COVID-19 misinformation in anti-vaccination websites: a content analysis of archived websites

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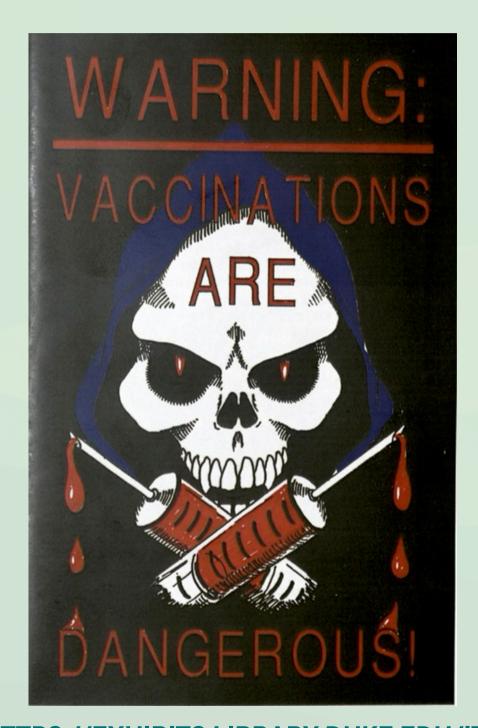
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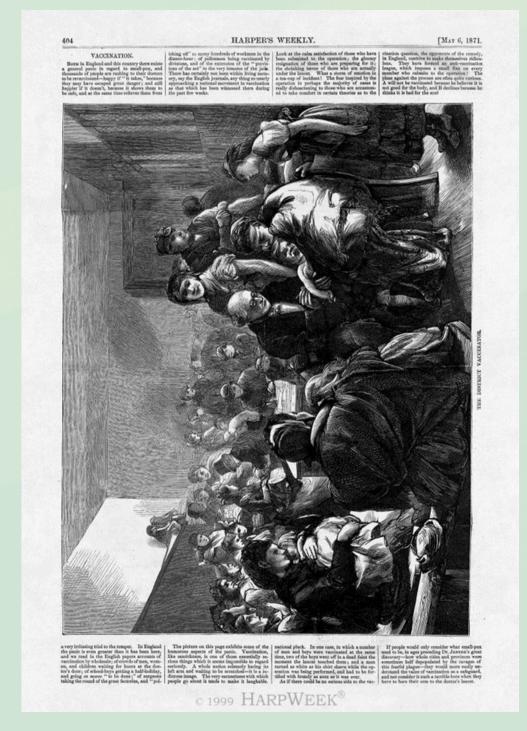
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- Historical Context
- Capturing the Ephemera of Today
- J.B Handley Case
- COVID-19 Misinformation
- Web Archiving for Misinformation Research

Historical context

Historical Context





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Historical Context



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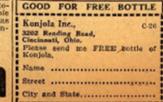
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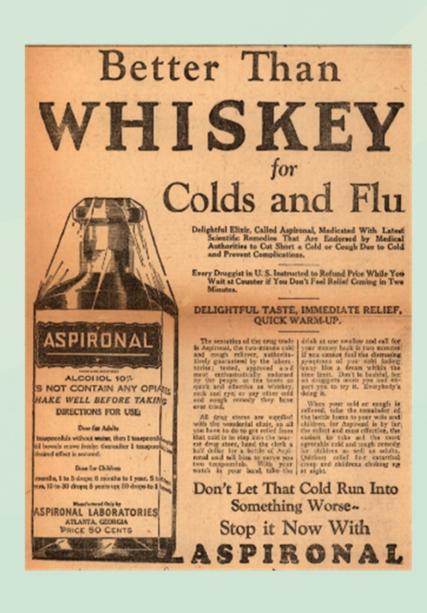
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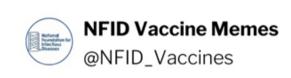




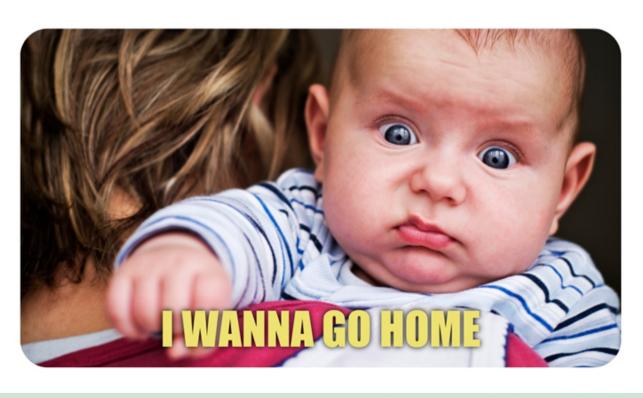
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Present Day





My face when someone tells me they are not up to date with their recommended vaccines



Capturing the ephemera of today



"The disappearance of heritage in whatever form constitutes an impoverishment of the heritage of all nations."



Web archiving: why it matters

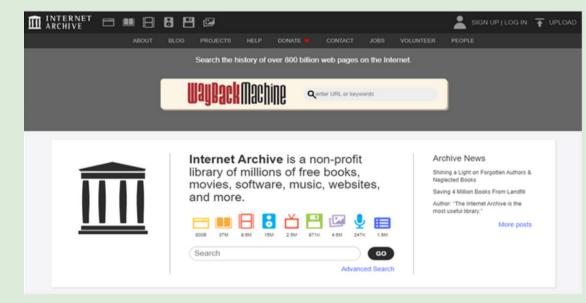
After one year, 80% of webpages are no longer available as they were originally published.

After 27 months, 13% of web references in scholarly articles disappear.





Web archiving with Archive-It

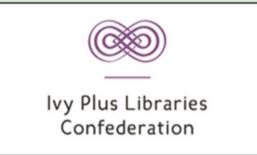


Internet Archive founded in 1996



Archive-It launched in 2006

Ivy Plus Libraries Web Collecting Program established in 2017



Vaccination in Modern America: Misinformation
vs. Public Health Advocacy
Collected by: Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation
Archived since: Jan, 2020

Vaccination in Modern America Web Archive created in January 2020

Vaccination in Modern America: Misinformation vs. Public Health Advocacy

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Archived since: Jan. 2020

Description: The Vaccination in Modern America: Misinformation vs. Public Health Advocacy Web Archiv is an initiative developed by librarians in the Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation. The Archive identifies and aptures webpages representing the current state of public discourse and contrasting approaches to uthority on the topic in the United States, with a focus on sites that are both pro- and anti-vaccination. Th ourpose of this collection is to capture potentially ephemeral information about vaccination that could be notivations, practices, and outcomes of health information and misinformation. Anti-vaccination sites were se that focus on chemical vaccine adjuvants or organic natural living as a replacement for vaccina Prominent natural living advocates and bloggers who have made anti-vaccination arguments, or who ha ed sympathies to vaccine avoidance, have been included to provide additional context around an

sject: Science & Health. Vaccines — Government policy, Vaccination — Social aspects, Vaccination –

Creator: Ivy Plus Libraries Confederation

- 40 seeds (aka websites)
 - 27 anti-vaccination
 - 12 pro-vaccination
 - 1 anti and pro
- New seeds added
- Crawled every 6 months
- Collection: https://duke.is/wjy49

Sites for this collection are listed below. Narrow your results at left, or enter a search query below to find a site, specific URL or to search the text of archived webpages.

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Sort By: Title (A-Z) | Title (Z-A) | URL (A-Z) | URL (Z-A)

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Captured 10 times between February 03, 2020 and March 01, 2023

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Group: Anti-vaccination Language: English

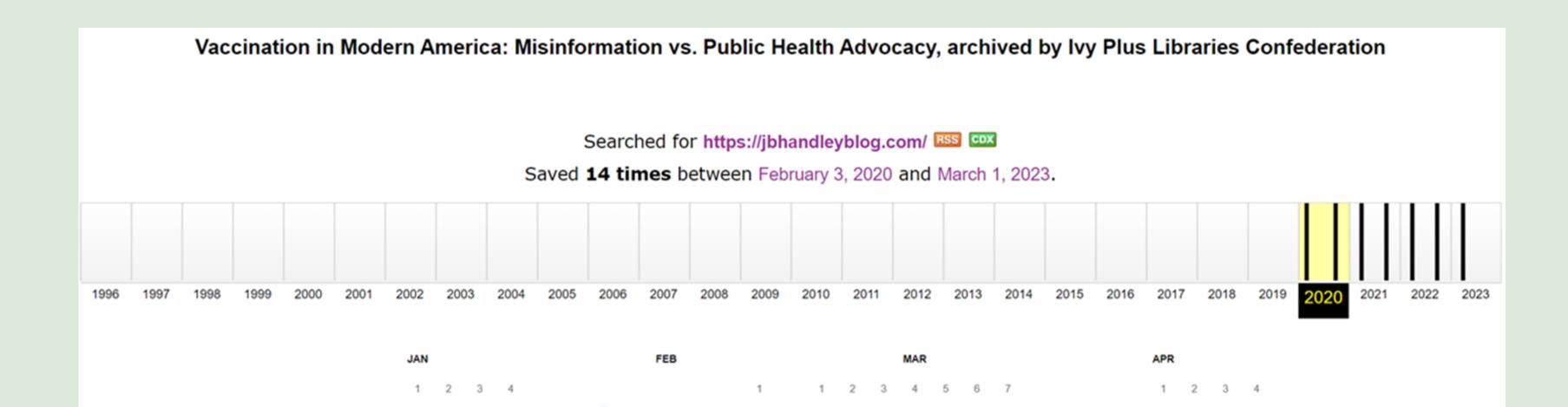
The case of J.B. Handley

J.B. Handley



About the Author

J.B. Handley is the best-selling author of How to End the Autism Epidemic and co-author with his son Jamie of a new book, Underestimated: An Autism Miracle. Together with his wife Lisa, he founded Generation Rescue, a non- profit organization dedicated to autism recovery. He and his wife also produced the documentary film Autism Yesterday. J.B. founded Swander Pace Capital, a middle-market private equity firm with more than \$1.5 billion under management where he served as managing director for two decades. He is an honors graduate of Stan- ford University and lives in Portland, Oregon, with Lisa and their three children.



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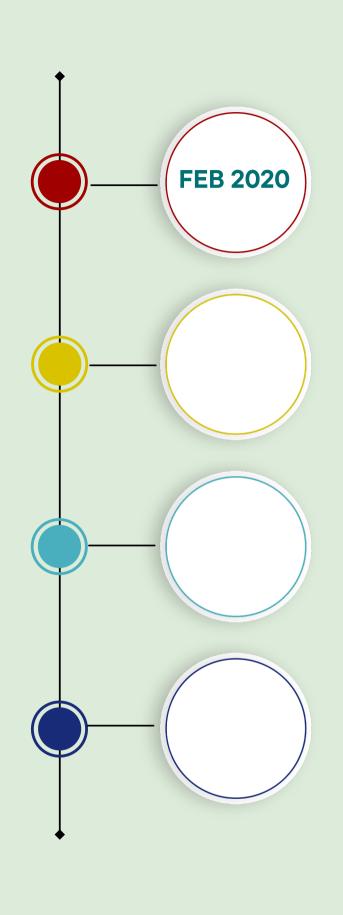
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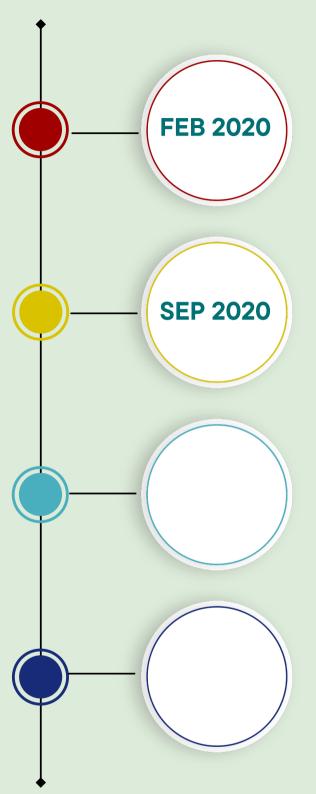
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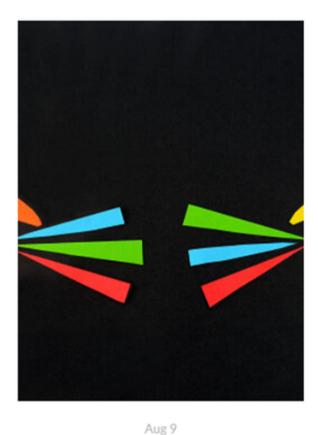
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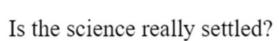
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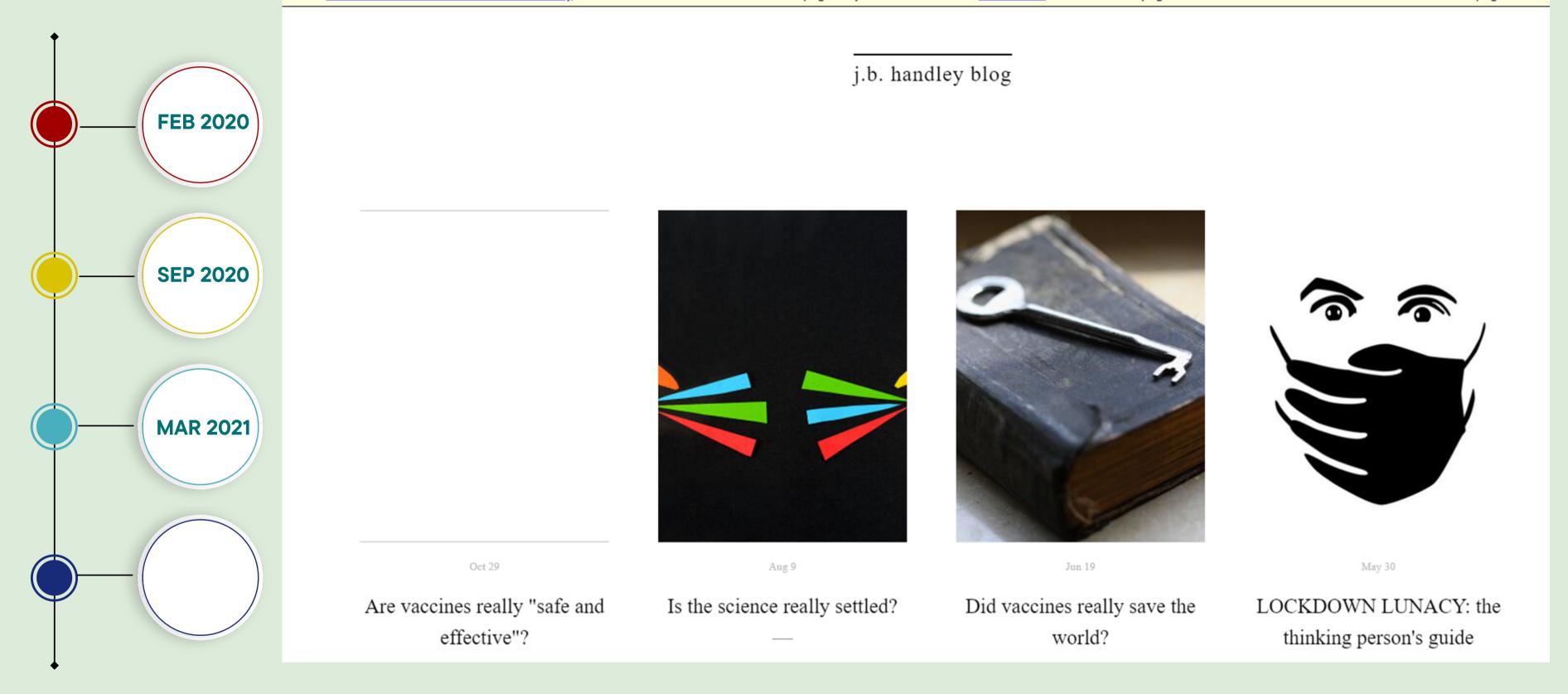


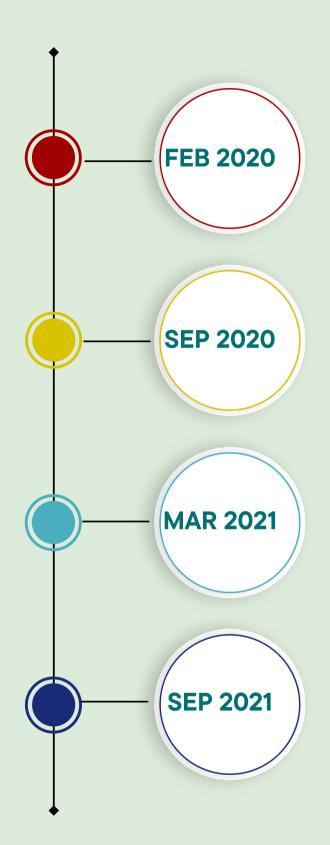
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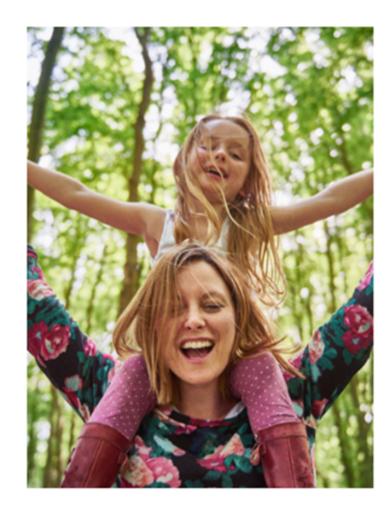






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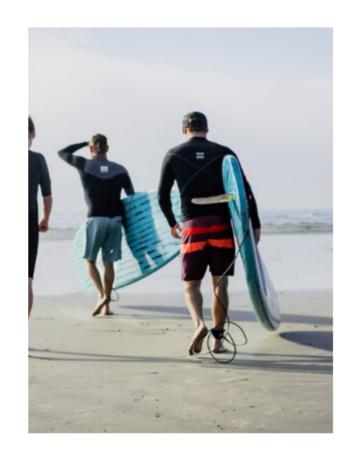
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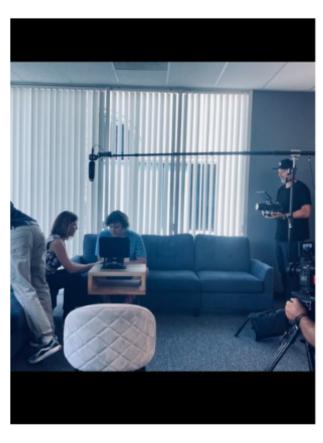
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Here comes SPELLERS, the year's most important film



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ASHA tells 50 million nonspeakers, "you aren't capable."



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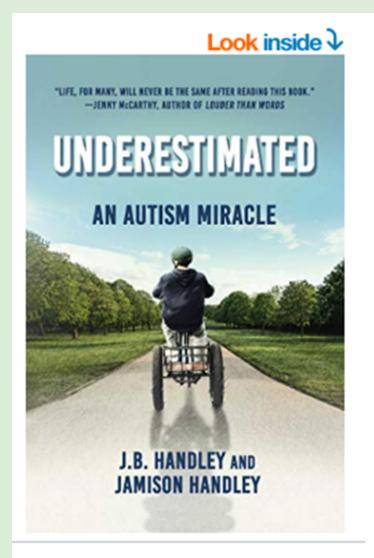


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What Happened?





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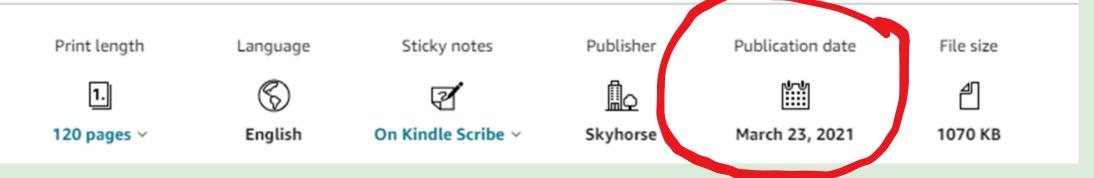
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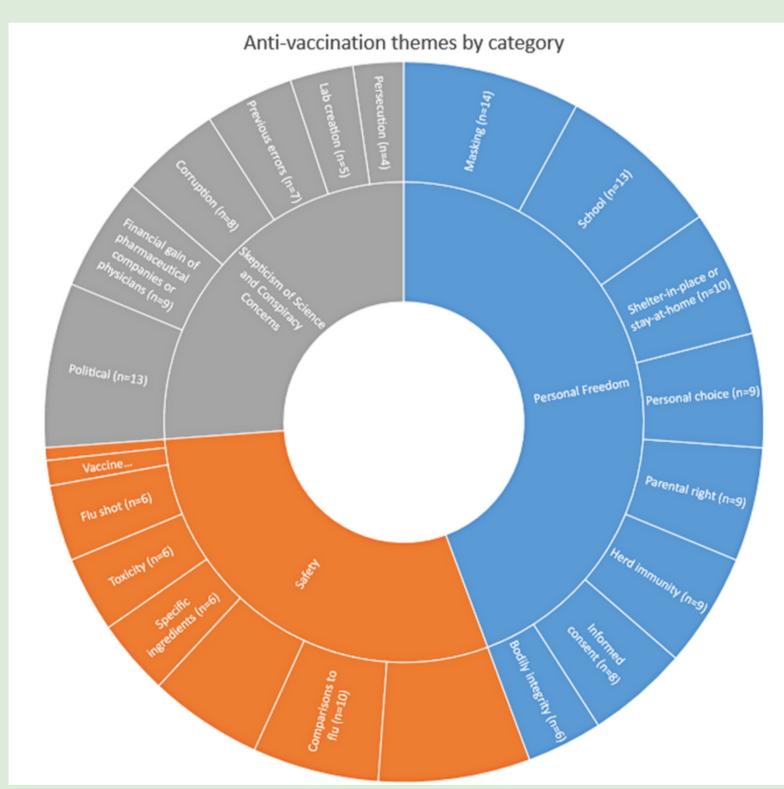


COVID-19 Misinformation

COVID-19 and Anti-Vaccination Information Behavior

- Content analysis of the antivaccination websites in The Vaccination in Modern America Web Archive (n=25)
- Two pronged study:
 - Assess prepandemic anti-vax sites' COVID behavior
 - Test the web archive
- Coding schema (informed by existing anti-vax research) and codebook available with the manuscript
- Websites were assessed across broad categories:
 - COVID-19 vaccines (whether they mentioned them at all or by brand name)
 - Personal freedom (masking, bodily integrity, stay-at-home orders)
 - Safety concerns (compromised research process, inclusion of specific ingredients)
 - Distrust of science and institutions (financial motivations, corruptions, biological warfare)
- Analysis occurred during Dec 2021-Jan 2022
- Archived and live sites were used

COVID-19 and Anti-Vaccination Information Behavior



- More than half (n=14, 56%) of sites solicited donations
- About half (n=12, 48%) mention their tax status. We did not collect tax status details, but sites largely purported to be nonprofits.
- In addition to collecting donations, 18 (72%) sites had a membership option of some kind.
- About two-thirds (n=16, 64%) of sites address COVID-19 vaccines in some way and
 - More than one-third mention at least 1 COVID-19 vaccine
 - Moderna was the most commonly mentioned (n=11, 44%), closely followed by Pfizer (n=9, 36%).
- 16 (64%) sites referencing some element of personal freedom
- 15 (60%) referencing skepticism of science and conspiracy concerns
- 52% referencing safety concerns



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Observations on using web archives for misinformation research

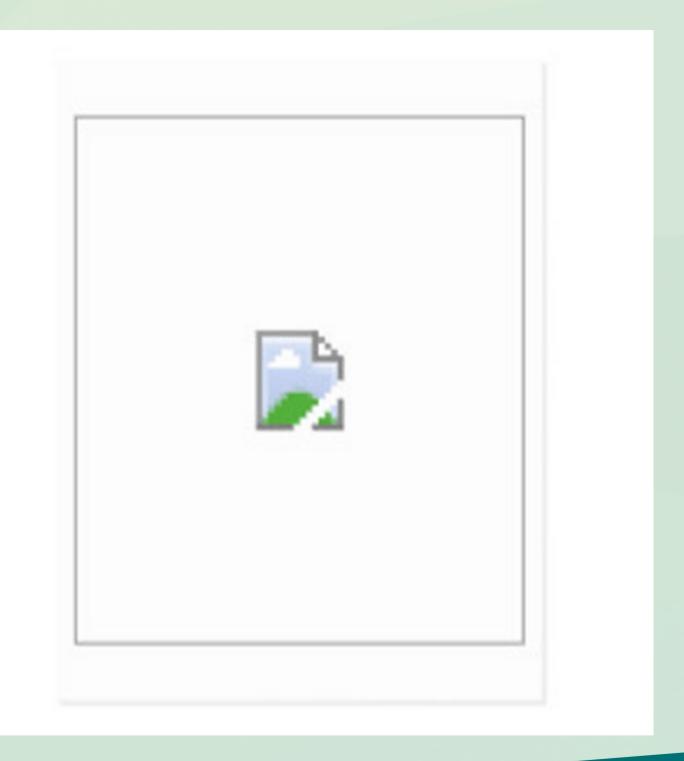
What Works

- Seeing what is missing can lead to understanding changes
- Much site content is captured



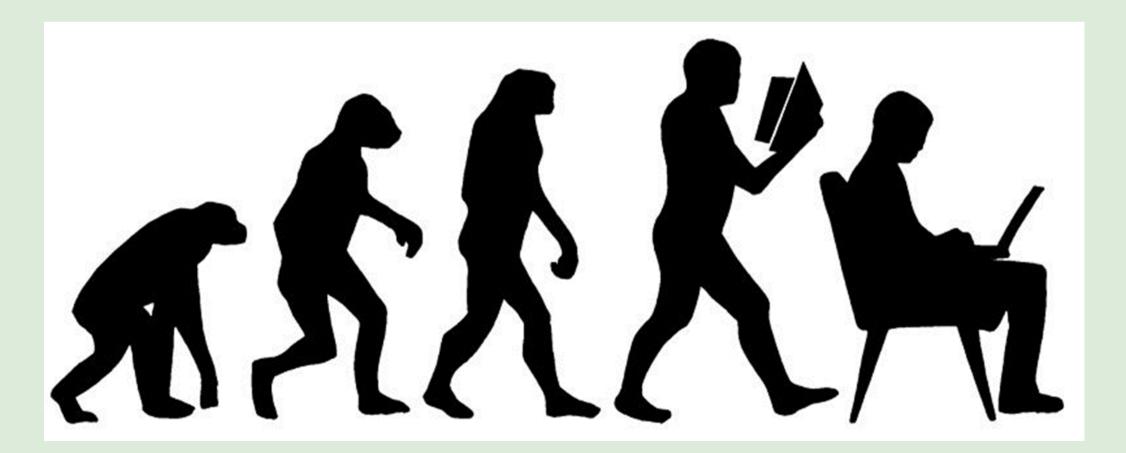
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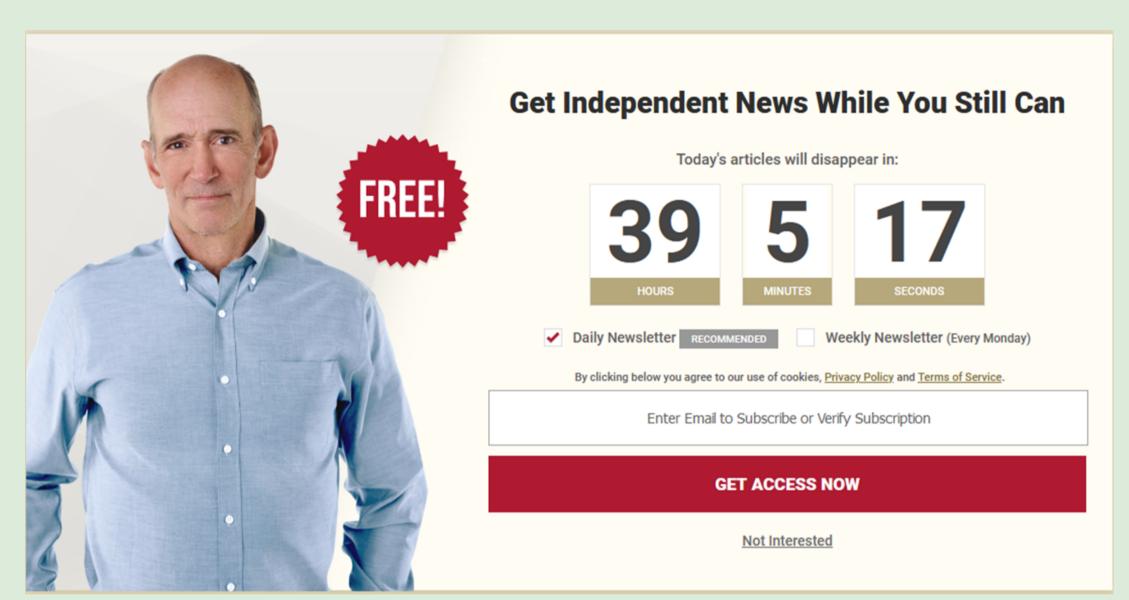
- Graphics, videos, external links
- Search
- Slow processing times
- Premium content behind paywall
- Newsletters
- Social media

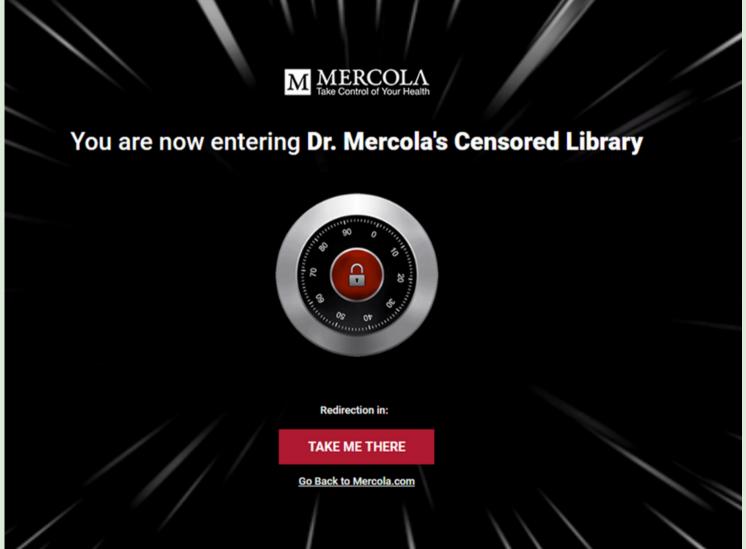


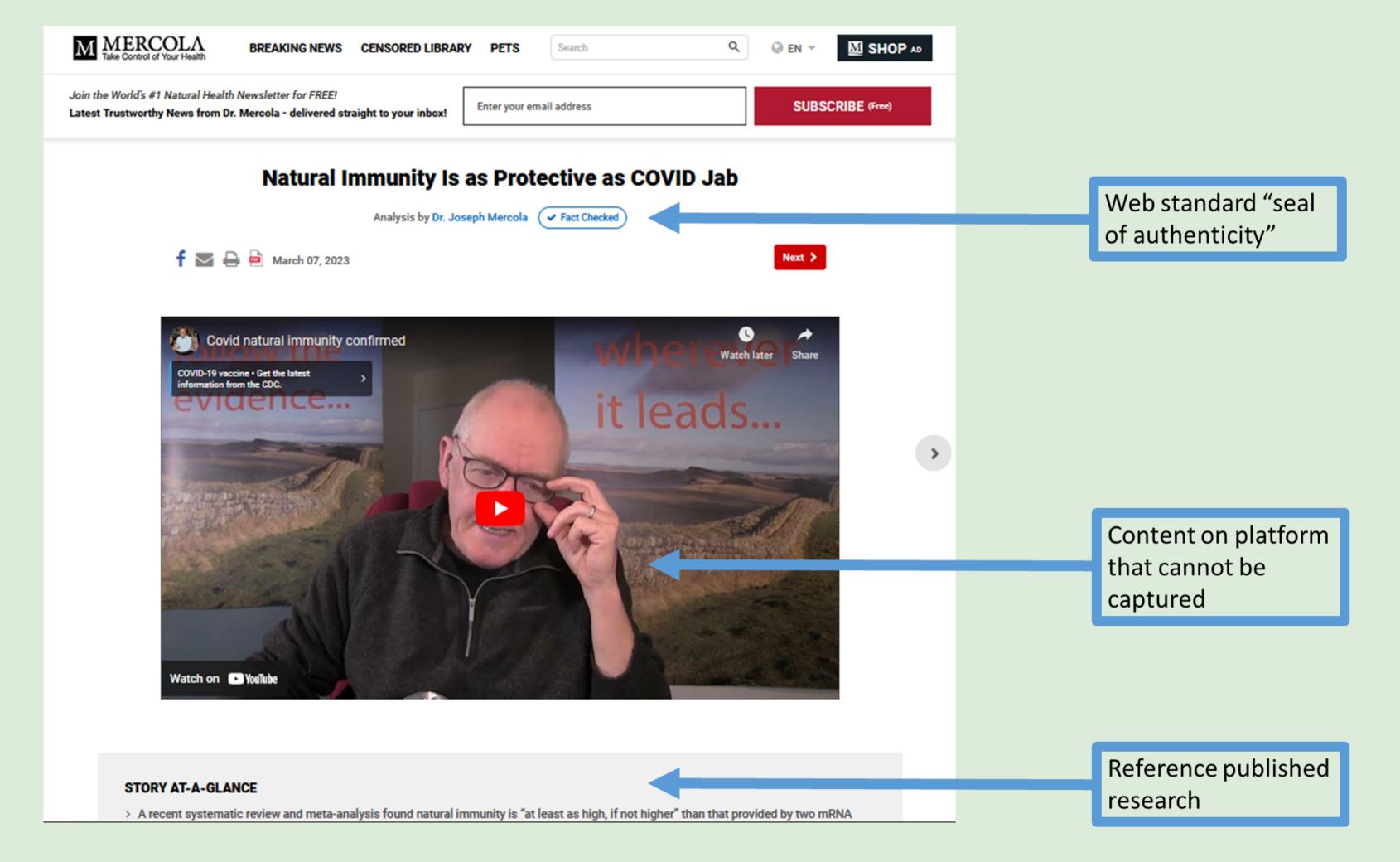
Concerns for the present and the future

- Content "expires"
- Adopted indicators of quality, such as seals of approval (Charity Navigator)
- Platform hopping
- ·Using strategies that avoid capture, like premium and newsletter









According to Kirsch, this is yet another "nail in the coffin" for the COVID jab. Alas, there are major errors and flaws^{17,18} in the data that allows the British government to claim the jabbed are doing better than the unjabbed, so this nail is still unlikely to seal the proverbial COVID casket shut.

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In summary, the key findings from the U.K. ONS data set are that excess mortality has steadily risen in 2022 while the attribution of deaths to COVID-19 has steadily declined. So, something other than COVID is killing people at an exaggerated rate, and no one in government can figure out what that is.

A Master's Course in Data Manipulation

The data manipulation that doggedly persistent analysts have unearthed over the past three years truly boggle the mind. Governments around the world have been caught using every conceivable trick to obscure data that would otherwise break the narrative that COVID-19 is a significant threat, early treatment doesn't work and the experimental COVID jabs are safe and effective.

I've covered many (but certainly not all) of these tactics as they were discovered. In closing, here's yet another one.

In the Substack, "Where Are the Numbers?" Norman Fenton (a mathematician and computer scientist) and Martin Neil (a computer science and statistics professor) provide²⁰ a step-by-step guide on how to manufacture "high-efficacy illusions" such as a study that claims the COVID shot is 90% effective even when the jabbed end up getting infected. As noted by Fenton and Neil-

Spotlight quotes and use references that look valid but are just other people's newsletters. This one is to "Igor's Newsletter"

Use headers that make strong implications that may or may not be substantiated

Create the Virus and Get Paid for the Vaccine

In related news, Moderna recently agreed to pay \$400 million to the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) for the patent it holds to its mRNA shot. The patent process is a part of the COVID mRNA shots that the media haven't really addressed.

As it turns out, behind the scenes, the manufacturers not only are fighting with the federal government over the core technology's origins but have been in ongoing litigation over it. Now, Moderna has finally agreed to pay.

According to Fierce Pharma,²² Moderna revealed in its latest earnings statement that the company had agreed to "a \$400 million 'catch-up payment' under a new royalty-bearing license agreement between the parties."

So, does the payment hit the company hard? "Moderna pulled down around \$36 billion in COVID-19 vaccine sales across 2021 and 2022, its two big launch years," Fierce Pharma said, adding, "While the \$400 million payment represents only around 1% of the company's total COVID-19 vaccine sales over that span, the lump-sum nature of the 'catch-up payment' drove up Moderna's fourth quarter's costs."

So, this is quite the racket the NIAID has going. First, it helps create the virus, and then it gets royalty payments for the supposed "vaccine"!

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My latest book, "The Truth About COVID-19," is an instant best-seller. After thousands of reviews it has a nearly perfect 5-star rating, so grab your copy today before it's too late!



The Truth
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Reference ulterior motives of others (in this case, pharmaceutical company profits)

Promote commercial products

- Web archiving and Archive-IT have opportunities and limitations.
- We hope that sharing our results and observations here and in our article will help spur other researchers to use web archives for misinformation and other research.
- We also hope that development on web archiving tools is enhanced to capture interconnected information, social media, paywalled and subscription content, search and embedded video and graphical content.



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