

Vaxxed: Misleading Appeal to Emotion that Puts Kids at Risk

Vaxxed falsely claims a link between MMR and autism in African American children. This is false because:

- ➔ Studies in millions of children from all around the world failed to find such a link. <http://www.vaccinateyourbaby.org/safe/research.cfm#02>
- ➔ Even the study in question did not find such a link when proper methods applied.
- ➔ The only basis for link is a study by an anti-vaccine activist who is not an epidemiologist or expert on vaccines that was so bad it was retracted.
- ➔ For an analysis of this, see: <http://www.harprocratesspeaks.com/2014/09/mmr-cdc-and-brian-hooker-media-guide.html>

Vaxxed claims there is a conspiracy by the CDC to hide the link between vaccines and autism:

- ➔ The documents that allegedly support this conspiracy are now publicly available, and do not. The documents, complete with an analysis, can be found here: <https://leftbrainrightbrain.co.uk/2016/01/04/the-william-thompson-documents-theres-no-whistle-to-blow/>
- ➔ The studies regarding MMR and autism are from all over the world.

Vaxxed claims vaccines are tested less thoroughly than other pharmaceuticals. In fact, vaccines are tested and monitored more carefully:

- ➔ See: <http://www.chop.edu/centers-programs/vaccine-education-center/making-vaccines/process-vaccine-development#.VzzIcGO0HEw>
- ➔ In the context of Vaxxed, see: <http://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/anti-vaccine-doc-vaxxed-a-882651>

Andrew Wakefield, director of Vaxxed, has a documented history of misrepresentations and was found guilty of serious ethical violations and struck off the medical register by the British General Medical Council. He is not a credible source of information on vaccines and this movie reinforces it.

- ➔ <http://www.bmj.com/content/342/bmj.c5347>
- ➔ <http://www.skepticalraptor.com/skepticalraptorblog.php/andrew-wakefield-dishonest-attempt-self-justification/>

For a list of reviews of Vaxxed, see:

- ➔ http://lizditz.typepad.com/i_speak_of_dreams/2016/04/running-list-of-reviews-of-andrew-wakefields-film-vaxxed-.html