiving it after 3 years of age.⁴⁴ The findings about African-Americans boys were removed by the authors of the study by excluding some of the study subjects from the study and thereby reducing the statistical power of the data.⁴⁵ Eventually, the conversations between Dr. Thompson and Dr. Hooker were made public.⁴⁶ Dr. Thompson has requested whistleblower status, turned over supporting documents to the office of U.S. Congressman Bill Posey, and released the following statement:

“My name is William Thompson. I am a Senior Scientist with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where I have worked since 1998. I regret that my coauthors and I omitted statistically significant information in our 2004 article published in the journal Pediatrics. The omitted data suggested that African American males who received the MMR vaccine before age 36 months were at increased risk for autism. Decisions were made regarding which findings to report after the data were collected, and I believe that the final study protocol was not followed.”⁴⁷

In his recorded conversations with Dr. Hooker, he said, “...it’s the lowest point in my career, that I went along with that paper...When I talk to you [Dr. Hooker], you have a son with autism. I have great shame now when I meet families of kids with autism, because I have been part of the problem.”⁴⁸ Congressman Posey went before congress and made a speech that was carried by C-Span where he said that he had deposed Dr. Thompson and that Dr. Thompson had indicated that he and his co-authors had a meeting “to destroy documents related to the study” and put all the hard copy documents they thought they should discard in a huge garbage can, but that he had kept his own records of the data since he knew this was illegal.⁴⁹ He quoted Dr. Thompson as saying, “I believe we intentionally withheld controversial findings from the final draft of the

⁴⁴ Saltzman, Dr. Susanne, “Review of Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe Part II,” HartsdaleHomeopathy.com, Accessed December 6, 2020, <https://hartsdalehomeopathy.com/vaxxed-cover-catastrophe-part-2/>.

⁴⁵ Attkisson, Sharyl, “CDC Addresses Allegations on Vaccine-Autism Link Omission,” Sharyl Attkisson.com, Published August 29, 2014, Accessed December 26, 2020, <https://sharylattkisson.com/2014/08/audio-cdc-addresses-allegations-on-vaccine-autism-link-omission/>.

⁴⁶ “CDC Whistleblower Scientist Given Huge Bonus and Asked to Rewrite Fraudulent Vaccine-Autism Study,” Vaccineimpact.com, Published April 26, 2016, Accessed December 26, 2020, <https://vaccineimpact.com/2016/cdc-whistleblower-scientist-given-huge-bonus-and-asked-to-rewrite-fraudulent-vaccine-autism-study/>.

⁴⁷ Barry, Kevin, Esq., *Vaccine Whistleblower*, (New York, NY: Skyhorse Publishing, 2017), xx, xxii.

⁴⁸ Ibid, 34.

⁴⁹ “Rep. Bill Posey Calling for an Investigation of the CDC’s MMR reasearch (sic) fraud,” c-span.org, Published July 29, 2015, Accessed November 24, 2020, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4546421/user-clip-rep-bill-posey-calling-investigation-cdcs-mm-r-reasearch-fraud>.

pediatrics paper.”⁵⁰ Congressman Posey called for a hearing and a thorough investigation,⁵¹ but no hearing ever happened, and the media was completely silent on this topic. Eventually when the movie, *Vaxxed: From Coverup to Catastrophe*, came out, the media just kept saying it was based on fraudulent data from a disgraced doctor, when in fact the movie was primarily about an important CDC scientist admitting to a coverup surrounding this topic. The fact that he made the statements in the movie, the allegations shared by Congressman Bill Posey, and the data he passed on to Congressman Posey’s office were all easily verifiable facts no matter what a person thought about Dr. Wakefield. They all were cause for concern and further investigation even if a person rejected other things the movie shared.

I don’t remember how much of this information I learned about at that conference, but it was enough for me to be more concerned about this topic. I felt like this had to be investigated, that people like my daughter deserved that. We thanked God that the diet we went on was able to fully recover her from autism, but it had happened at great cost. Our grocery bill when Grace was first diagnosed for our family of four at the time went from about \$500/month to well over \$1000/month. Since our family has enlarged and food prices have gone up, it is significantly more now. Making every meal from scratch, including things like ketchup and mayonnaise consumed a great deal of our time. Often times, we have missed out on get togethers of our larger family when they got together at a vacation spot, because we simply couldn’t afford to be on our diet and do those things. This included not being able to spend the vacation week with my grandmother that happened shortly before her death. We felt like we deserved to have someone get to the bottom of this and do what it took to find out what was the truth.

What about all the other families who weren’t able to heal their child, whose children would wear a diaper for the rest of their lives and a helmet because they were always banging their head against the wall? What about the families who were like prisoners in their own home because they could not take their child out in public without getting judging stares from other people or rude comments about the terrible parenting they did or because their child might have a violent meltdown in public if they had the wrong sensory stimuli? I don’t remember how many of the details Dr. Wakefield shared at that conference and how much of it I found out about later, but to say the least I was much more focused on vaccines at this point.

It wasn’t long after this that I watched a campaign that was done on social media called the “Hear this well” campaign. CNN’s medical correspondent, Elizabeth Cohen, had stated on TV,

⁵⁰ “Rep. Bill Posey Calling for an Investigation of the CDC’s MMR reasearch (sic) fraud,” c-span.org, Published July 29, 2015, Accessed November 24, 2020, <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4546421/user-clip-rep-bill-posey-calling-investigation-cdcs-mmr-reasearch-fraud>.

⁵¹ Ibid.

“Vaccines are safe...Autism is not a side effect of vaccine. Or to say it another way, (be)cause some people don’t hear this well, vaccines do not cause autism.”⁵² In response to this, hundreds of parents recorded their stories of how a vaccine had led to their child’s autism.⁵³ What struck me as I watched this was how so many of these parents had such a similar story. Their child was fine, healthy, walking, talking, making eye contact. They got a shot, and after that they were never the same. Many of them went into further detail, indicating their child had an acute reaction to the shot, a high fever or seizures or some other symptom doctors will say are common reactions to vaccines and that is when they were permanently changed.

This really hit home to me since my daughter, Grace, had spiked this terrible fever that seemed completely unusual and lasted for a day, and when it broke, she had a permanent change in her health, developing new severe GI problems. Whether or not her experience was tied to vaccines, she had some physical insult to her body that caused this reaction and permanently altered her health going forward. For so many families, which I can say now from seeing more and more stories over time is probably at least in the tens of thousands, it is clear that their child had a regression into autism after an adverse vaccine reaction,^{54,55} and with many of them it was in an eerily similar manner to Grace’s sudden change in health. We too can say that our child was developing normally, hitting all of her milestones up to at least 7 or 8 months, and then at some point after that she stopped hitting them. She had a regression in her walking immediately after her 12 month MMR shot.

My wife has since looked back at her own childhood when she was 5 years old and had to be pushed around in a stroller at the county fair because she was not able to walk for a week due to severe pain all over her body, and she has determined that this happened to her right after she received a DTaP shot. Guillain-Barre Syndrome, which can involve temporary paralysis and severe pain over the whole body, is actually a recognized possible reaction to the tetanus toxoid component of the DTaP shot on the vaccine insert for the DTaP shot Adacel.⁵⁶ It is an injury that people are even compensated for by the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,⁵⁷ so in our minds, it isn’t unreasonable to think my wife had a severe vaccine reaction, and if there is

⁵² “Hear This Well Parents Speak Out (playlist),” YouTube, Accessed December 27, 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WsLuR3X6cpg&list=PLjpPObXpZncOfT0bG2ghgkVb2Nxjd_bNe.

⁵³ Ibid.

⁵⁴ Barry, Kevin, Esq., *Vaccine Whistleblower*, (New York, NY: Skyhorse Publishing, 2017), xxvi.

⁵⁵ “Stories Categorized By Vaccine,” Vaxxed.com, Accessed November 24, 2020, <https://www.vaxxed.com/stories-categorized-by-vaccine/>.

⁵⁶ “Adacel Vaccine Insert,” Fda.gov, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.fda.gov/files/vaccines%2C%20blood%20%26%20biologics/published/Package-Insert---Adacel.pdf>.

⁵⁷ “Vaccine-Related Guillain-Barré Syndrome,” Sands Andersen Vaccine Injury Legal Team Website, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.vaccineinjurylegalteam.com/blogs-information/vaccine-injury-information/guillain-barre-syndrome/>.

good reason to believe both my wife and my daughter reacted to vaccines that other members of my family are potentially susceptible.

Although much of what I shared has been anecdotal, I believe my personal story almost on its own would cry out for good science to be done to show that vaccines do not contribute to autism even in a minority of people and that they do not cause harm in general. When you add to this what is likely tens of thousands or more of parents who all have a very similar story with each other about a regression into autism following vaccination, it already starts to become more like data than anecdote, and leaves no doubt that there needs to be true science done to show vaccines are not contributing to this. It really puts the burden of evidence on those who say there is no connection.

Sadly, we hear a constant drumbeat in the media and from health authorities that vaccines are “safe and effective,” but the evidence to substantiate such a claim is severely lacking. The Informed Consent Action Network (ICAN) submitted Freedom of Information Act Requests (FOIA) to the CDC for all studies they relied upon to claim the DTaP does not cause autism, as well as the Hep B, Hib, PCV13, and IPV.⁵⁸ All of these vaccines are on the childhood recommended schedule and are received in the first six months of life.⁵⁹ This means that they are administered before the MMR, which is usually first administered at 12 to 18 months, and at the very earliest is recommended at 6 months.⁶⁰ After months of the CDC not providing a single specific study, ICAN sued in federal court, and the CDC shared a list of studies, which included 20 total.⁶¹ The list consisted of the following:

- One relating to MMR (a vaccine ICAN did not challenge)
- Thirteen relating to Thimerosal (an ingredient not in any of the vaccines ICAN queried)
- Five relating to both MMR and thimerosal
- One relating to antigen (not a vaccine exposure)⁶²

⁵⁸ “Stipulated Order Proving CDC Has No Studies To Support Claim That Vaccines Given in First 6 Months of Life Do Not Cause Autism,” ICAN website, Published March 5, 2020, Accessed November 14, 2020, https://www.icandecide.org/ican_lawsuits/stipulated-order-proving-cdc-has-no-studies-to-support-claim-that-vaccines-given-in-first-6-months-of-life-do-not-cause-autism/.

⁵⁹ “Immunization Schedules: Table 1.,” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>.

⁶⁰ Ibid.

⁶¹ “Stipulated Order Proving CDC Has No Studies To Support Claim That Vaccines Given in First 6 Months of Life Do Not Cause Autism,” ICAN website, Published March 5, 2020, Accessed November 14, 2020, https://www.icandecide.org/ican_lawsuits/stipulated-order-proving-cdc-has-no-studies-to-support-claim-that-vaccines-given-in-first-6-months-of-life-do-not-cause-autism/.

⁶² Ibid.

The studies they listed could maybe be used to prove that thimerosal is not associated with autism or the MMR is not associated with autism, but they could never be used to prove that “There is no link between vaccines and autism,”⁶³ or that “Vaccine ingredients do not cause autism,”⁶⁴ and yet both these claims are listed on their website, and media and health authorities repeat the statement “Vaccines do not cause autism” like a bumper sticker slogan until people hear it enough that they will assume it must be true and not even listen to any evidence that would point in another direction.

On top of this, none of the studies they listed are the type you would want to do to really prove a vaccine does not cause or contribute to autism.⁶⁵ The type of study to do this would be to take a group of people that get the vaccine in question and a group that has not received any vaccine (an unvaccinated control group) and see if one group develops autism at a greater rate and that the difference is statistically significant.⁶⁶ The first study on the list is a comparison between MMR-vaccinated and MMR non-vaccinated people, but nothing is stated about whether the members of either group received all their other vaccinations.⁶⁷ In my observation of vaccine safety research, this seems to be about as close as studies purported to debunk a vaccine-autism link usually come to an unvaccinated control group, however if the other vaccinations are associated with autism or if there was something common to vaccines that make them a risk for developing autism, this type of study wouldn’t even be well-designed to tell you whether or not the MMR was associated with autism. These studies would then be similar to a hypothetical study where you said you wanted to prove a shot of whiskey does not impair your ability to drive. You gave one group of people 3 beers, two glasses of wine, and a shot of tequila. You gave all the other people the same things plus a shot of whiskey. You noticed no difference in their driving ability afterwards, that people in both groups drove poorly, and therefore concluded that taking a shot of whiskey is not associated with impaired driving ability. This is the type of testing I am supposed to rely upon to convince me that vaccines are not a risk for contributing to autism.

There are other alarming facts about the testing and safety of vaccines many people do not know about. For starters, generally speaking, when vaccines are approved in their clinical trials, they are

⁶³ “Autism and Vaccines,” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/autism.html>.

⁶⁴ Ibid.

⁶⁵ “ICAN vs. CDC with Del Bigtree,” Brighteon.com, Accessed December 26, 2020, <https://www.brighteon.com/13643742-bdc3-4197-a934-362ae2061815>.

⁶⁶ Ibid.

⁶⁷ Madsen, KM, A Hviid, M Vestergaard, D Schendel, J Wohlfahrt, et al., “A Population-Based Study of Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccination and Autism,” New England Journal of Medicine Website, Published November 7, 2002, Accessed December 26, 2020, https://www.nejm.org/doi/10.1056/NEJMoa021134?url_ver=Z39.88-2003&rfr_id=ori:rid:crossref.org&rfr_dat=cr_pub%20%20pubmed.

not required to go through a double-blind (true) placebo safety test.⁶⁸ When a non-vaccine drug is going to be approved for the market, this is the type of test it would normally need to go through.⁶⁹ This is the type of test Dr. Tony Fauci wanted for hydroxychloroquine before he would say it was a safe and effective treatment for covid-19.⁷⁰ Because this type of test had not been done, the FDA warned against its use, and many governors withheld a potentially life-saving drug from people who were at risk of dying and had no treatment options available.⁷¹ In their clinical trials, none of the vaccines on the CDC recommended childhood schedule for babies and toddlers had a control group that received an inert placebo.⁷² They typically are tested against another vaccine already on the market, which also was tested against another vaccine already on the market, which was tested against a vaccine that was licensed without any placebo-controlled trial.⁷³ When you test one vaccine against another vaccine, and you find that there were about the same number of severe autoimmune conditions or deaths in both groups, you can say that they are as safe as each other, but you can't truly say that they are safe. You would have to test the vaccine versus a true placebo, a substance that is known to have no effect on the human body, like a saline injection, to truly know what the safety risk of that vaccine is.

Our nation does have a vaccine monitoring system called VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System) which is supposed to catch these reactions.⁷⁴ However, many people, including many doctors, do not know it even exists.⁷⁵ Although doctors are required to report all adverse events, if they have been trained to think vaccine injuries are “vanishingly rare,” if a reaction occurs, they will most likely think it is a “sad coincidence” that has nothing to do with the vaccines.⁷⁶ This is the experience many parents have had when they tell the doctor their child

⁶⁸ “Vaccine Safety,” ICAN Website, Published October 2, 2017, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VaccineSafety-Version-1.0-October-2-2017-1.pdf>.

⁶⁹ Ibid.

⁷⁰ “Dr. Anthony Fauci: No placebo-controlled trial has shown hydroxychloroquine is effective,” YouTube, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDjVwXM8ESE>.

⁷¹ Rondeau, Sharon, “Three Governors Deny Hydroxychloroquine to Covid-19-Positive Outpatients,” The Post & Mail Website, Published March 28, 2020, Accessed November 30, 2020, <https://www.thepostemail.com/2020/03/28/three-governors-deny-hydroxychloroquine-to-covid-19-positive-outpatients/>.

⁷² “Vaccine Safety,” icandecide.org, Published October 2, 2017, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VaccineSafety-Version-1.0-October-2-2017-1.pdf>.

⁷³ Bigtree, Del, “Letter from ICAN to Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar,” ICAN Website, Written December 31, 2018, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/ICAN-Reply-1.pdf>.

⁷⁴ “Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System,” VAERS, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://vaers.hhs.gov/>.

⁷⁵ “Dr. Toni Bark Exposing VAERS that the public is unaware of,” YouTube, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF76yw93HIQ>.

⁷⁶ Kennedy Jr., Robert F., “Vaccine Injuries Ratio: One for Every 39 Vaccines Administered,” Children’s Health Defense Website, Published October 10, 2020, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/vaccine-injuries-ratio-one-for-every-39-vaccines-administered/>.

had a severe vaccine reaction.^{77,78} The VAERS system almost undoubtedly severely underreports how many true vaccine reactions there are. One research project found that fewer than 1 % of vaccine reactions are reported to this system,⁷⁹ and the system still in 2016 had 59,117 reactions reported, including 432 deaths, 1,091 permanent disabilities, 4,132 hospitalizations, and 10,284 emergency room visits.⁸⁰ That doesn't necessarily mean only 1 % of severe reactions are reported, but the eyewitness account of many a parent to how doctors react when they suggest their child had a severe reaction would indicate that the number of potential severe reactions is much higher than the system reports.

I think it would be hard to claim with the science and testing that has been done that vaccines either do not cause autism or that the benefits outweigh the risk in general because proper testing has not been done to truly show what the risk of potential harm is. One other possible avenue for ensuring the safety of vaccines would be if litigation could be brought against vaccine manufacturers. If a car company can be sued if they put defective brakes on their car and people die, they will go to great lengths to make sure those brakes are safe. If they cannot be sued, they will probably be less rigorous in their testing, and if the company has a culture of corruption, even among a few people who are key decision makers, they may even turn a blind eye to known safety concerns if it will hurt the bottom line. Merck is the manufacturer of the MMR II,⁸¹ a shot that has been in use for over 40 years. Merck has paid out an \$830 million dollar settlement over the damage its drug Vioxx did,⁸² which FDA investigator Dr. David Graham estimated to have caused 88,000 to 139,000 heart attacks, and 30,000 to 55,000 deaths.^{83,84} Unfortunately, legislation passed by congress in 1986 called the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act restricted product liability for vaccine manufacturers. It did include an exception "when there was evidence the company could have made a vaccine less harmful."⁸⁵ However, any hope of the manufactures

⁷⁷ "Gardasil HPV vaccine drastically injured my daughter...", Facebook.com, Accessed December 1, 2020, https://www.facebook.com/watch/live/?v=1211037965950304&ref=watch_permalink.

⁷⁸ "Vaccines Gave My Son Autism," YouTube, Accessed December 1, 2020, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uQTS7ZnekxA&list=PL_H9IShCZAbguy00SB8izMscakUlfnpOu&index=26.

⁷⁹ "Grant Final Report Grant ID: R18 HS 017045 Electronic Support for Public Health—Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (ESP:VAERS)," digital.hrg.gov, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://digital.ahrq.gov/sites/default/files/docs/publication/r18hs017045-lazarus-final-report-2011.pdf>.

⁸⁰ Vaccine Safety," icandecide.org, Published October 2, 2017, Accessed November 22, 2020, <https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/VaccineSafety-Version-1.0-October-2-2017-1.pdf>.

⁸¹ "Indications and Usage for MMR II," merckvaccines.com, Accessed December 26, 2020, <https://www.merckvaccines.com/mmr/>.

⁸² "Merck agrees to pay \$830 million to settle Vioxx securities lawsuit," Reuters Website, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-merck-vioxx-settlement-idUSKCNOUT1PX>.

⁸³ Gardner, Fred, "Merck Pays a Pittance for Mass Deaths," counterpunch.org, Published November 29, 2011, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://www.counterpunch.org/2011/11/29/merck-pays-a-pittance-for-mass-murder/>.

⁸⁴ "Dr. David Graham," Government Accountability Project Website, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://whistleblower.org/whistleblower-profiles/dr-david-graham/>.

⁸⁵ "NVIC Position Statement National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986," National Vaccine Information Center, Published May 2018, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://www.nvic.org/injury-compensation/nvic-position-on-1986-childhood-vaccine-injury-act.aspx>.

having any product liability for vaccines was completely taken away when the U. S. Supreme Court decided the *Bruesewitz v. Wyeth* case, and “blocked the legal right of vaccine injured persons to hold drug companies liable for design defect and failing to improve an FDA licensed vaccine to make it less harmful.”⁸⁶

Another mechanism that might ensure safety in a product is the free market. If I hear reports that many people have died while driving a certain make and model of car because their brakes were defective, I will probably decide to buy a different car. Many other people might as well. A manufacturer who continued to sell cars to the public with defective brakes due to negligence or corruption would eventually go out of business. This market force would help to prevent many of them from ever letting cars like this be sold in the first place. However, vaccines are generally mandated to attend school, so in theory people are forced to use them. If exemptions are taken away and severely restricted as they have been in New York⁸⁷ and California,^{88,89,90} this will to a large extent no longer be theory, as homeschooling of some sort would become the only way for most people to avoid vaccinations for their children. Potential rules by employers, businesses, movie theaters, airlines, etc. in relation to covid vaccines could become the start of not being able to meaningfully participate in society without being vaccinated. On top of effectively being forced to buy vaccines, sometimes you may only have one option from one company for a certain vaccine. For instance, from 1967 until at least 2014, Merck was the only company licensed by the FDA to make a mumps vaccine.⁹¹ If you didn’t trust Merck, but you did trust other pharmaceutical companies, you would have been out of luck. According to the CDC’s website, Merck’s MMR II is also the only MMR vaccine available for use in the United States.⁹² The free market forces that would help ensure the safety of vaccines, in key ways, do not exist for vaccines.

Besides the fact that there are all sorts of questions surrounding the safety of vaccines, and a lack of the real science it would take to support the premises the CDC and the media contend that

⁸⁶ “NVIC Position Statement National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986,” National Vaccine Information Center, Published May 2018, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://www.nvic.org/injury-compensation/nvic-position-on-1986-childhood-vaccine-injury-act.aspx>.

⁸⁷ “New York Bill Removing Religious Vaccine Exemption Turned Into Law on One Day with No Public Hearings,” National Vaccine Information Center Website, Published June 14, 2019, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://www.nvic.org/vaccine-laws/state-vaccine-requirements/newyork/ny-bill-turned-into-law-one-day-no-public-hearings.aspx>.

⁸⁸ “The Fallout from California SB277: What Happens Next?” National Vaccine Information Center, Published August 5, 2015, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://www.nvic.org/nvic-vaccine-news/august-2015/sb277-fallout-what-happens-next.aspx>.

⁸⁹ “SB 276,” A Voice For Choice Advocacy Website, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://avoiceforchoiceadvocacy.org/sb-276/>.

⁹⁰ Kennedy, Jr., Robert F., “The True Purpose of CA SB276,” Children’s Health Defense Website, Published August 30, 2019, Accessed November 29, 2020, <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/the-true-purpose-of-ca-sb276/>.

⁹¹ Helfand, Carly, “Lawsuits claiming Merck lied about mumps vaccine efficacy headed to trial,” Fiercepharma.com, Published September 9, 2014, Accessed December 26, 2020, <https://www.fiercepharma.com/infectious-diseases/lawsuits-claiming-merck-lied-about-mumps-vaccine-efficacy-headed-to-trial>.

⁹² “Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) Vaccine,” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Website, Accessed December 26, 2020, <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/vaccines/mmr-vaccine.html>.

vaccines do not cause autism, that they are generally “safe,” or that the benefits outweigh the risks, there are also many scientific studies that point to vaccines causing great harm to significant numbers of people. When vaccine supporters, Dr. Peter Aaby and Dr. Soren Morgensen, examined data from Guinea Bissau of children who received the DTP versus those who did not, they discovered “that girls vaccinated with the DTP vaccine died at 10 times the rate of unvaccinated kids. While the vaccinated children were protected from Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis, they were far more susceptible to other deadly diseases than unvaccinated peers.”⁹³

In 2017, Dr. Anthony Mawson published a study that compared completely unvaccinated children against partially and fully vaccinated children.⁹⁴ He did this study among 666 homeschooled children.⁹⁵ Vaccinated children were 4.7 times more likely to have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), 4.7 times more likely to have an ADHD diagnosis, 3.7 times more likely to have a learning disability, and 3.7 times more likely to have been diagnosed with some kind of neurodevelopmental disorder.⁹⁶ The risk of allergic rhinitis (hay fever) was 30 times higher, the risk of other allergies 3.9 times higher, and the risk of eczema 2.4 times higher.⁹⁷ Dr. Brian Hooker found in a study of vaccinated versus unvaccinated people that vaccination before the age of 1 was associated with increased odds of developmental delays, asthma, and ear infections.^{98,99}

Dr. Paul Thomas is someone who offered an alternate vaccine schedule in his pediatric practice, Integrative Pediatrics, in Portland, Oregon.¹⁰⁰ He also served many parents who choose not to vaccinate at all.¹⁰¹ He analyzed data from his practice in 2019 and wrote the following about it:

⁹³ Kennedy, Jr., Robert F., “The Bill Gates Effect: WHO’s DTP Vaccine Killed More Children in Africa Than the Diseases it Targeted,” Published April 23, 2020, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/the-bill-gates-effect-whos-dtp-vaccine-kills-more-children-in-africa-than-the-diseases-it-targets/>.

⁹⁴ Mawson, Anthony R, Brian D Ray, Azad R Bhuiyan and Binu Jacob, “Pilot Comparative Study on the Health of Vaccinated and Unvaccinated 6- to 12- Year Old U.S. Children,” researchgate.net, Published April 24, 2017, Accessed November 14, 2020, https://www.researchgate.net/publication/317086531_Pilot_comparative_study_on_the_health_of_vaccinated_and_unvaccinated-6-to_12-year-old_US_children.

⁹⁵ Ibid.

⁹⁶ Ibid.

⁹⁷ Ibid.

⁹⁸ Hooker, Dr. Brian, “New Research Study Clarifies Health Outcomes in Vaccinated versus Unvaccinated Children,” Published May 28, 2020, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/new-research-study-clarifies-health-outcomes-in-vaccinated-versus-unvaccinated-children/>.

⁹⁹ Hooker, Brian S, Neil Z Miller, “Analysis of health outcomes in vaccinated and unvaccinated children: Developmental delays, asthma, ear infections and gastrointestinal disorders,” SAGE Journals Website, Published May 27, 2020, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/2050312120925344>.

¹⁰⁰ Thomas, Dr. Paul, “Pediatrician Paul Thomas Responds to WW’s Cover Feature,” Last Updated April 13, 2019, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://www.wweek.com/news/2019/04/12/pediatrician-paul-thomas-responds-to-last-weeks-cover-feature/>.

¹⁰¹ Ibid.

Of the 3,345 patients born into Integrative Pediatrics since June 2008, the autism rates are as follows:

Out of 715 unvaccinated children, just one was diagnosed with autism.

Out of 2,629 Vaccine-Friendly Plan (alternative schedule), just six were diagnosed.

Compare these rates to the current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention vaccine schedule rate of 1 in 45 children being diagnosed with autism.¹⁰²

Just recently, Dr. Thomas and Dr. James Lyons-Weiler published a study about Dr. Thomas' practice that "found higher rates of office visits and diagnoses of common chronic ailments in the most vaccinated children in the practice compared to children who are completely unvaccinated."^{103,104} Lifesite News summarized the findings as follows, "Compared to their unvaccinated counterparts, vaccinated children in the study were three to six times more likely to show up in the pediatrician's office for treatment related to anemia, asthma, allergies and sinusitis."¹⁰⁵ (Note: Dr. Thomas' license was recently suspended by the Oregon State Medical Board 5 days after he published this peer-reviewed study comparing vaccinated and unvaccinated people.)^{106,107}

You probably could find many critiques of these studies online including for sure with the Mawson study that it has a small sample size. However, these studies and data analysis should at the very least raise some alarm, even if someone might critique their methodology or sample size. Four of the five were true comparisons of vaccinated and fully unvaccinated people. They would suggest that our health authorities should do a similar study with a sufficient sample size, but the CDC

¹⁰² Thomas, Dr. Paul, "Pediatrician Paul Thomas Responds to WW's Cover Feature," Last Updated April 13, 2019, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://www.wweek.com/news/2019/04/12/pediatrician-paul-thomas-responds-to-last-weeks-cover-feature/>.

¹⁰³ Lyons-Weiler, James, Paul Thomas, "Relative Incidence of Office Visits and Cumulative Rates of Billed Diagnoses Along the Axis of Vaccination," MDPI.com (from International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health), Published November 22, 2020, Accessed December 28, 2020, <https://www.mdpi.com/1660-4601/17/22/8674/htm> (Quotation from section 4 in the 4th paragraph).

¹⁰⁴ "Groundbreaking study shows unvaccinated children are healthier than vaccinated children," Lifesite News Website, Published December 14, 2020, Accessed December 28, 2020, <https://www.lifesitenews.com/opinion/groundbreaking-study-shows-unvaccinated-children-are-healthier-than-vaccinated-children>.

¹⁰⁵ Ibid.

¹⁰⁶ Skouras, Spiro, "Dr. Paul Thomas Targeted By Medical Board & Media After Landmark Vaccine Study — Interview," Activist Post Website, Published December 20, 2020, Accessed December 28, 2020, <https://www.activistpost.com/2020/12/dr-paul-thomas-targeted-by-medical-board-media-after-landmark-vaccine-study-interview.html>. (source which gives Dr. Thomas' viewpoint)

¹⁰⁷ Monahan, Rachel, "Prominent Anti-Vaccine Pediatrician Dr. Paul Thomas Has License Suspended by the Oregon Medical Board," Published December 6, 2020, Accessed December 30, 2020, <https://www.wweek.com/news/state/2020/12/05/prominent-anti-vaccine-pediatrician-dr-paul-thomas-has-license-suspended-by-the-oregon-medical-board/>. (source which gives viewpoint of Oregon Medical Board)

refuses to officially conduct and publish such a study.^{108,109,110} There doesn't seem to be a good reason to not perform a retrospective (looking back at data that already exists) study comparing health outcomes of fully vaccinated and fully unvaccinated people. One claim some people make against doing a prospective (purposefully creating data going forward) vaccinated vs. unvaccinated study is that it would be unethical to withhold a vaccine from someone,¹¹¹ but this certainly then raises the question, "How is it any less ethical than mandating a product on somebody that has not gone through the proper testing to truly know how safe or dangerous it really is and when no one who is involved with making or administering the product has any liability for damage caused?" "And if vaccines are "safe" why would anybody need liability protection?"

One other safety issue that most people do not know about is the witness of Dr. Andrew Zimmerman. Dr. Andrew Zimmerman is recognized as a vaccine expert and was used by the vaccine compensation program as an expert witness for the government against people who were trying to get compensation from the government for autism they believed to be caused by the administration of a vaccine.¹¹² He testified about Michelle Cedillo's case, "There is no scientific basis for a connection between measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine or mercury (Hg) intoxication and autism,"¹¹³ and her claim was denied.¹¹⁴ He was colleagues with a doctor at John Hopkins, John Poling, who had a daughter named Hannah Poling.¹¹⁵ Hannah Poling regressed into autism before her parent's eyes following vaccinations.¹¹⁶ Dr. Zimmerman helped look into her case, and he determined "with a reasonable degree of medical certainty" the "cause for regressive encephalopathy" in her case was "an underlying mitochondrial dysfunction, exacerbated

¹⁰⁸ Kennedy Jr., Robert F., "Fully Vaccinated vs. Unvaccinated – Part 1," Children's Health Defense Website, Published June 25, 2019, Accessed December 6, 2020, <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/child-health-topics/exposing-truth/fully-vaccinated-vs-unvaccinated/>.

¹⁰⁹ "CDC Concedes It Has Never Conducted Study Of Vaccinated VS. Unvaccinated Children," ICAN website, Published August 2020, Accessed December 6, 2020, https://www.icandecide.org/ican_government/cdc-concedes-it-has-never-conducted-study-of-vaccinated-vs-unvaccinated-children/.

¹¹⁰ Andoh, Roger, "Letter from Centers for Disease Control to ICAN," ICAN website, Letter Written July 29, 2020, Accessed December 6, 2020, https://www.icandecide.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/2020_08_03-20-02002-Final-Response-No-Records1.pdf.

¹¹¹ "Myth: No Studies Compare the Health of Unvaccinated and Vaccinated People," Thoughtscapism Website, Posted April 10, 2015, Accessed December 28, 2020, <https://thoughtscapism.com/2015/04/10/myth-no-studies-compare-the-health-of-unvaccinated-and-vaccinated-people/>.

¹¹² "The Vaccination Debate," Published January 6, 2020, Accessed November 14, 2020, <http://fullmeasure.news/news/cover-story/the-vaccination-debate>.

¹¹³ Attkisson, Sharyl, "Dr. Andrew Zimmerman's full Affidavit on alleged link between vaccines and autism that U.S. govt. covered up," Sharylattkisson.com, Published January 6, 2019, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://sharylattkisson.com/2019/01/dr-andrew-zimmermans-full-affidavit-on-alleged-link-between-vaccines-and-autism-that-u-s-govt-covered-up/>.

¹¹⁴ "Vaccines Didn't Cause Autism, Court Rules," CNN Website, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://www.cnn.com/2009/HEALTH/02/12/autism.vaccines/index.html>.

¹¹⁵ "The Legal Case For Vaccines Causing Autism," Investment Watch Website, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://www.investmentwatchblog.com/the-legal-case-for-vaccines-causing-autism/>.

¹¹⁶ Attkisson, Sharyl, "Family to Receive \$1.5M+ in First-Ever Vaccine-Autism Court Award," CBS News Website, Published September 10, 2010, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/family-to-receive-15m-plus-in-first-ever-vaccine-autism-court-award/>.

by vaccine-induced fever and immune stimulation that exceeded metabolic energy reserves.”¹¹⁷ Hannah was supposed to be one of six test cases to see if compensation for autism related to the MMR or thimerosal-containing vaccines could be awarded to the thousands of people who had applied for it.¹¹⁸ The government decided to settle her case and removed her as one of the test cases.¹¹⁹ Dr. Zimmerman informed the government that there “were exceptions in which vaccines could cause autism”¹²⁰ and that his opinion was based on “advances in science, medicine and clinical research of one of my patients in particular.”¹²¹ The government then stopped utilizing him as a witness, but continued to use his prior testimony in Michelle Cedillo’s case as evidence against the remaining test cases.^{122,123} The test cases, which were narrowed down to three, were all lost by the plaintiffs and the remaining of the roughly 5400 similar cases were all thrown out.¹²⁴

I think you are beginning to understand why I don’t vaccinate. I’d ask you to look at this from my viewpoint. I saw my daughter regress into autism and come back out of it when we changed her environment. I have seen the dramatic increase in autism over the years, not just in the reported numbers, but in real people I know who have symptoms like my daughter had, symptoms I never saw in anyone until I was in high school. I have no doubt in my mind that autism could not be purely genetic. There must be an environmental component or components. I have every reason to trust the doctor who came up with that diet, and she recommends I don’t vaccinate. I have heard many stories of people who saw a regression like my daughter had and for them it was an acute reaction that started immediately following a vaccine and coincided with symptoms that are commonly recognized to follow vaccination. I have strong evidence in my own family that more than one family member has had a severe vaccine reaction. I have looked at the science used to support that vaccines are generally safe and do not cause autism and determined it is completely lacking. I have seen science that indicates vaccines cause harm and at the very least calls for further investigation and perhaps larger and more well-designed studies. I have come to be aware that a very important scientist at the CDC when it comes to vaccine safety has admitted he and his colleagues covered up evidence of a possible association between a vaccine and autism.

¹¹⁷ Handley, J.B., *How to End the Autism Epidemic*, (London, UK: Chelsea Green Publishing, 2018), 178.

¹¹⁸ Kennedy Jr., Robert F. and Rolf Hazelhurst, “Request for Congressional Investigation Fraud and Obstruction of Justice,” Children’s Health Defense Website, Published September 20, 2018, Accessed December 17, 2020, <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/child-health-topics/righting-wrongs/request-for-congressional-investigation-fraud-and-obstruction-of-justice/>.

¹¹⁹ Kennedy Jr., Robert F. and Rolf Hazelhurst, “Request for Congressional Investigation Fraud and Obstruction of Justice,” Children’s Health Defense Website, Published September 20, 2018, Accessed December 17, 2020, <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/child-health-topics/righting-wrongs/request-for-congressional-investigation-fraud-and-obstruction-of-justice/>.

¹²⁰ Attkisson, Sharyl, “Dr. Andrew Zimmerman’s full Affidavit on alleged link between vaccines and autism that U.S. govt. covered up,” Sharylattkisson.com, Published January 6, 2019, Accessed November 14, 2020, <https://sharylattkisson.com/2019/01/dr-andrew-zimmermans-full-affidavit-on-alleged-link-between-vaccines-and-autism-that-u-s-govt-covered-up/>.

¹²¹ Ibid.

¹²² Ibid.

¹²³ Handley, J.B., *How to End the Autism Epidemic*, (London, UK: Chelsea Green Publishing, 2018), 179-180

¹²⁴ Ibid, 177, 185.

I have come to know that the normal mechanisms to ensure product safety: safety testing of sufficient quality in approval trials, legal liability from product manufacturers, and full free market forces are not present with vaccines. I have come to know that the talking point about “the fraudulent doctor who used bad data in that one study” is very misleading and that his study was most likely very crucial to my daughter’s healing. I have come to find out that an important witness in the vaccine injury compensation program used to deny compensation to people changed his mind to believe that vaccines can cause autism in certain circumstances. I have devoted countless amounts of time and money to the healing of my daughter. How could I ever take a risk with her or my other children after knowing all these things? How could I give any of them more vaccines before more was done to ensure we knew that vaccines truly are “safe,” specifically that they are safe for my children as unique individuals with their own health histories and biological characteristics?

I’d ask you: Are you willing to go along with society and look at me like a villain and either support or stay silent about efforts to push me and my family out of society? Would you be willing to do this without looking into the information I’ve shared, while you instead simply take some health official’s or news reporter’s claim that vaccines are “safe and effective” without giving it any more thought? Are you going to be one of those people who have told me that they won’t let their children play with mine? Would you do this without demanding that first Dr. Thompson’s allegations be investigated, that proper safety testing be done, that the manufacturers be liable for the product they make? People are already turning people away from their businesses if they don’t wear a mask because our society has come to view healthy people without any health symptoms as a danger and a threat, basically a dirty person. Now that covid vaccines have come and policies are being considered by governments and even private businesses and institutions, would you go along with my family being turned away because we are unvaccinated people? Would you turn us away from your business, your church, your school? Would you treat us like we are unclean, dirty people? Would you do these things to other families who have their own story to tell or others who have looked into all of this and decided not to vaccinate or perhaps even just decline to receive one or two specific vaccines until better science is done? What about people who can’t in good conscience receive a vaccine whose development in some way involved the use of aborted fetal cell lines? Would you make them decide between being a part of society and sinning against their conscience?

If you have answers to all my concerns about vaccines how I am just wrong about the science, the facts, the data, I would encourage you to share them with me. Otherwise, I ask you to please accept me and my family and the conscience-guided decision we have made to protect our health. Help ensure that we are not treated like a separate class of people, like the black person who had

to drink from a different fountain or the Jew who was forced to go and live in a ghetto. The solution to the perceived problem of “vaccine hesitancy” is not to demonize, name call, and ostracize those who have legitimate concerns, to use a club on the growing number of people who are concerned about vaccine safety, but to take steps that would truly assure that vaccines are safe and effective, to show that they truly are the best choice for everyone to protect their own health and the health of others, to do what it takes to make it so that people have confidence that this truly is the case. If that ever happened and vaccines were produced in a way that did not raise ethical concerns for anyone, there would be no need to mandate a vaccine on anyone. You could defend a person’s ability to make medical decisions in the stewardship of their own bodies, and yet most people would probably use their informed consent to vaccinate. As you consider your actions in regard to this whole topic going forward, please remember me, my family, and my daughter’s story.

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