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Should we vaccinate our kids?

In the past parents have noticed that if their kids get vaccinated at a young age they could develop autism. That's any parent's biggest fear to deliver a perfectly healthy baby but in a few years, you could notice that there is something wrong and the doctor tells you that your child has autism. The media is a big portion of why parents don't want to get their children vaccinated because of what they see on the news or their phones. Sometimes social media can take over how we think and what decision to make daily. Sometimes people who don't allow their kids to get vaccinated are due to their religious beliefs or it's part of their culture. Their culture doesn't allow them to get their kids vaccinated because they believe that their god will cure them of any sickness.

Researchers found that unvaccinated people have a greater chance of getting measles and pertussis outbreaks. Dr. Claire McCarthy states that "Between 1936 and 1945, there were about 21,000 cases and 1,800 deaths a year of diphtheria (McCarthy)". These numbers are before vaccines were created to prevent them and some people still chose not to get vaccinated. The only reason Vaccines were developed is to prevent children from getting sick and getting deadly diseases. Some of the diseases could be prevented like polio, pertussis, diphtheria, and many more. According to Dr. Claire McCarthy "In those, some years paralytic polio-affected Many people are battling these diseases due not being vaccinated. What Dr. Claire McCarthy is trying to say in this quote is not fair for doctors and scientists to

have doctors develop a vaccine to prevent a lot of people from dying. Some religions and cultures don't allow it; I understand that they think their children will get sicker due to the vaccine. That possibly is very unlikely; if a child is to get sick from a vaccine they will have autism which there isn't a cure for it but there are therapies that could help them. If you don't receive the vaccine then the result is to get a rare disease that could've been prevented and could have a long-term effect in their life.

Dr. Claire McCarthy states that “ People are often contagious before they even know they are sick” which is happening in our world today. At the end of 2019, there is a new virus called COVID-19, This virus did not only affect the United States it affected the entire world. Many people lost their loved ones in this pandemic some people survived the virus. Now they have created a vaccine to prevent people from getting it or prevent people from getting the virus once again. Most people have taken this pandemic as a joke and are not being cautious. Since there are some people not being cautious about the pandemic then the result of that is people are getting sick. Is very easy to spread a virus around especially when not taking any precautions about it. Even with all of the people dying and more people getting affected by it every day. There are still people who believe social media and get brainwashed and don't see how beneficial this vaccine they have created could help billions of people.

I understand that some cultures and religions don't allow people to get vaccinated, but it should be the people's choice whether to get vaccinated or not. This decision shouldn't affect them or get treated differently in the culture or religion. I agree with the article your culture and religion shouldn't affect you on the decision you make in life; there shouldn't be any consequences. A vaccine could prevent so many people from dying and some people may not have any effects long term after receiving the vaccine. I believe the United States should force this more, instead of letting children and older people die.

My dad is the middle child of 5 and both of my grandparents are hard workers. Sometimes raising five children that are one year apart gets hard. While you're raising five kids you forget important things like doctor appointments, birthday parties, etc. my aunt Maritza is the oldest of five children, my grandparents forgot to get her vaccinated with the polio vaccine. My grandparents started to notice that my aunt was sick and it wasn't normal what my aunt was going through. My aunt started to get very high fevers and she couldn't walk well. As her symptoms kept getting worse my grandparents rushed her to the hospital; The doctors told them that my aunt has polio disease. My aunt struggled with walking her entire life due to getting polio diseases. I grew up never asking my aunt or my grandparents why my aunt had such a time walking until a couple of months ago. This is crazy due to social media projecting how bad are vaccines they are telling you the consequences.

To sum up, everything that's been stated so far I believe the United States should push parents on getting their child vaccinated. The reason why is because if a child gets vaccinated there is a greater chance your child will stay perfectly healthy and not spread any contagious virus around. If a parent does not agree with their child getting vaccinated then their kids could spread any contagious virus towards anyone not just kids their age or the child could get a rare disease that could change his very day life. By my grandparents forgetting to vaccinate their oldest daughter the result ended up in my aunt having problems with walking. Since this is my aunt's biggest struggle every day, it makes life a little harder for her to do any sports. It's still a challenge for her to get to work and in life tasks that are easy for us, she requires help she can't do any basic tasks; like getting something from a cabinet.

Along the lines of getting people to get their children vaccinated it's not going to be easy even if the United States pushes different cultures and religions to do so. At the end of the day getting vaccinated is not only benefiting you, it's benefiting everyone around you. I believe that some cultures and religions should allow their children or the doctors to make

that choice for them. I understand that children know what's the difference between right or wrong but once they start growing up they should do their research on whatever vaccine they require. With this suggestion there will be fewer kids dying or getting sick; There is so much problem with how they believe their children could be treated with prayer. Sometimes you could do both medicine and prayer which give any kids greater chances of getting a rare disease or getting sick almost every time. Once my dad shared the reason towards my mom while they were young the reason why my aunt has difficulty walking. Throughout my entire childhood, my mom always made sure I was receiving the correct vaccine and what vaccine I was getting. My mom was up to date with all my vaccines she didn't want me to get sick or anything. I believe parents should be more aware and should do their research on vaccines that their children are getting and allow them to get vaccinated. Instead of living with a long term effect.

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