

Dear Health Care Committee,

I was born in 1960. My 5 siblings and I all had the measles, mumps, rubella, and chicken pox. We didn't even go to a doctor for these mild childhood illnesses, it was nothing and everyone expected and assumed it would be nothing. Our family doctors told our Mothers to expose us and get it over with when we were meant to have these illnesses. They told our Mothers to expect developmental bursts following the measles and often better health for children back then labeled as "sickly".

It is obvious from the CDC records that vaccination rates in the 60s and 70s were, well also in the 60th and 70th percentiles.

See Chart below.

There was never a "Golden Age", in the past when Vaccine Acceptance and Vaccination rates were higher than they are today. The truth is there are more US children getting more vaccines for more infections at younger ages than ever in history!

Vaccine Coverage Levels – United States, 1962-2009

Year	DTP 3+	DTP4+	Polio 3+	MMR*	Hib3+	Var	PCV3+	HepB3+	Combined 4-3-1	Combined 4-3-1-3
1962	67.3									
1963	71.4									
1964	74.6									
1965	72.7									
1966	74.0									
1967	77.9			60.0						
1968	76.8			61.5						
1969	77.4			61.4						
1970	76.4			58.4						
1971	77.8			62.2						
1972	74.1			62.8						
1973	71.7		59.5	61.0						
1974	72.4		60.0	63.4						
1975	73.2		63.6	65.5						
1976	72.7		61.3	66.3						
1977	69.6		62.6	65.0						
1978	66.6		59.5	63.6						
1979	64.4		59.7	66.5						
1980	66.0		58.9	66.6						
1981	68.1		59.2	66.8						
1982	67.1		57.0	67.6						
1983	65.4		56.9	66.3						
1984	65.0		53.2	65.8						
1985	63.6		53.6	61.2						
1986†										
1987†										
1988†										
1989†										
1990†										
1991	68.8		53.2	82.0						
1992	83.0	59.0	72.4	82.5	28.2			8.0	68.7	55.3
1993	88.2	72.1	78.9	84.1	55.0			16.3	67.1	
1994	93.0	77.7	83.0	89.0	86.0			37.0	75.0	
1995	94.7	78.5	87.9	87.6	91.7			68.0	76.2	74.2
1996	95.0	81.1	91.1	90.7	91.7	16.0		81.8	78.4	76.5
1997	95.5	81.5	90.8	90.5	92.7	25.9		83.7	77.9	76.2
1998	95.6	83.9	90.8	92.0	93.4	43.2		87.0	80.6	79.2
1999	95.9	83.3	89.6	91.5	93.5	57.5		88.1	79.9	78.4
2000	94.1	81.7	89.5	90.5	93.4	67.8		90.3	77.6	76.2
2001	94.3	82.1	89.4	91.4	93.0	76.3		88.9	78.6	77.2
2002	94.9	81.6	90.2	91.6	93.1	80.6	40.8	88.9	78.5	77.5
2003	96.0	84.8	91.6	93.0	93.9	84.8	68.1	92.4	82.2	81.3
2004	95.9	85.5	91.6	93.0	93.5	87.5	73.2	92.4	83.5	82.5
2005	96.1	85.7	91.7	91.5	93.9	87.9	82.8	92.9	83.1	82.4
2006	95.8	85.2	92.9	92.4	93.4	89.3	87.0	93.4	83.2	82.3
2007	95.5	84.5	92.6	92.3	92.6	90.0	90.0	92.7	82.8	81.1
2008		84.6	93.6	92.1	90.9	90.7	80.1 [‡]	93.5		
2009	94.0	83.9	92.8	90.0	92.1	89.6	92.6	92.4	81.5	

Decades of 30% - 40% unvaccinated population with no epidemics

The 90% plus coverage rates we see today were first achieved in the late 90's, and are the result of the convergence of 3 programs-

- 1) School attendance requirements, which began in the late 70's & early 80's;
 - 2) The near complete indemnification for liability of vaccine manufacturers and administrators by the NVICP, The National Vaccine Injury Compensation program in 1988; and
 - 3) VFC- Vaccines For Children, a funding scheme whereby the government buys and provides all "required" vaccines, 1993.
- Required vaccines are now legislated purchases.**

*Previously reported as measles-containing vaccine (MCV)
 †No national coverage data were collected from 1986 through 1990.
 ‡In 2008, data are for PCV4+.

Combined 4-3-1: Four or more doses of DTP/DTaP/DT, three or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, and one or more doses of any measles-containing vaccine.

Combined 4-3-1-3: Four or more doses of DTP/DTaP/DT, three or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, one or more doses of any measles-containing vaccine, and three or more doses of *Haemophilus influenzae* type b vaccine.

Data prior to 1993 were collected by the National Health Interview Survey and represent 2-year-old children. Data from 1993 forward are from the National Immunization Survey and represent 19-35 month-old children. Different methods were used for the two surveys.

Data are available for combinations of vaccines not reflected on this table. For more information about annual coverage figures from 1994 to the present, see <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/stats-surv/nis/default.htm>.

In fact, I never remember hearing about vaccines from friends or relatives. My Mom and her friends never discussed vaccines or their personal decisions. My Mom thought the measles vaccine was the most worthless and ridiculous thing she had ever heard...much how many now have reacted to the chicken pox vaccine. Like 30% to 40% depicted in the above graph, we never received any of those vaccines, some because we already had those illnesses and got the bonus prize of lifelong immunity and the others because my parents simply saw no "need". And no one cared, no one asked, and life went on. I and most of you were going to school with 40% or higher percentages of unvaccinated kids. Do you remember the fear? Yep, neither do I!

Fast forward to today and we have percentage rates in the 90+ percentile for every vaccine on the market. So, despite claims to the contrary of rising exemptions, we actually have had rising acceptance of mass vaccination since the late 90s and the numbers have continued to increase. The fact is, we are vaccinating more children than ever in US or Oregon history, with more vaccines than ever in US or Oregon history. So why now, of all times, has vaccines and peoples' vaccination status become a daily topic as if it is the only news in the world, as if it is the only thing in the world that can keep people healthy, and it has become a way to ostracize good people and treat them as 2nd class citizens. This entire vaccination issue has become an all or nothing proposition where questions or dissent are simply not allowed. Where a medical procedure, involving pharmaceutical products was once used with an abundance of caution and evaluation, we now vaccinate everyone without thought or care, in a one-size-fits-all full assault on every citizen in our country. Where in my childhood a doctor might hesitate if someone in your family had seizures or an auto-immune condition, now caution is thrown to the wind and there is no one who cannot be vaccinated. Where vaccinations were evaluated for each individual now the only thing that matters is "the herd" and personal health and liberties are thrown out the window. Our own government now sees fit to mandate vaccines and blackmailing people into it by withholding a child's right to a public education, tearing the Oregon constitution to shreds.

It is in this environment that we see the addition of adding pharmacies as places you can get vaccines, optometrists, as if the constant pressure and haranguing in your doctor's office isn't enough. And now Dentists. More people involved that know little about your personal health status, your history, or your family history. Dentists? Why, so they can refuse services to the unvaccinated as well, kick them out of their practice? Has any dentist in my life known anything about my health, other than my teeth, or a tooth that I sought out care for on a given day? Nope. I do not want to discuss my vaccination status with my dentist nor does it have any bearing on why I am there. People can have serious life-threatening reactions to vaccines, and are any of these places really equipped to handle such a reaction besides calling for an ambulance?

I say then let's throw in Veterinarians too. They already know how to administer vaccines, so I could get my dog and kid vaccinated at the same time and hope they don't make a "medical error" and give my kid distemper. Can we allow plumbers and electricians to give vaccines too, then I would never have to leave my home since I am already soon to be a 2nd class citizen and my child is going to be barred from going to school anyway. Is there any aspect or part of our lives where we could please leave the discussion, harassment, bullying, and constant haranguing about vaccines out of our lives? Can I go and get a tooth fixed or my teeth cleaned without going through the vaccine inquisition because they are concerned about the shelf-life of their refrigerated vaccine inventory?

Is there any way that we can have a single legislative session in today's world that vaccines are not front and center? Can we just live our lives free from this constant, rabid, frothing at the mouth, vaccine pushing agenda? I don't believe so, I think those days are gone, I think there will be nowhere we can go now that this is the issue. I think next session it will be adults and it will be tied to whether we can get a driver's license, a passport, fly on a plane, or go to the YMCA to work out. We are headed down a slippery slope, so I guess in the grand scheme of things, who cares if Dentists are giving vaccines....our world is becoming all vaccines, for all people, all the time and without even one of the recommended vaccines, you can kiss your liberties and freedom good-bye. In my humble opinion, this is pure insanity, brought to us by our friendly, fraudulent pharmaceutical companies and their trillions of dollars of campaign contributions and lobbyists, that will never rest until every single American is their captive customer with no choices at all.

So go for it, let's approve Dentists to give vaccines, but while you are at it, could we also add on Dutch Bros. kiosks and Starbucks? If I have to be bombarded with vaccine pushing at every stop in my daily life, I would at least like to be able to get a nice Vanilla Latte with my vaccines!

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