

25 Facts About the Pharmaceutical Industry, Vaccines and “Anti-Vaxers”

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During the recent measles outbreak, the mainstream media blamed the epidemic solely on non vaccinated children, even though people who were vaccinated caught the disease and some vaccines have proven to be inefficient in the past. Without the slightest nuance, the mainstream media constantly portrays people reluctant to accept just any vaccine as “anti-vaxers”, irresponsible and misinformed people, relying on irrational fears and the one and only “fraudulent” Andrew Wakefield study linking autism to vaccines. (Watch Lina B. Moreco’s documentary [Shots in the Dark](#), which features Dr. Wakefield and thankful parents of his young patients with autism.)

In reality, many so-called “anti-vaxers” are not ALL totally against vaccines. While some people may be totally against any kind of

vaccination, many, including doctors and health specialists, question certain vaccines, ingredients in the vaccines and/or the vaccination schedule. This is not based on a survey but on my own perception resulting from the fair amount of articles on vaccines and the pharmaceutical industry that I've read over the last five years as a journalist. There are a large number of doctors and health specialists who have done truly independent research and who criticize vaccination based on scientific studies and solid evidence.

Why is the media so keen on portraying Big Pharma critics as crazy, uneducated, unscientific and irresponsible people?

Dr Marcia Angell worked for over two decades as editor of The New England Journal of Medicine. She was fired after criticizing the pharmaceutical industry, which had exerted an overriding and negative influence on the scientific literature. [She said](#):

“It is simply no longer possible to believe much of the clinical research that is published.”

Numerous journalists say the same goes for the mainstream media.

We bring to the attention of our readers 25 facts which constitute only part of a larger body of independent scientific research and articles on vaccines and the pharmaceutical industry. Some mainstream articles have been included as well to show how the media overlooks stories it has published in the past because they don't fit with their “anti-vaxer” portrait.

The objective of this list is to provide independent research and sources of information on vaccination and Big Pharma, which is what the mainstream media fails to do and instead blindly promotes the narrative and agenda of Big Pharma.

(All emphasis added. Most titles are quotes from the articles they are linked to.)

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1- China has measles outbreaks but 99% are vaccinated

A recent study published in PLoS titled, “[Difficulties in eliminating measles and controlling rubella and mumps: a cross-sectional study of a first measles and rubella vaccination and a second measles, mumps, and rubella vaccination](#),” has brought to light the **glaring ineffectiveness of two measles vaccines** (measles–rubella (MR) or [measles–mumps–rubella](#)(MMR)) in fulfilling their widely claimed promise of preventing outbreaks in highly vaccine compliant populations. (Sayer Ji, [Why Is China Having Measles Outbreaks When 99% Are Vaccinated?](#), GreenMedInfo 20 September 2014)

2- Mandatory Chickenpox Vaccination Increases Disease Rates, Study Shows

[Varicella](#), or the **chicken pox vaccination**, has been mandated in **South Korea since 2005**. Infants from 12 to 15 months are required by law to receive a vaccination. By 2011, the country reached a near universal compliance rate, however, **varicella patients did not decrease; they have increased since reaching this mandated level of vaccination**.

The number of chicken pox patients [reported to](#) the Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (KCDC) has increased from 22.6 cases per 100,000 in 2006 to 71.6 cases per 100,000 in 2011. That’s a huge difference and ample proof that the

vaccination program isn't working to control the spread of the disease. (Christina Sarich, [With 97% Compliance Chicken Pox Vaccine Still Causes Outbreaks](#), Natural Society, January 08, 2015)

3- In a 2012 measles outbreak in Quebec (Canada) over half of the cases were in vaccinated teenagers

An investigation into an outbreak in a high school in a town that was heavily hit by the virus found that about **half of the cases were in teens who had received the [recommended two doses](#) of vaccine in childhood** — in other words, teens whom authorities would have expected to have been protected from the measles virus.

It's generally assumed that the measles vaccine, when given in a two-dose schedule in early childhood, **should protect against measles infection about 99 per cent of the time.** So the discovery that **52 of the 98 teens who caught measles were fully vaccinated came as a shock to the researchers** who conducted the investigation. (The Canadian Press, [Measles among vaccinated Quebec kids questioned](#), CBC, October 20, 2011)

4- In 1987 a measles outbreak was documented among a fully immunized group of children

In 1987, for example, a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM) documented a measles outbreak that occurred in Corpus Christi, Texas, in the spring of 1985. **Fourteen adolescent-age students, all of whom had been vaccinated for measles, contracted the disease despite having been injected with the MMR vaccine.** Researchers noted that more

than **99 percent of students at the school — basically all of them — had also been vaccinated**, with more than 95 percent of them showing detectable antibodies to measles. (Ethan A. Huff, [Measles Outbreak Documented Among Fully Immunized Group of Children](#), Natural News 15 February 2015)

5- Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Own Data Shows Links Between Vaccines and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)

What happens when the actual **evidence from the scientific and clinical literature produced by these very agencies contradicts their own vaccine policies?**

This is exactly what has happened with the publication of a new study in the Journal of Pediatrics titled ,”[Adverse Events following Haemophilus influenzae Type b Vaccines in the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System, 1990-2013](#),” wherein **CDC and FDA researchers identify 749 deaths linked to the administration of the Hib vaccine, 51% of which were sudden infant death linked to the administration of Hib vaccine**. (Sayer Ji, [Centers for Disease Control's \(CDC\) Own Data Shows Links Between Vaccines and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome \(SIDS\)](#), GreenMedInfo 23 January 2015)

6- Japan banned the MMR vaccine in 1993 “after 1.8 million children had been given two types of MMR and a record number developed non-viral meningitis and other adverse reactions.”

The Japanese government realised there was a problem with MMR soon after its introduction in April 1989 when vaccination was compulsory. Parents who refused had to pay a small fine.

An analysis of vaccinations over a three-month period showed one in every 900 children was experiencing problems. This was over 2,000 times higher than the expected rate of one child in every 100,000 to 200,000. (Jenny Hope, [Why Japan banned MMR vaccine](#), Daily Mail)

7- A study concluded nations that require more vaccine doses tend to have higher infant mortality rates.

The **US childhood immunization schedule requires 26 vaccine doses for infants aged less than 1 year, the most in the world, yet 33 nations have better IMRs [Infant Mortality Rates]**

Some countries have IMRs that are less than half the US rate: Singapore, Sweden, and Japan are below 2.80. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), “The relative position of the United States in comparison to countries with the lowest infant mortality rates appears to be worsening.”

These findings demonstrate a counter-intuitive relationship: nations that require more vaccine doses tend to have higher infant mortality rates. (Neil Z Miller and Gary S Goldman, [Infant mortality rates regressed against number of vaccine doses routinely given: Is there a biochemical or synergistic toxicity?](#), U.S. National Library of Medicine, September 2011)

8- The U.S. has a vaccine court apparently designed to “Shield Manufacturers from Liability”

For years, the corporate media was reluctant to admit that it even existed. But the **special court system designed to handle vaccine injury cases** — and ultimately sweep them under the

rug as quickly as possible — has hit the mainstream news for its **failure to adequately and propitiously compensate families of vaccine-injured children.** (Ethan A. Huff, [Secretive Vaccine Court Exposed: Designed to Shield Manufacturers from Liability](#), Natural News, November 19, 2014)

9- Beyond admitting to fraud in a 2004 Centers for Disease Control (CDC) study that exonerated the MMR vaccine, Dr. William Thompson, a CDC scientist, asserts there is a connection between mercury (thimerosal) in vaccines and autism. (Jon Rappoport, [U.S. Centers for Disease Control Whistleblower: Mercury \(Thimerosal\) in Vaccines Causes Autism](#), No More Fake News, September 05, 2014)

10- Back in 2002, William Thompson was already aware of [study results linking the MMR vaccine to a very large increase in autism risk](#) among African-American children. [See Brian Hooker's published paper here](#), with a full analysis of the CDC's own data revealing a 340% increased risk of autism in African-American children following the MMR vaccine. (Mike Adams, [Autism Links to Vaccines: Whistleblower Reveals Evidence of Criminal Coverup by the Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), Natural News August 26, 2014)

11- According to a CDC epidemiologist named Tom Verstraeten, who had analyzed the agency's massive database containing the medical records of 100,000 children, a mercury-based preservative in the vaccines — thimerosal — appeared to be responsible for a dramatic increase in autism and a host of other neurological disorders among children. ([Robert F. Kennedy Jr, Vaccinations: Deadly Immunity. Government Cover-up of a Mercury / Autism](#)

12- Instead of taking immediate steps to alert the public and rid the vaccine supply of thimerosal, the officials and executives [discussed] how to cover up the damaging data. (Ibid.)

The **CDC paid the Institute of Medicine to conduct a new study to whitewash the risks of thimerosal**, ordering researchers to **“rule out” the chemical’s link to autism**.

It withheld Verstraeten’s findings, even though they had been slated for immediate publication, and told other scientists that **his original data had been “lost” and could not be replicated**. And to thwart the Freedom of Information Act, it handed its **giant database of vaccine records over to a private company, declaring it off-limits to researchers**. By the time Verstraeten finally published his study in 2003, he had gone to work for GlaxoSmithKline and reworked his data to bury the link between thimerosal and autism.

11- Since 1991, when the CDC and the FDA had recommended that three additional vaccines laced with the preservative be given to extremely young infants [...] the estimated number of cases of autism had increased fifteenfold [in 2005], from one in every 2,500 children to one in 166 children.(Ibid.)

Here is the CDC chart available today on [its website](#):

Identified Prevalence of Autism Spectrum Disorder
ADDM Network 2000-2008
Combining Data from All Sites

Surveillance Year	Birth Year	Number of ADDM Sites Reporting	Prevalence per 1,000 Children (Range)	This is about 1 in X children...
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2000	1992	6	6.7 (4.5 – 9.9)	1 in 150
2002	1994	14	6.6 (3.3 – 10.6)	1 in 150
2004	1996	8	8.0 (4.6 – 9.8)	1 in 125
2006	1998	11	9.0 (4.2 – 12.1)	1 in 110
2008	2000	14	11.3 (4.8 – 21.2)	1 in 88
2010	2002	11	14.7 (5.7 – 21.9)	1 in 68

An [MIT researcher has linked autism to glyphosate](#), the chemical herbicide used in Monsanto Roundup.

12- Vaccine manufacturers [...] continued to sell off their mercury-based supplies of vaccines until last year [2004].

The CDC and FDA [bought] up the tainted vaccines for export to developing countries and allowed drug companies to continue using the preservative in some American vaccines — including several pediatric flu shots as well as tetanus boosters routinely given to eleven-year-olds. (Ibid.)

13- Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, who has received \$873,000 in contributions from the pharmaceutical industry, has been working to immunize vaccine makers from liability in 4,200 lawsuits that have been filed by the parents of injured children. (Ibid.)

14- Seasonal Flu Shots still contain thimerosal.

Look at the monographs. For example the one from [Vaxigrip from Sanofi Pasteur](#) states on page 4 the mercury-based preservative is in its multidose vial:

“Clinically Relevant Non-medicinal Ingredients: **thimerosal*** , formaldehyde, Triton® X-100†, neomycin”

15- Dr. Scott Reuben former member of Pfizer’s speakers’ bureau published dozens of fake study in medical journals

Dr. Reuben accepted a **\$75,000 grant from Pfizer to study Celebrex in 2005...** His research, which was published in a medical journal, has since been quoted by hundreds of other doctors and researchers as **“proof” that Celebrex helped reduce pain during post-surgical recovery. .. No patients were ever enrolled in the study!**

He also **faked study data on Bextra and Vioxx drugs...** [T]he peer-reviewed medical journal **Anesthesia & Analgesia was forced to retract 10 “scientific” papers** authored by Reuben... 21 articles written by Dr. Reuben that appear in medical journals have apparently been fabricated, too, and must be retracted. ([Big Pharma researcher admits to faking dozens of research studies for Pfizer, Merck \(opinion\), Mike Adams](#), NaturalNews.com, February 18, 2010)

16- To this day thimerosal is still used in flu vaccines

For example, in the [Vaxigrip monograph](#) says: “The multidose vial of this vaccine contains thimerosal as a preservative. Thimerosal has been associated with allergic reactions.”

17- There are at least [97 studies showing links](#) between vaccines and autism.

18- The CDC claims “there is no convincing evidence of harm caused by the low doses of thimerosal in vaccines”, but that

health authorities “agreed that thimerosal should be reduced or eliminated in vaccines as a precautionary measure.”

On thimerosal, the CDC [website states](#):

“Since 2001, with the exception of some influenza (flu) vaccines, thimerosal is not used as a preservative in routinely recommended childhood vaccines. Thimerosal is a mercury-containing preservative used in some vaccines and other products since the 1930’s. except for minor reactions like redness and swelling at the injection site. However, in July 1999, the Public Health Service agencies, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and vaccine manufacturers agreed that thimerosal should be reduced or eliminated in vaccines as a precautionary measure. “

19- Industry-sponsored trials published in medical journals consistently favor sponsors

In view of this control and the conflicts of interest that permeate the enterprise, it is not surprising that industry-sponsored trials published in medical journals consistently favor sponsors —**largely because negative results are not published, positive results are repeatedly published in slightly different forms, and a positive spin is put on even negative results.** A review of seventy-four clinical trials of antidepressants, for example, found that **thirty-seven of thirty-eight positive studies were published.** But of the **thirty-six negative studies, thirty-three were either not published** or published in a form that conveyed a positive outcome.” – Marcia Angell, MD ([Dr. Gary G. Kohls, Beware the Drug Companies, How they Deceive Us: “Criticizing Big Pharma”](#) Global Research, February 16, 2015)

20- Nearly half of published articles in scientific journals contain findings that are false. ([Dr. Gary G. Kohls, Beware the Drug Companies, How they Deceive Us: “Criticizing Big Pharma”](#) Global Research, February 16, 2015)

“Six years ago, John Ioannidis, a professor of epidemiology at the University of Ioannina School of Medicine in Greece, found that nearly half of published articles in **scientific journals contained findings that were false, in the sense that independent researchers couldn’t replicate them.** The problem is particularly widespread in medical research, where peer-reviewed articles in medical journals can be crucial in influencing multimillion- and sometimes multibillion-dollar spending decisions. It would be surprising if conflicts of interest did not sometimes compromise editorial neutrality, and in the case of medical research, the sources of bias are obvious.

21- Most medical journals receive half or more of their income from pharmaceutical company advertising and reprint orders, and dozens of others [journals] are owned by companies like Wolters Kluwer, a medical publisher that also provides marketing services to the pharmaceutical industry.” — Helen Epstein, author of “Flu Warning: Beware the Drug Companies” (http://aaci-india.org/COI/Flu_web_final.pdf) ([Dr. Gary G. Kohls, Beware the Drug Companies, How they Deceive Us: “Criticizing Big Pharma”](#) Global Research, February 16, 2015)

22- The FDA’s own web page admits that the drugs it certifies as safe contribute to over [100,000 deaths per year.](#) ([Constitutional Attorney on US Federal Drug Administration \(FDA\) Corruption, Disinformation and Cover Up of Health Dangers, Activist Post](#), 8 February 2015)

23- The FDA routinely approves drugs over objections from its own medical reviewers. (Ibid.)

24- The FDA does zero independent medical testing of its own.

It is a system built upon conflicts of interest that leaves consumers completely in the dark about the true consequences of taking Big Pharma products. (Ibid.)

25- In 2012 GlaxoSmithKline Pleaded Guilty and Paid “\$3 Billion to Resolve Fraud Allegations and Failure to Report Safety Data”

According to the US Justice Department:

The resolution is the largest health care fraud settlement in U.S. history and the largest payment ever by a drug company. ..

GSK agreed to plead guilty to a three-count criminal information, including two counts of introducing misbranded drugs, Paxil and Wellbutrin, into interstate commerce and one count of failing to report safety data about the drug Avandia to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).