

COVID-19 and Vaccine Misinformation Accounts on Instagram

Report for Governments and the WHO

June 22, 2021

This report features Instagram accounts publishing COVID-19 and vaccine misinformation to large audiences, including numerous accounts cited in previous NewsGuard reports.



icandecide

Message



45 posts

28.8k followers

15 following

Informed Consent Action Ntwk

Advocating for peoples right to 'informed consent' while investigating the safety of medical procedures and vaccines.

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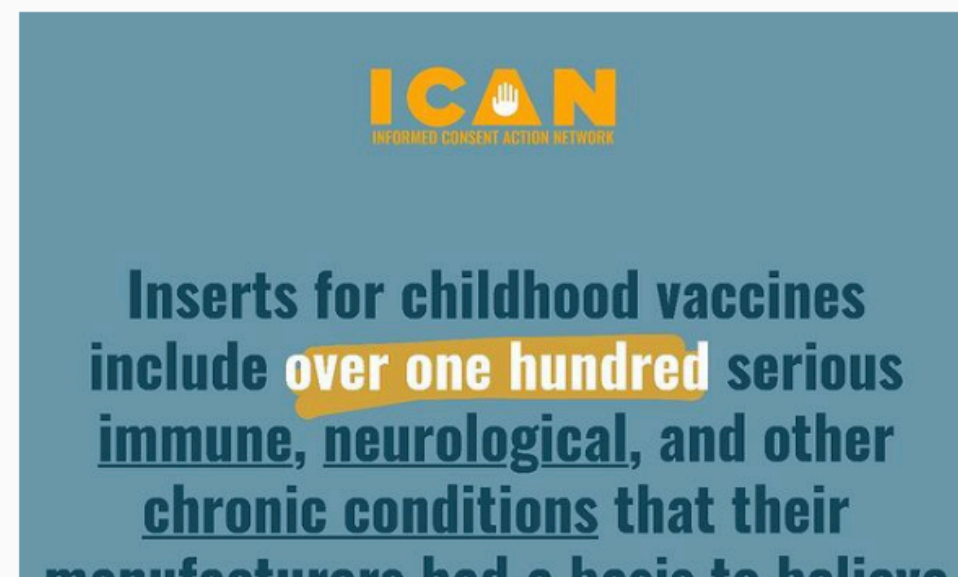


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@icandecide 28,800 followers

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The website of Informed Consent Action Network, an anti-vaccine nonprofit that has repeatedly promoted false claims about the safety of vaccines, including COVID-19 vaccines.

Score: 12.5/100

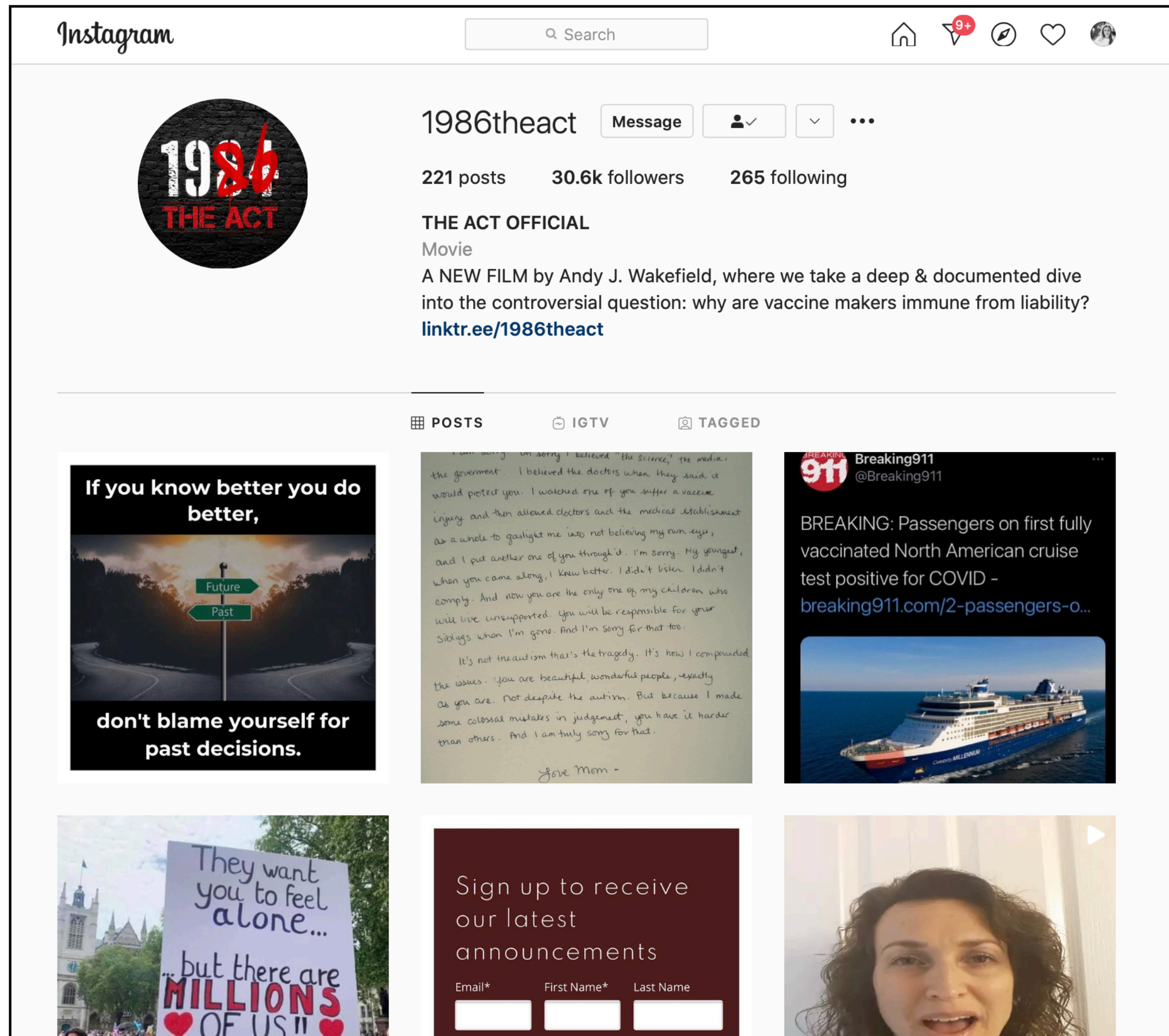
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@1986theact

30,600 followers

This is the account of an antivax misinformation film by Andrew Wakefield. The baseless theory that vaccines cause autism was promoted most prominently by a since-retracted 1998 study by Wakefield in the medical journal The Lancet. The study sought to establish a connection between the Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine and autism. The Lancet study was retracted in 2010 after the British Medical Journal found what it described as “several elements of incorrect information.”

The Wakefield study, which only involved 12 participants, has been refuted by numerous studies since it was published. For example, the CDC states on its website, “There is no link between vaccines and autism,” citing multiple peer-reviewed studies. Wakefield was barred from practicing medicine in the U.K. in 2010.

The account also shares links to other antivax misinformation films, such as ‘Medical Racism’, produced by Robert F. Kennedy Jr.’s antivax nonprofit Children’s Health Defense.





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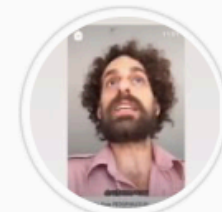
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Community

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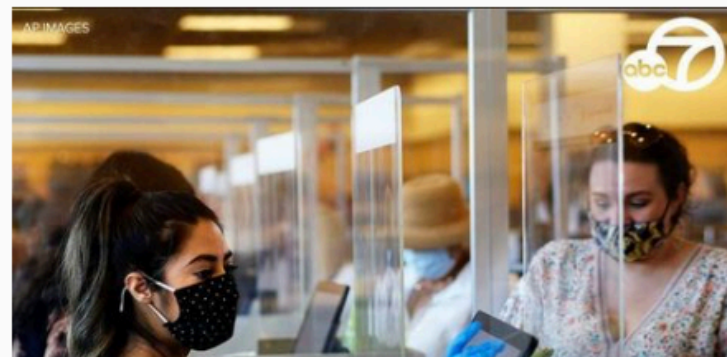


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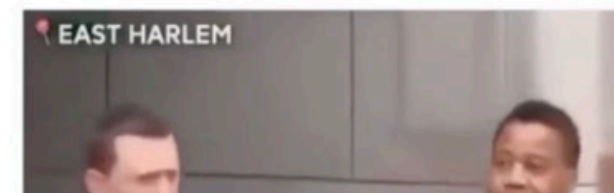
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When they ask you if you're fully detaniccav so you lie but they still let you in



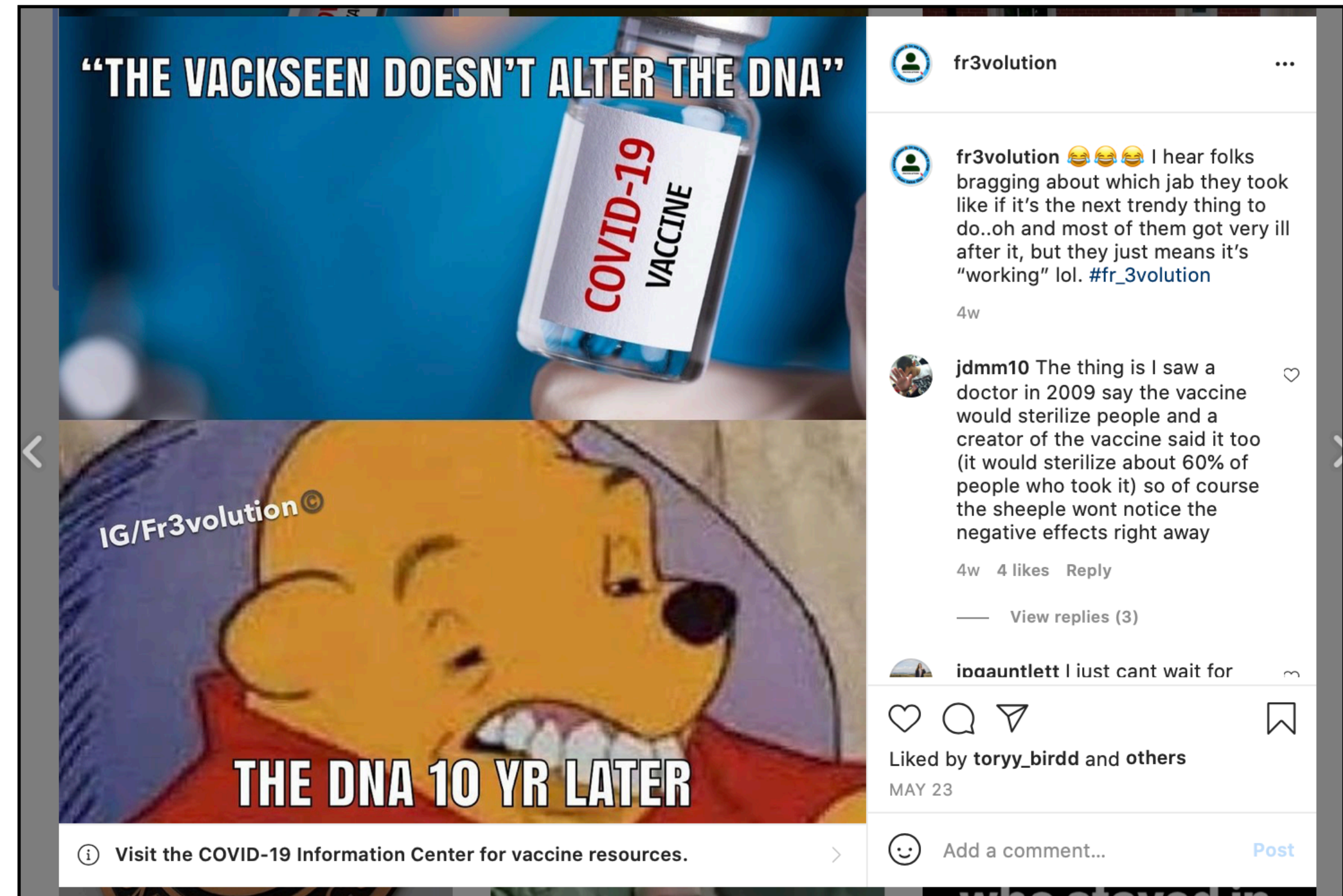
Me when they kick me out after they find out im not detaniccav.



I just want someone to laugh at my memes the way Kamala laughs at questions she can't answer.



@fr3volution 57,300 followers



Instagram

Search

visforvaccine Message

198 posts 31.5k followers 32 following

V is for Vaccine
A global campaign to educate the world on the ten basic facts every person needs to know about the vaccine program. Graphics & tutorials available at linktr.ee/Visforvaccine

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@visforvaccine
31,500 followers

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN
BEHAVIOR & SOCIETY | OPINION

The Antiscience Movement Is Escalating, Going Global and Killing Thousands

Rejection of mainstream science and medicine has become a key feature of the political right in the U.S. and increasingly around the world

By Peter J. Hotez on March 29, 2021

Credit: Sergio Flores Getty Images

Antiscience has emerged as a dominant and highly lethal force, and one

Visit the COVID-19 Information Center for vaccine resources.

visforvaccine • Following

visforvaccine V is for Vaccine signs in a propaganda piece in "Scientific American" by Dr. Peter Hotez. Regardless of the misinformation included in this article three important facts about vaccination were displayed "Vaccines Are Not Placebo Safety Tested", "Vaccines Are Made With Aborted Fetal Cells" and "Vaccine Mandates Violate Bodily Autonomy". #VisforVaccine #Vis4Vaccine #ACallForChange

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cckenagy I love how that side thinks they "own" science. 😂

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lucyyyj In other words, a

Liked by poisonsparadise and others

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guests at Super Bowl pre-game



bewarethenoodle

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7 posts 43.7k followers 2,102 following

BewareTheN**dle

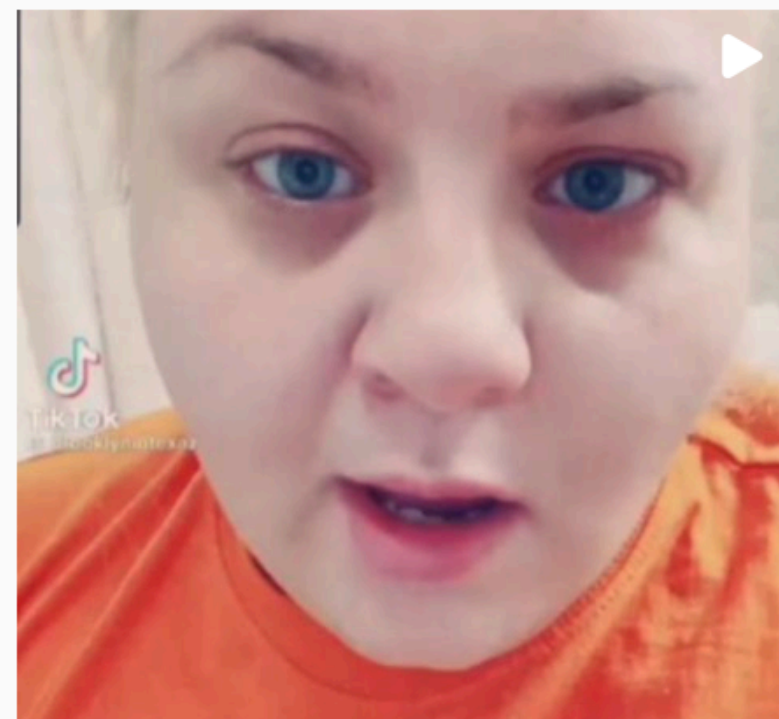
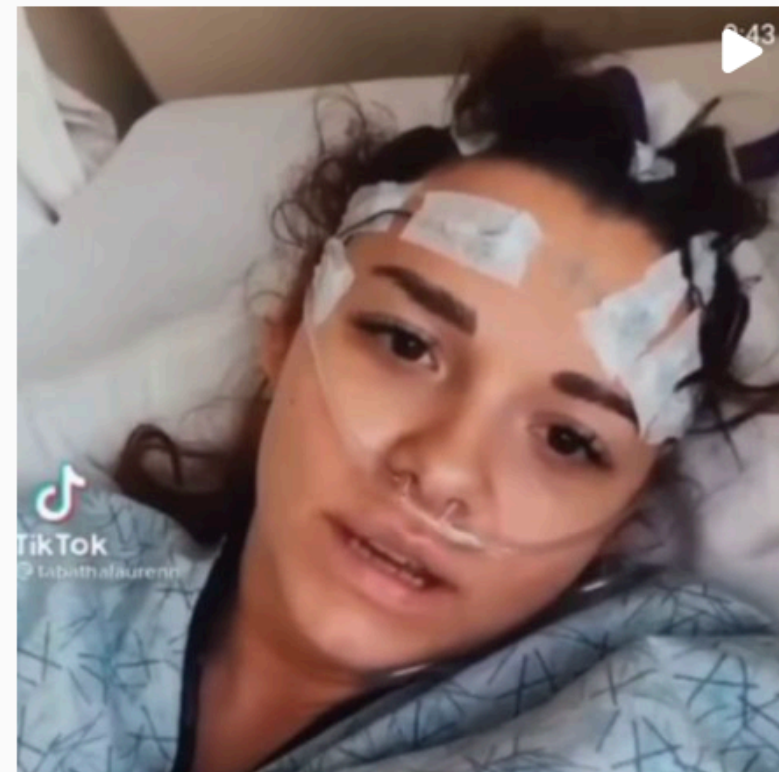
The account formerly known as BewareTheN**dle

⚠️ BtN Archives on MeWe

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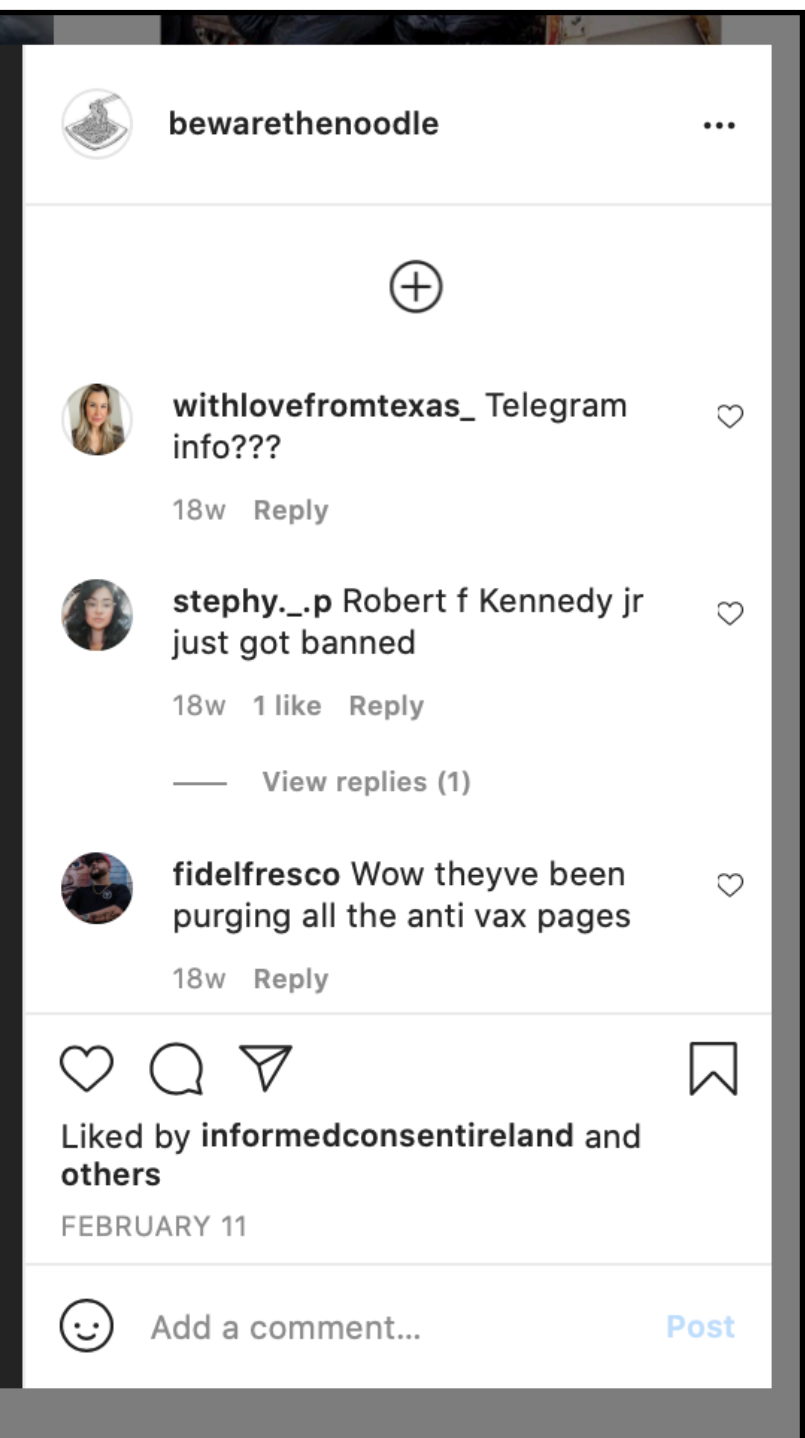
Followed by pubmed_joe and learntherisk

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@bewarethenoodle
43,700 followers

I will still be posting on Instagram in my stories until they give me the boot, but all my old content will be on MeWe.



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withlovefromtexas_ Telegram info???
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stephy...p Robert f Kennedy jr just got banned
18w 1 like Reply
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fidelfresco Wow theyve been purging all the anti vax pages
18w Reply

Liked by informedconsentireland and others
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2,242 posts

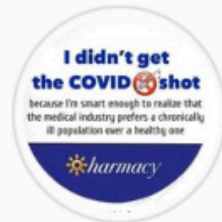
18.5k followers

1,521 following

Anti-War, Pro-Truth/Equality

www.freedom-angels.org

Followed by standupbirmingham

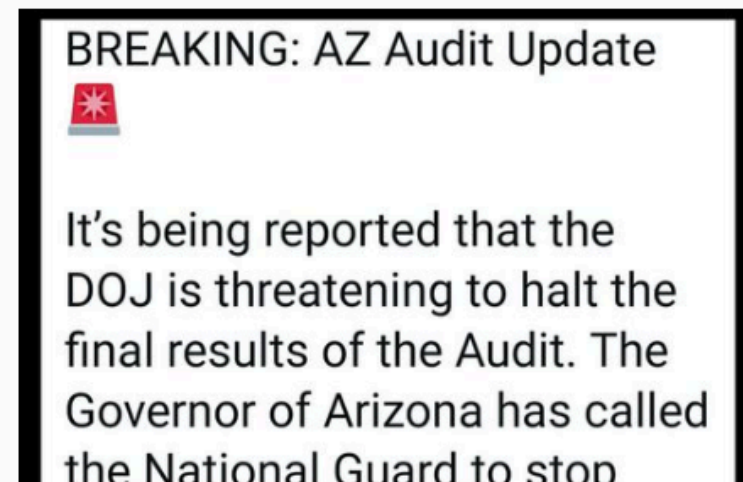
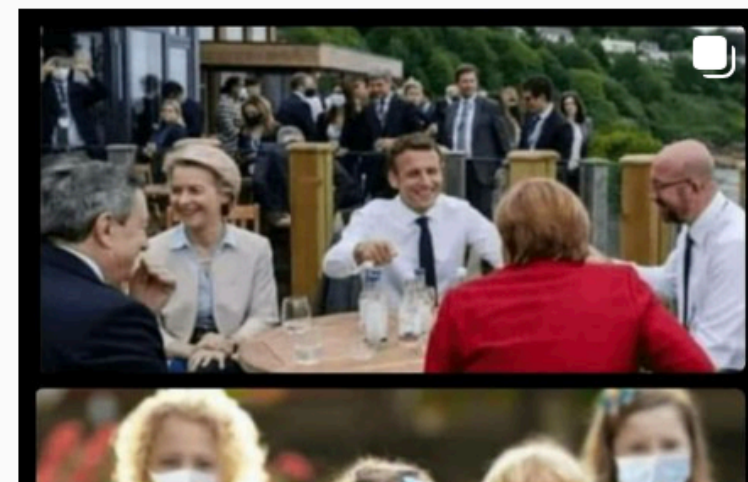


Highlights

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@keepseeking101
18,500 followers



redpillrevv

Message



1,166 posts

47.2k followers

203 following

Redpillrevv

Anti-indoctrination activist, mother, & wife

In support of a holistically-centered life

Arvesa | Empowered Wellness

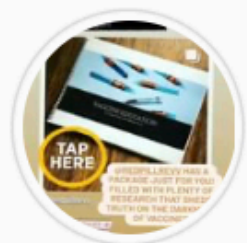
Make Critical Thinking Great Again

linktr.ee/Redpillrevv

Followed by dr.bentapper and bewarethenoodle



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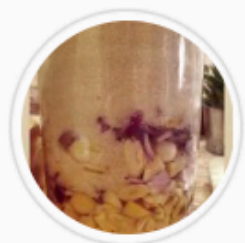
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Smallpox

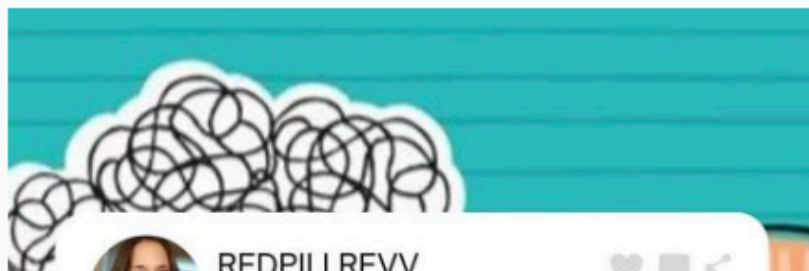
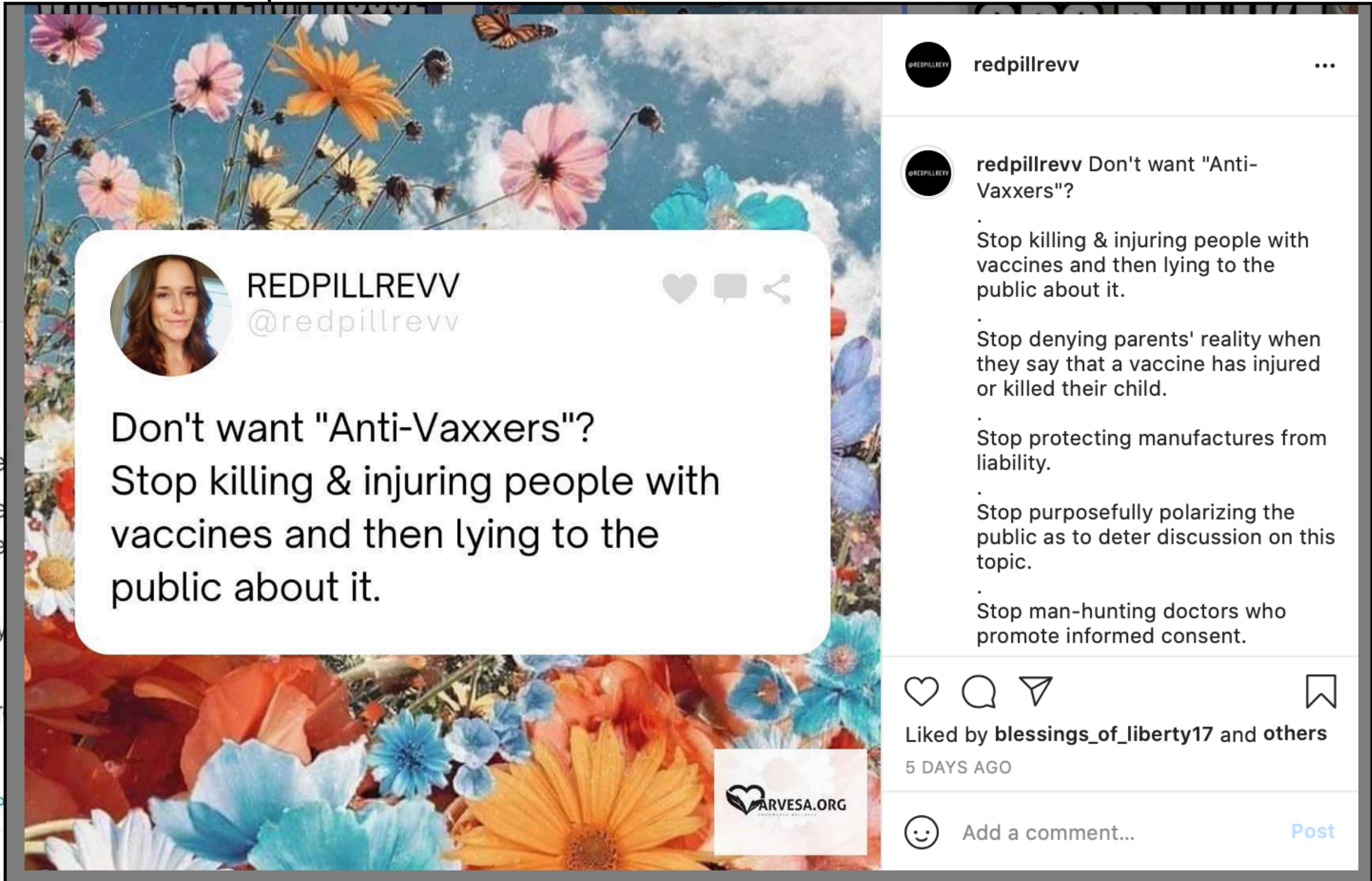
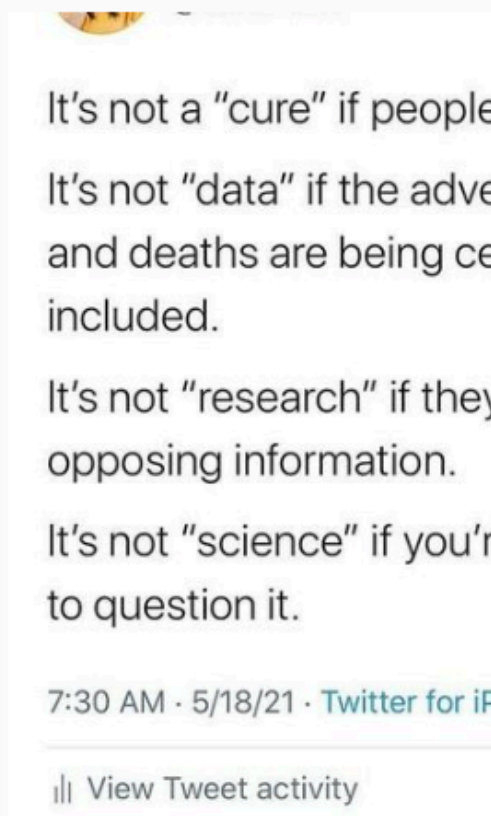


You Heal ...

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@redpillrevv
47,700 followers



picphysicians [Follow](#) [...](#)

1,447 posts 39.7k followers 122 following

PIC Physicians

Education

PIC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational org delivering data on infectious diseases and vaccines, and uniting doctors who support informed consent.

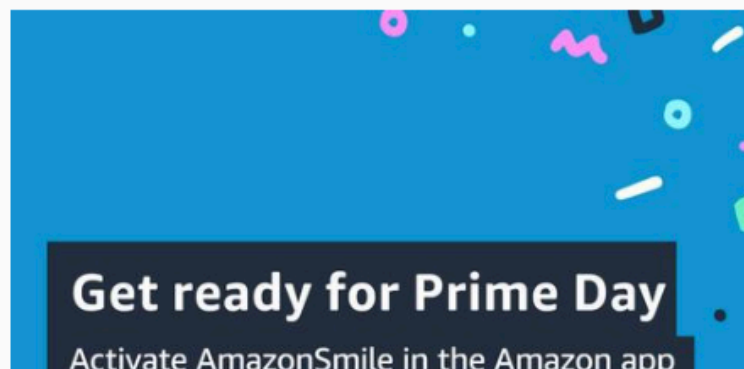
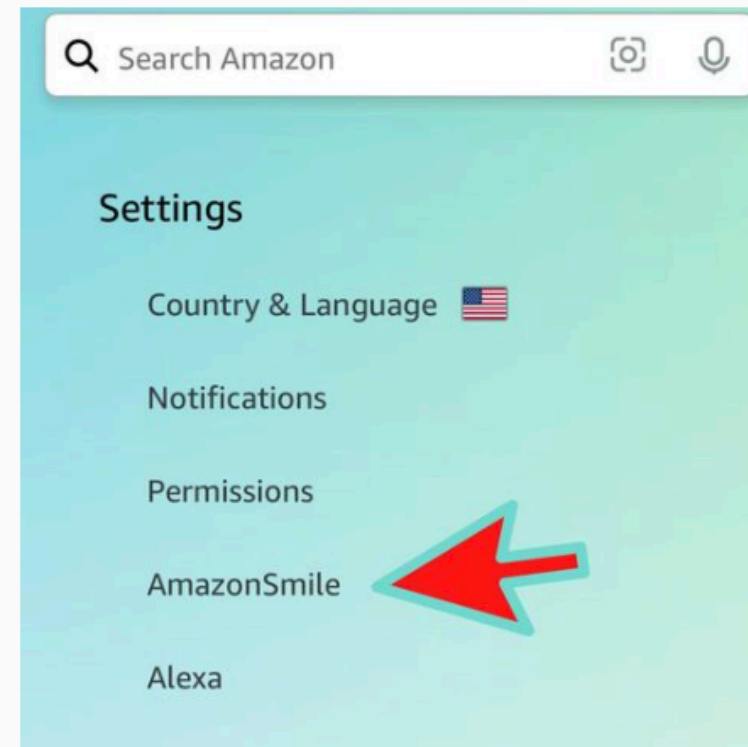
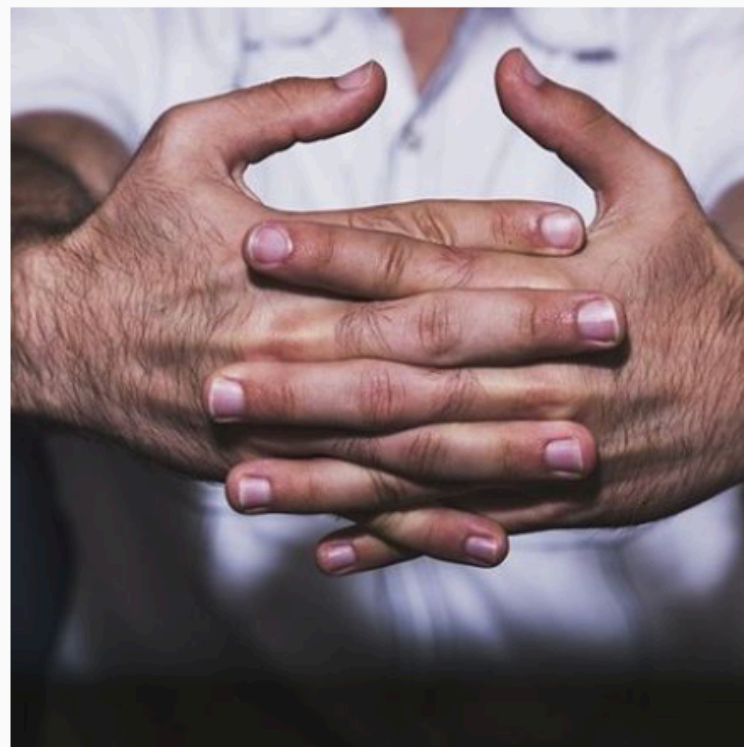
physiciansforinformedconsent.org/covid-19-vaccines



#PIC Birt...

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@picphysicians 39,700 followers

physiciansforinformedconsent.org



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A website that opposes mandatory vaccinations and publishes misleading information about the safety of vaccines, including the measles and flu vaccines.

Score: 39.5/100

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anti.vaccines

Message



188 posts 2,157 followers 154 following

Risk = Choice

Where there is a risk, there must be a choice!

#Christian #ExVaxxer #Intactivist #HumanRights

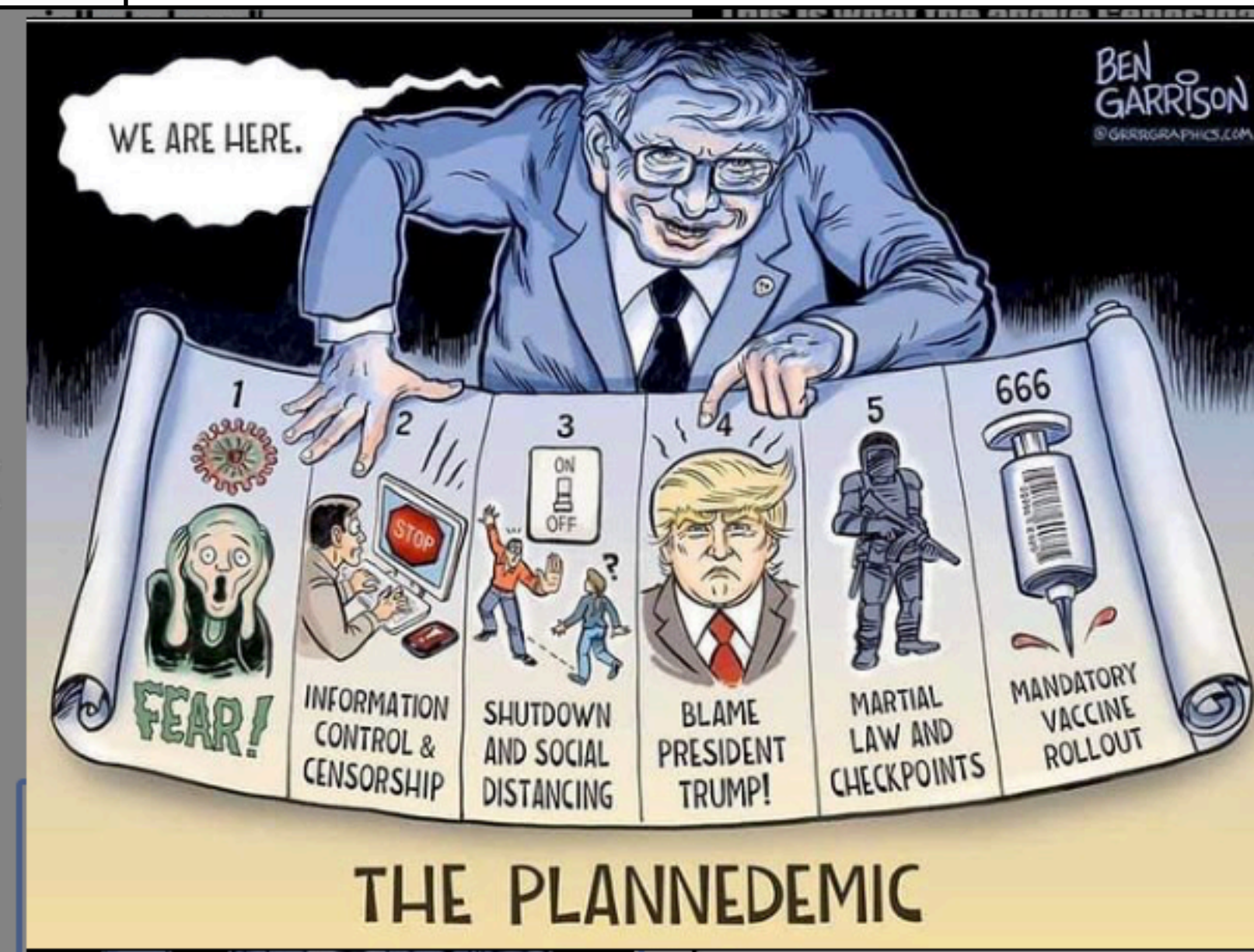
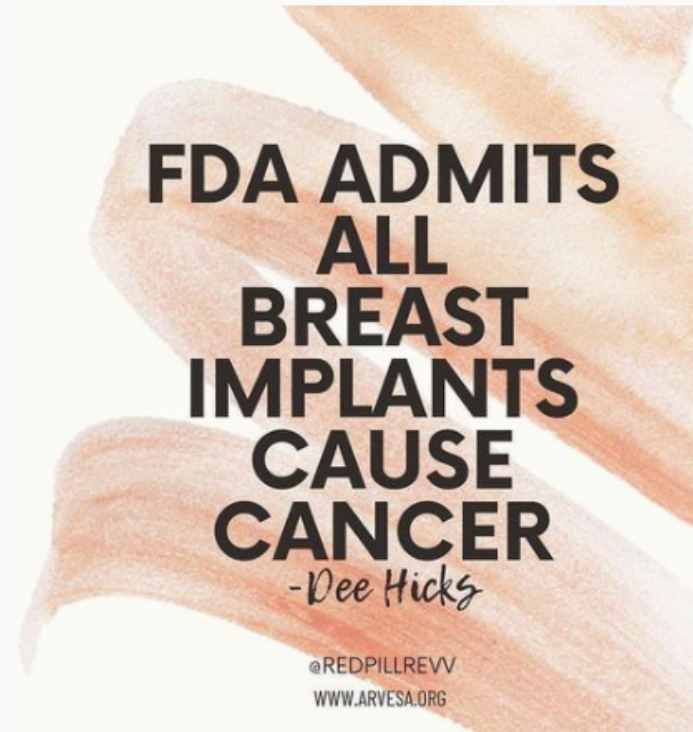
parler.com/profile/AntiVaccines/posts

Followed by anti.vaccine

@anti.vaccines 2,190 followers

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denier-of-basic-biology, man— who's going to be giving public health policy recommendations? We deserve it and more.



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anti.vaccines Do you see how this is starting to play out? Hmmm...

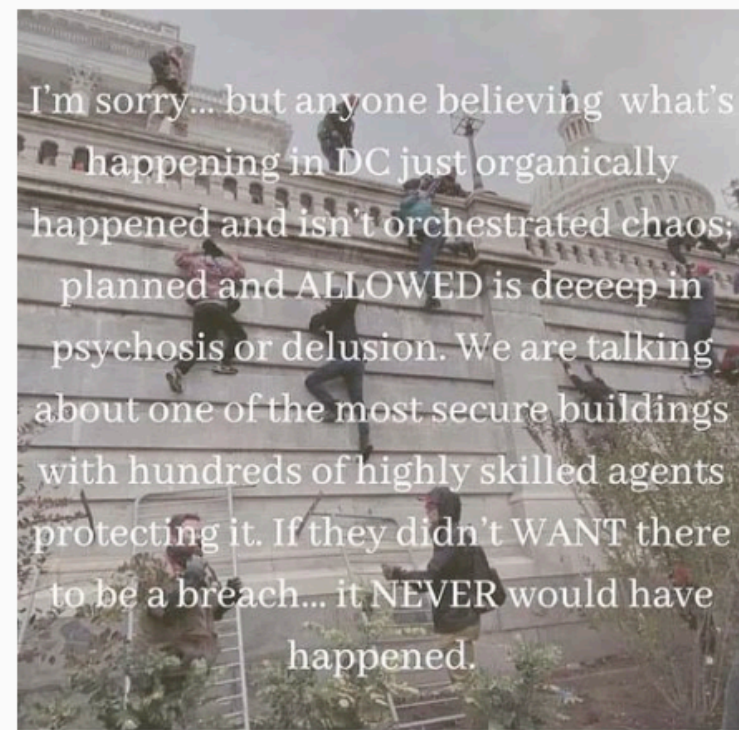
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Liked by keiaaa_dior and others

APRIL 1, 2020

Nothing compares to the pain of childbirth, except maybe listening to Karen discuss how much Tylenol she's been shoving down her recently vaccinated child's throat.



Comparative Study

Atopic dermatitis is increased following vaccination for measles, mumps and rubella or measles infection

Anne Braae Olesen et al. Acta Derm Venereol. 2003.

This report was produced using two proprietary datasets from NewsGuard.

The ***Misinformation Fingerprints*** dataset, a catalogue of data about top misinformation narratives, contains related keywords and search terms for all of the top misinformation and disinformation narratives spreading online--produced using human intelligence but designed for use with AI/ML/NLP tools to identify content matching specific false claims. NewsGuard analysts used the Misinformation Fingerprints dataset to identify relevant searches related to misinformation narratives about COVID-19 and other topics.

The second dataset used was the ***News Website Reliability Ratings***, which consists of credibility ratings for over 6,000 news and information websites that account for 95% of online engagement with news in the U.S., U.K., France, Germany and Italy. Each site's rating is based on nine basic, apolitical journalistic criteria. Based on the criteria, each site receives an overall designation of green (generally trustworthy) or red (generally not trustworthy) and a trust score of 0-100. NewsGuard's analyst used the News Website Reliability Ratings dataset to identify misinformation sources that appeared in the results for searches conducted as part of the analysis.

For the purposes of this analysis, we focused on searches for which the searcher's intent could reasonably have been to search for accurate information about a topic. The analysis used the same searches across all search engines analysed to ensure parity. Examples selected for the report represent an illustrative, but by no means exhaustive, list of search results that contain misinformation sources. Both the Misinformation Fingerprints and the News Website Reliability Index are available to be licensed for research and other purposes.