

Questions for discussion

Who is responsible for taking the initiative to increase vaccination rates? What should the role of various contingents be (e.g. government, media, doctors, scientists, educators, celebrities, etc), going forward, to help achieve an increase in vaccination rates? What strategies should they take?

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What can we learn from the recent decrease in vaccination rates, which we can apply to other current & future biology-related topics that are similarly plagued by controversy and fear?

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Do parents have a right not to vaccinate their children? Is your stance the same, regarding whether they have a right to refuse a well-documented treatment for a serious childhood disease?

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Should the government require vaccination? Should the government allow vaccine exemptions for non-medical (e.g. religious or philosophical) reasons? Would you want the government to mandate vaccines for your children?

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Is it okay for a pediatrician to accept a parent's refusal of vaccinations for his/her child? Should pediatricians consider it ethical or unethical to refuse to see those children as patients?

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Why do you think it is, that ¼ of US adults still believe that vaccines can cause autism in healthy children? What are the most effective ways to communicate with the general public, given the current climate surrounding the issue of vaccines & autism?