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Peer-reviewed British medical journal "The Lancet" 2023 (written by [Nana Wu, PhD](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(23)00015-2/fulltext), [Keven Joyal-Desmarais, PhD](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(23)00015-2/fulltext), [Paula A B Ribeiro, PhD](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(23)00015-2/fulltext), [Ariany Marques Vieira, MSc](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(23)00015-2/fulltext), [Jovana Stojanovic, PhD](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(23)00015-2/fulltext), [Comfort Sanuade, B Physio](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(23)00015-2/fulltext), et al.) 10 Feb 2023 "Long-term effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines against infections, hospitalisations, and mortality in adults: findings from a rapid living systematic evidence synthesis and meta-analysis up to December, 2022" (accessed 20 Mar 2023) https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lanres/article/PIIS2213-2600(23)00015-2/fulltext

We screened 16 696 records at the title and abstract level, appraised 832 (5·0%) full texts, and initially included 73 (0·4%) studies. Of these, we excluded five (7%) studies because of critical risk of bias, leaving 68 (93%) studies that were extracted for analysis. For infections caused by any SARS-CoV-2 strain, vaccine effectiveness for the primary series reduced from 83% (95% CI 80–86) at baseline (14–42 days) to 62% (53–69) by 112–139 days. Vaccine effectiveness at baseline was 92% (88–94) for hospitalisations and 91% (85–95) for mortality, and reduced to 79% (65–87) at 224–251 days for hospitalisations and 86% (73–93) at 168–195 days for mortality. Estimated vaccine effectiveness was lower for the omicron variant for infections, hospitalisations, and mortality at baseline compared with that of other variants, but subsequent reductions occurred at a similar rate across variants. For booster doses, which covered mostly omicron studies, vaccine effectiveness at baseline was 70% (56–80) against infections and 89% (82–93) against hospitalisations, and reduced to 43% (14–62) against infections and 71% (51–83) against hospitalisations at 112 days or later.

2. A/T "Not 100% effective" - Doesn't have to be

Canada Study: Vaccines become less effective over time, but still prevent a lot of hospitalizations and deaths

Simon L. Bacon; Nana Wu; Keven Joyal-Desmarais; Ariany Marques Vieira; Comfort T. Sanuade; Paula A B Ribeiro; Mohit H. Jagwani; Jovana Stojanovic 2022 (with the COVID-19 Evidence Network to support Decision-making (COVID-END), supported by the Government of Canada through the Canadian Institutes of Health Research) Aug 2022 "Do the COVID-19 vaccines keep working over time?" (accessed 20 Mar 2023) https://www.mcmasterforum.org/docs/default-source/product-documents/plain-language-summary/plain-language-summary-10.9---do-the-covid-19-vaccines-keep-working-over-time.pdf?sfvrsn=165e6011\_5

We looked at research on how well COVID-19 vaccines stop infections, hospitalisations, and deaths when 4 months or more have passed since someone became fully vaccinated. We also looked to see how well COVID-19 vaccines stop infections, hospitalisations, and deaths when 3 months or more have passed since someone received an additional booster dose. We found that, over time, COVID-19 vaccines continue to strongly protect people against being hospitalised and from dying. However, vaccines may become less effective over time in preventing people from becoming infected with COVID-19, with the Omicron variant decreasing the effects even further.

3. A/T Conspiracy theories about Covid vaccines

Vaccine conspiracies provide misinformation that distorts good moral values by appealing to emotion rather than facts

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In short, the reasons for believing unfounded claims about vaccines go far beyond a simple lack of knowledge. A 2017 study in [Nature Human Behaviour](https://www.nature.com/articles/s41562-017-0256-5) found statistically significant relations between vaccine hesitancy and moral values in two large groups of American parents. People who were highly vaccine-hesitant were influenced by beliefs that vaccines would pollute the “pure” bodies of their children. They also believed that governments should not “control” individual behaviour. Disinformation actors understand quite well how to abuse and exploit such beliefs. Unfounded claims on social media alleging that vaccines can modify human [DNA](https://ge.news-front.info/2021/01/06/moderna-s-vaqtsina-adamianis-dnm-is-mutatsias-itsvevs-amerikelma-pharmatsevtma-vaqtsinis-57-ampula-gaanadgura/?fbclid=IwAR0KExNwkb5XVT5Wn7TJ1KX3iQSAdFJzZRs7xSyU0FKLvix_VotqY22Kk-s) or that they are [tainted](https://m.facebook.com/lidia.arguzova/posts/2458854264246315) with HIV, malaria or “5G particles” appeal to emotions rather than facts.

Claiming to have all the answers is proof that they're wrong

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Conspiracy theories tend to portray complex realities in broad and sweeping strokes, explaining “everything” and providing answers to all possible questions at once. As sociologist [John Gagnon](https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/01/familiarity-strangest-vaccine-conspiracy-theories/617572/) has argued, “the difference between a scientific theory and a conspiracy theory is that a scientific theory has holes in it”. At the times of the global pandemic, the “know-it-all” certainty offered by conspiracy theories can become a source of relief from everyday anxieties. Consider whether the other person might be turning to dubious sources to satisfy their [need to know](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0963721417718261).

No evidence Gates or Fauci have profited from a vaccine

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN 2020 (senior editor Tanya Lewis) Eight Persistent COVID-19 Myths and Why People Believe Them 12 Oct 2020 (accessed 20 Mar 2023) https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/eight-persistent-covid-19-myths-and-why-people-believe-them/

There is no evidence that [National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director Anthony] Fauci or [Microsoft founder Bill] Gates has benefited from the pandemic or profited from a vaccine. In fact, Fauci has sounded alarms throughout the pandemic about the risks of the virus, and Gates has a long history of philanthropy geared toward eliminating communicable diseases.

A/T "Gates runs the world" - actually, governments sabotaged Gates' efforts at increasing vaccination rates

[ERIN BANCO](https://www.politico.com/staff/erin-banco), ASHLEIGH FURLONG and LENNART PFAHLER 2022. (journalists) 14 Sept 2022 POLITICO " How Bill Gates and partners used their clout to control the global Covid response — with little oversight" (accessed 20 Mar 2023) https://www.politico.com/news/2022/09/14/global-covid-pandemic-response-bill-gates-partners-00053969

“The Gates Foundation focused on supporting a global response that would ensure low- and middle-income countries had affordable, equitable access to the best data and tools available to tackle the crisis,” Mark Suzman, CEO of the Gates Foundation, said in a statement. “In some areas we saw successes. On the most critical issue of equitable vaccine access, the world as a whole failed as high-income countries initially monopolized available supply.” The foundation declined to make Gates available for comment.

SOLVENCY

1. Aid not trade

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White House Press Release 2021. "FACT SHEET: Biden-⁠Harris Administration is Providing at least 80 million COVID-⁠19 Vaccines for Global Use, Commits to Leading a Multilateral Effort toward Ending the Pandemic" 17 May 2021 (accessed 20 Mar 2023) https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/05/17/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-is-providing-at-least-80-million-covid-19-vaccines-for-global-use-commits-to-leading-a-multilateral-effort-toward-ending-the-pandemic/

Today, the President reaffirmed his commitment to leading an international and coordinated vaccination effort, announcing that the U.S. will donate 80 million U.S. vaccines – the 60 million doses of AstraZeneca vaccines previously announced and at least an additional 20 million doses of U.S. authorized vaccines by the end of June. The U.S. will continue to donate from our excess supply as that supply is delivered to us.

DISADVANTAGES

1. Vaccine shortages overseas

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Chad P. Brown 2022 (senior researcher at Peterson Institute for International Economics) 21 June 2022 "The US was quick to produce COVID-19 vaccines. Then it fell behind." (accessed 19 Mar 2023) https://www.piie.com/blogs/realtime-economic-issues-watch/us-was-quick-produce-covid-19-vaccines-then-it-fell-behind

But by early summer 2021, US production of COVID-19 vaccine doses mostly stopped growing. Production in the European Union surpassed the United States, as even Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna—the two biggest vaccines being made in the United States—expanded operations more in Europe. The missing US supplies aggravated shortages in a world still desperate for vaccines. Scarcities were especially acute for the highly effective, but technologically complex, messenger ribonucleic acid (mRNA) versions that Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna were manufacturing in very few places and thus would reach most of the world only through international trade.

Impact: Sickness and death in poor countries, where vaccination rates are low

Dominic Rushe 2022 (journalist) 5 Oct 2022) GUARDIAN "US Covid recovery in ‘jeopardy’ unless poorer countries helped, group warns" (accessed 19 Mar 2023) https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/oct/05/us-covid-recovery-global-vaccine-testing-wto

[Just 19% of people](https://www.covid19globaltracker.org/pillar/vaccination) in low-income countries are vaccinated compared with 75% in high-income countries, according to the [Multilateral Leaders Taskforce on Covid-19](https://www.covid19taskforce.com/en/programs/task-force-on-covid-19-vaccines/about). “It is critically important that the United States announce support for the extension and join with our allies South Africa and India to forcefully advocate to extend the decision to diagnostics and therapeutics,” the congressional group told Biden. “Emerging Covid-19 variants are more contagious than ever and are mutating quickly. Extending the decision to therapeutics and thus making them more available will reduce rates of serious illness, hospitalization, and death, which is especially important in low-income countries where only a small percentage of the population has been vaccinated.

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US recovery from the Covid pandemic is in “jeopardy” unless the [Biden administration](https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/biden-administration) supports making treatment and testing for the disease more readily available to low-income countries, a powerful congressional group has warned Joe Biden. In a letter to Joe Biden led by congressman [Earl Blumenauer](https://blumenauer.house.gov/media-center/press-releases), chairman of the subcommittee on trade, the group urged the president to extend a June World Trade Organisation (WTO) agreement aimed at easing exports of generic vaccines to treatments and therapeutics.

Impact: Pandemic prolonged. Removing trade restrictions is essential because viruses don't respect borders

Komal Kalha 2021 (Deputy Director, IP and Trade, International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations  ) 7 July 2021 "Why we must remove barriers to trade to achieve vaccine equity (Step #3)" (accessed 20 Mar 2023) https://ifpma.org/insights/why-we-must-remove-barriers-to-trade-to-achieve-vaccine-equity-step-3/

On 31 June 2021, 23 member states communicated a draft text for a Declaration on Trade and Health to be announced at the WTO Ministerial Conference in November. It includes reviewing and removing export restrictions with efforts to be made to remove or reduce tariffs. These calls now need to become actions. Viruses ignore borders and supply chains are global. Only by removing trade restrictions and working together to streamline border processes do we stand a chance of ending the pandemic and achieving vaccine equity.

3. Enriching Quacks

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You'll be encouraging and helping them spread misinformation if you vote AFF. And that's bad because of the next link…

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Besides, disinformation is used not only for political but also for commercial purposes. According to the [Global Disinformation Index](https://disinformationindex.org/2019/09/the-quarter-billion-dollar-question-for-ad-tech/), a quarter billion dollars is paid annually to thousands of disinformation sites by ad tech companies placing adverts for many well-known brands. Websites advocating “alternative” health remedies instead of vaccines frequently carry ads for dubious food supplements, trying to get direct financial gain from their visitors. Followers of social media can also be “monetised” by disinformation actors, or used for reputational gains.

Impact: Unproven alternatives to medical science kill lots of people every year

Ross Pomeroy 2017 (science journalist) 18 Aug 2017 GENETIC LITERACY PROJECT "Alternative medicine can kill you" (brackets and ellipses in original) https://geneticliteracyproject.org/2017/08/18/alternative-medicine-can-kill/

Chiropractic, homeopathy, acupuncture, juice diets, and other forms of unproven alternative medicine cannot cure cancer, no matter what some quacks might claim. … [A]s a new [study](https://academic.oup.com/jnci/article-abstract/110/1/djx145/4064136/Use-of-Alternative-Medicine-for-Cancer-and-Its?redirectedFrom=fulltext) published in the [Journal of the National Cancer Institute](https://academic.oup.com/jnci) makes painfully clear, as a treatment for cancer, alternative medicine does not cure; it kills. A team of scientists from Yale University perused the [National Cancer Database](https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb), a collection of 34 million records of cancer patients along with their treatments and outcomes, to identify patients who elected to forgo conventional cancer treatments like chemotherapy, radiotherapy, and surgery in favor of alternative medicine. … After five years, 78.3% of subjects who received conventional treatments were still alive, compared to only 54.7% of subjects who used alternative medicine. Even more startling, breast cancer patients who used alternative medicine were five times more likely to die. Colorectal cancer patients were four times more likely to die. Lung cancer patients were twice as likely to die.