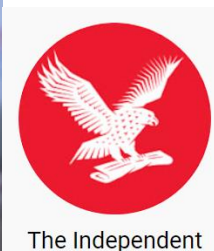


DEBATE AND CONTROVERSY ON ANTI-COVID VACCINATION

The pandemic of covid19 has for some months revived the debate on vaccination with clearly two clans fighting each other : the pro and the anti-vax. Among the influential pro-vax are the majority of scientists, doctors and heads of government.

But what exactly are the arguments of each and what scientific information can help us to base our own opinion on the issue?

Activity 1



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aqakn-A2n80>

Listen carefully to this video and answer the following questions :

- 1 -Who is the man speaking ?
- 2 - What is « The Independent » ?
- 3 - Is the man speaking a pro or anti-vaccine ?
- 4 - Who decided that vulnerable people would be vaccinated as a priority ?
- 5 - Try to identify what « NHS » is

Axe 4 : Citoyenneté et mondes virtuels

6 - Who are the vulnerable people ?

7 - What is B. Johnson's opinion about anti-vax ?

Activity 2

1 – Categories documents 1 to 7 into 3 :

Documents that promote vaccination :

Documents that refute vaccination :

Documents analysing the impact of pro and antivax movements :

2 – Mention 3 antivax arguments

3 – Mention 2 provax arguments

4 – On the social networks is it the pro or the antivax that are majority ? Do you think these figures are representative of the position of all UK citizens ?

5 – Comment on the worldwide distribution of people who are rather hostile to vaccination and try to find 2 or 3 arguments to explain this

Activity 3 :

After watching the video, analyzing the proposed documents but also participating in the debate in the EMC class, give your position on vaccination by giving arguments on the vaccination.

Document 1



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfbmvvsM0zM>

Document 2



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPaxwFSaIE>

Document 3



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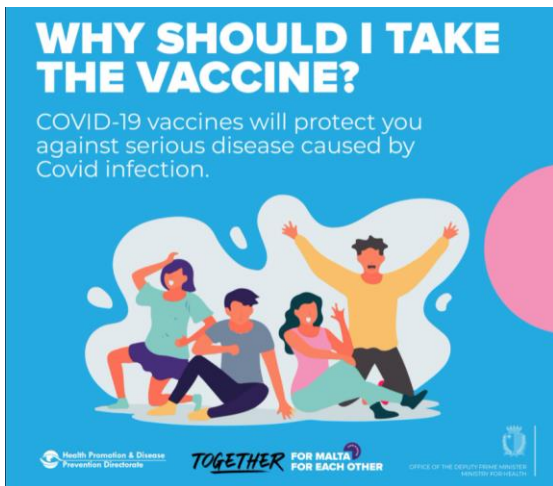
Roger Stone: Bill Gates may have created coronavirus to microchip people

By Bob Fredericks

April 13, 2020 | 2:49pm | Updated

<https://revealnews.org/article/where-did-the-microchip-vaccine-conspiracy-theory-come-from-anyway/>

Document 4



<https://www.facebook.com/HPDPMalta/posts/3953941277972983/>

Document 5



<https://www.theguardian.com/science/audio/2020/dec/24/covid-19-vaccines-anti-vaxxers-conspiracy-theories-podcast>

Document 6 :

Oct. 1, 2021, 10:39 PM CEST By Akshay Syal, M.D.

People who are vaccinated against Covid-19 are less likely to spread the virus even if they become infected, a new study finds, adding to a growing body of evidence that vaccines can reduce transmission of the delta variant.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/vaccinated-people-are-less-likely-spread-covid-new-research-finds-n1280583>

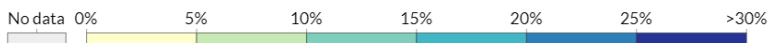
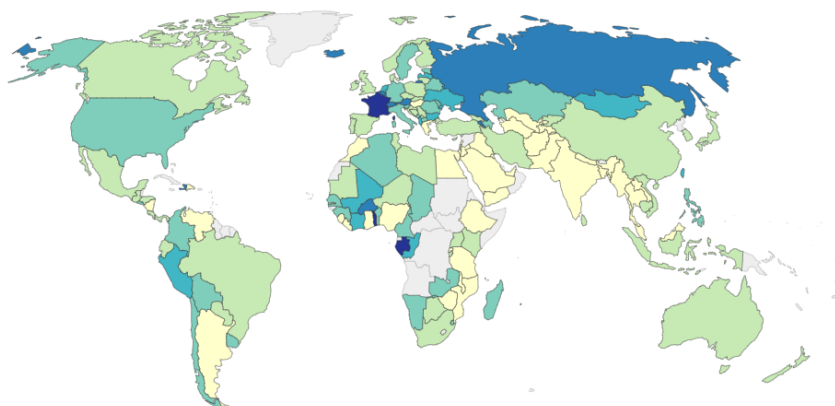
Document 7

Share that disagrees that vaccines are safe, 2018

The share of respondents who responded "strongly disagree" or "somewhat disagree" to the statement 'Vaccines are safe.'



World



Source: Wellcome Trust Global Monitor (2019)

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correcting elements

Activity 1

1 -Who is the man speaking ?

This man's name is Boris Johnson, he is the prime minister of the UK

2 - What is « The Independent » ?

The independent is an English newspaper

3 - Is the man speaking a pro or anti-vaccine ?

Boris Johnson is pro-vax

4 - Who decided that vulnerable people would be vaccinated as a priority ?

It's the committee on vaccination and immunisation

5 - Try to identify what is « NHS » :

National Health Service like public hospitals on other health care devices

6 - Who are the vulnerable people ?

People in care home and so in the NHS or other important settings

7 - What is B. Johnson's opinion about anti-vax ?

He said that antivax is total nonsense

Activity 2

1 – Categories documents 1 to 7 into 3 :

Documents that promote vaccination : doc 4 / 6

Documents that refute vaccination : doc 1/ 3/5

Documents analysing the impact of pro and antivax movements doc 2 / 7

2 – Cite 4 antivax arguments :

- vaccines are poisons (doc 1)
- vaccination allows us to inject chips to trace us (doc 3)
- we're being used as guinea pigs to experiment with RNA vaccines (doc 5)

3 – Cite 2 pro-vax arguments :

- vaccination prevents severe forms of covid-vaccines and saves lives (dividual interest) (doc 4)
- vaccinated people are less contagious so vaccination limits the spread of epidemic (collective interest) (Doc 6)

4 – On the social networks is it the pro or the antivax that are majority ? Do you think these figures are representative of the position of all UK citizens ?

Axe 4 : Citoyenneté et mondes virtuels

On the social networks, there are two times more antivax followers than followers who trust the NHS but these figures truncate the reality because antivax people are expressed much more on social networks than pro vax people

5 – Comment on the mondial distribution of people who are rather hostile to vaccination and try to find 2 ou 3 arguments to explain this

Most people who are rather hostile to vaccination live in the northern hemisphere. Perhaps because in the countries :

people think that the quality of their care system will be sufficient to treat them

There are more and more people who love natural medicine (it's a new fashion way of life)

there are more educated people who with their critical thinking demand strong arguments and real evidence about the efficacy and innocuity of the vaccine

Activity 3 : After watching the video, analyzing the proposed documents but also participating in the debate in the EMC class, give your position on vaccination by giving arguments on the vaccination.

Any well-constructed and reasoned response