

The principle that sustains compulsory vaccination is broad enough to cover cutting the Fallopian tubes. Three generations of imbeciles are enough."
Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

Dear Legislator,

Did you know the term 'Conscientious Objector' originally referred to Vaccination and was only later applied to those who object to fighting in wars?

Please watch this short video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KdseVBWbw2w>

It shows that Atheists most definitely consider this a religious issue! The video states that if you accept the scientific process you must accept (*presumably all?*) vaccinations (*by all manufacturers & in all formulations?*)

She goes on to state that if you reject vaccines for any reason, you are also rejecting Evolution and are a (*gasp*) Creationist. I do believe in a Divine Creator, thank you! The speaker also states that cell lines derived from abortion are responsible for **all medical technologies & advances** (patently false) and also states that you don't need Jesus when you have scientists!

With all the documented **big money corruption & government/industry collusion** in what we call 'Science' today, I beg to differ! You might need Jesus even more! Science and Vaccines are not synonyms. At best, vaccines are an applied product, like any pharmaceutical, except they are held to a lower standard of research. Her last statement is particularly chilling 'I've got my viruses, I don't need a God.'

Her beliefs on these topic are not scientific, they are religious beliefs, and religious beliefs that I personally reject, as I am entitled to, by Religious Freedom.

I hope some in the Oregon Legislature would be **wise enough** to understand something of why these statements are dangerous, given the folly of scientists in even the previous generation. Truman called Hiroshima 'The Greatest Achievement of Organized Science in History'.

This longer video about CS Lewis <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FPeyJvXU68k> explains the concept of 'Scientism' and how it differs from actual 'Science'. Just as man can worship money or power, he can worship science and such *worship* interferes with the scientific method.

Vaccine research often is held to a lower standard than other types of research, with no true control groups and often no true placebos. **When you believe a priori that a product is so miraculous and beneficial that it is above a Randomized Control Trial, that is not Science, it is Faith, and it is a Faith we have the Religious Freedom in the US to be exempt from.**

Religious Objection to Vaccination has existed since the very inception of the practice. The very notion of thinking of & treating humanity as a HERD has ethical & religious implications. Washington and California have both preserved this sacred & historically protected exemption in their recent legislation.

A minority of parents truly opt out of all vaccines. Oregon counts parents as having an 'exemption' if they opt out of even a single vaccination, such as Hep A or Chicken Pox. That is where the 6.4% comes from. I have found many parents who are selective vaccinators since moving to Oregon and almost none who totally opt out.

We are being told that increases in Pertussis are the fault of non-vaccinating parents, but the epidemiology does not support that idea. <http://well.blogs.nytimes.com/2010/08/16/vaccination-is-steady-but-pertussis-is-surging/>

I care about my children deeply, I have spent every day as a mother thinking about this issue and studying the history and the industry so I could discover where our family stood on a moral, ethical & religious basis. My oldest son had a severe adverse reaction (as defined by Glaxo Smith Kline in their literature) as a vulnerable infant to a DTaP injection. He just completed his second year of Kindergarten. It was after researching this reaction & discovering how very little was known about the mechanism of it, that I discovered that Vaccine research is not held to the same standard as other Pharmaceutical research.

I have had many discussions with Doctors about this issue, read countless books, attended many Webinars with MDs, but I don't generally like to talk back to MDs, as a mother, as there is quite a power imbalance! So if they say something to me that I know to be inaccurate, I just don't respond. The issue with SB132, which I have been told eliminates the video module, is that doctors will often not sign the forms, causing Oregon parents to waste time and money seeking the necessary signatures. They also may be forced to sign incriminating documents with a one-sided perspective on the complex vaccination issue. SB132 also sets doctors up in the role of enforcers of state mandates, which will interfere with the sacred trust relationship between doctor and patient.

My family are paying Oregon income taxes and soon plan to pay property taxes. We do not use any services. We we recruited here to work in an emerging energy industry. We would be regret having to leave the state as refugees seeking Religious Freedom, taking our tax revenue to another state, where Religious Freedom is respected and honored.

I know that this proud state of Oregon does not want to be known in history for using Progressive ideals to curtail Religious Freedom. Oregon was the absolute last state in the Union to perform a state-mandated sterilization, in the 1980s! Let's move forward as a State, not backwards.

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