

The Unvaccinated Were Scapegoated for Failure of COVID Vaccines, Study Finds

Scapegoating and hate messaging were intentional and BROKE UP FAMILIES

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A new scientific [study](#) found that unvaccinated people were unfairly scapegoated during the pandemic. [Psypost reports](#):

The COVID-19 blame game: Unvaccinated individuals disproportionately scapegoated, study suggests

by [Eric W. Dolan](#) — November 9, 2023 in COVID-19

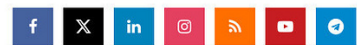


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The COVID-19 pandemic has prompted unprecedented efforts to curb its spread, with vaccinations being a pivotal strategy in reducing mortality and transmission. As vaccines have become widely available, public health experts have strongly encouraged people of all ages to get vaccinated to protect themselves and their communities.

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I doubt that the “scientific discovery” of unwarranted and mean-spirited *scapegoating of the unvaccinated* surprises most of my readers, but the details of the “findings” are interesting.

However, this emphasis on vaccination has also given rise to a complex social phenomenon – the stigmatization and prejudice faced by those who choose not to get vaccinated against COVID-19. A recent study published in the [Journal of Medical Ethics](#) aimed to investigate whether the negative sentiments directed towards the unvaccinated can be considered a form of scapegoating.

“My colleagues and I have been studying the social divisions surrounding COVID-19 for some time. We have noticed that much of the existing research at that time focused on conflicts originating from people who discount COVID-19, believe in conspiracy theories, and generally undervalue the threat of the virus. We replicated many of those patterns in our own research as well,” said study author Maja Graso, an assistant professor at the University of Groningen.

The authors seem to be shocked by their discovery that *much of the lies and misinformation came from the government and media*:

“However, what we found to be missing was an address to misinformation and the consequences stemming from overestimating the threat. Consider, for instance, how [in 2020](#), more than 30% of Americans believed that a COVID infection led to a 50% chance of hospitalization; it never did, nor was there ever evidence to suggest it might. Left-leaning individuals tended to over-estimate COVID harms to a greater degree than conservatives.”

The scientific [study by Maja Graso et al.](#) examined attitudes toward unvaccinated people by presenting a questionnaire with fictional characters: a *vaccinated person named Katy* and an *unvaccinated person named Mark*. Both *Katy* and *Mark* carried the COVID-19 virus and infected a vulnerable individual.

It turns out that, despite being in the identical position, the unvaccinated individual was selected for blame and targeted with *extremely negative emotions*:

Study 2: are people more likely to scapegoat the low-risk unvaccinated (even if contrasted against a low-risk vaccinated person who is not up to date)?

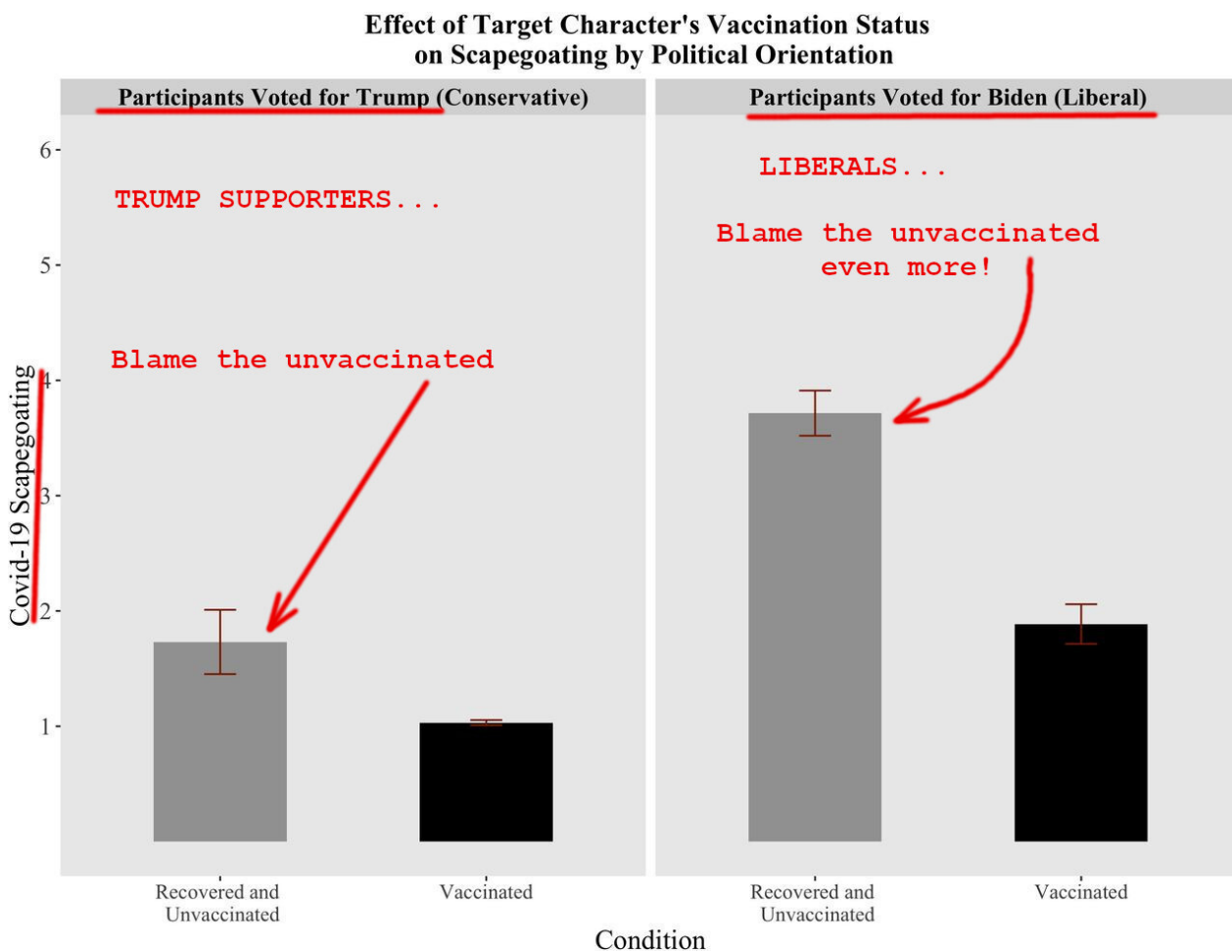
In our second study (February 2022), we asked 193 participants from MTurk ($M_{age}=39.19$, $SD=12.44$, 47.4% men) to evaluate a 28-year-old, low-risk male character who is ‘in general, fit, healthy, and enjoys spending as much time outdoors as he can. He spends most of his work time outside by himself’. Participants were randomly assigned to a condition in which the character has either:

- A. ‘contracted COVID-19 in May of 2021 (around the time when he was eligible to receive his vaccine). He did not seek medical attention, and he recovered fully’, or
- B. ‘received two doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in May of 2021 when he was eligible to get it (he does not plan on getting a booster)’.

Being unvaccinated for more than 6 months, both characters may pose a risk of transmission as the benefits of prior infection and vaccination both wane.³⁴ We relied on the same measures we used in study 1 except we used a longer, eight-item version of scapegoating ($\alpha=0.98$).

We observed that people were more likely to blame the unvaccinated but recovered low-risk character (see [table 2](#)) and that this effect was associated with the same political ideology effects from our previous study (ie, liberal individuals were more likely to scapegoat the unvaccinated-recovered vs vaccinated than conservatives; see [figure 2](#)).

You would expect me to rant against the above-mentioned *left-leaning individuals*. Instead, I would like to point out that “Trump supporters” were also prone to scapegoating and hatred towards the unvaccinated, although to a lesser extent:



The pandemic propaganda was strong!

The truth, of course, was that the Covid vaccine did not work and did not prevent any transmission, and after a month or two past vaccinations, it made the vaccinated MORE likely to be infected.

However, the impact of the media’s fear-mongering was all-encompassing. 35% of adults believed that half of Covid infections required hospitalization! The authors tried hard to make their findings palatable for an official medical journal:

Second, scapegoating implies that the blame is either undeserved or disproportional. Thus, we encourage public health researchers, practitioners and science communicators to consider the implications of relying primarily on fear-based approaches to mitigating the harms caused by C19.⁶⁵ For example, if 35% of US adults believed that at least half of C19 infections require hospitalisation,¹⁸ it suggests a significant health communication failure. A result is that it can lead people to turn against and blame each other when doing so is not justified by available facts, which may not have been adequately presented to the public. We submit that a relevant ethical question that public health officials should debate is whether it is morally obligatory for them to correct misinformation regardless of whether it overestimates or underestimates of C19 risk.

Third, our findings also show the impact of citizens' political ideology on scapegoating. We did not test the sources of liberals' greater likelihood to scapegoat the unvaccinated individuals, but we encourage further investigation of whether media exposure could be a contributing factor. Just as conservative media and politicians are culpable for misinformation leading people to underestimate certain C19 risks,^{66 67} it is possible that liberal outlets introduced misinformation in the opposite direction. For instance, Rachel Maddow of MSNBC, an outlet with a decidedly liberal audience,⁶⁸ noted in March 2021: 'Now we know that the vaccines work well enough that the virus stops with every vaccinated person.'⁶⁹ However, this claim was not possible to make at that time,⁷⁰ nor was it true. The original clinical trials did not test for effectiveness on transmission.⁷¹ Early evidence, and reasonable deduction from the research in vaccinology and virology, suggested that the vaccines would not fully stop transmission. By April 2021, more than 10 000 vaccine breakthrough infections had been officially reported across the USA (a substantial undercounting), 10% of which had been hospitalised and 2% of which had died.⁷² An outbreak investigation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in July 2021 found that 74% of cases linked to a summer event in Massachusetts were vaccinated and most were symptomatic.⁷³ Therefore, we argue that it is important to correct the dubious claims made by both sides of the political spectrum, as both may distort risk and fuel polarisation.

Worse still, this scapegoating, based on complete fiction by official health experts and media, broke many families, as this highly typical 2021 Reddit post from a confused pregnant woman describes:

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Cutting off antivax family/friends



Rant/Vent

Everything is going so great lately in my pregnancy. I'll be 36 weeks on Friday, my partner is home from fighting wildfires so I have way more help and he's being so supportive and amazing. I'm feeling so excited for my baby to get here. But god dammit am I SICK of antivaxers. I'm sick of having to stay home over fear of getting the variant. I'm mad me and my partner can't go on a baby moon where we originally wanted to because we don't want to risk catching anything before the birth and potentially giving it to our baby. I'm mad that when he is born I won't be able to do normal things new moms look forward to like going on fun outings, having a bunch of family and friends visit etc. Since the first trimester I told family and friends that if they weren't vaccinated against covid they wouldn't be seeing the baby. Luckily all my family and friends are vaccinated except my mother and stepfather. Anytime I bring it up and ask if they're getting vaccinated (over the phone because I refuse to be around anyone unvaccinated if I can help it) they change the subject.

Well yesterday my stepfather called me and at the end of our conversation I asked again if they're getting vaccinated. He said "I'm not gonna get into that right now, if anything we will just meet him from 6 feet away." and then said I love you and hung up. Well that pissed me off that they think they're going to still be able to see him even after months and months of them knowing my rule about that. So this morning I decided to remind my mom that anyone who isn't vaccinated will not be welcome at my house, will not be seeing the baby, will not be getting photos of him sent from me etc. I told her she's selfish for choosing to not get vaccinated instead of being in her grandchild's life. She then went on to spew antivax bullshit.

I'm just so sick of these people ruining everything for everyone else. This is probably never going to end and I don't feel bad at all for cutting off antivax people whether they're family or not. The decisions these people make directly affect everyone around them and I'm just so sick of it! I just wanted to get that out. Is anyone else cutting off antivax people or dealing with antivax family? If so good luck to you and I'm sending you all the love. Also I wanted to say I'm proud of you for putting the safety of your child over the ego of selfish people.

Edit: she just messaged me on Facebook (forgot to block her on there and I'm glad I forgot) saying she's going to try to get the j&j vaccine. Sticking to my guns seems to have worked. Hopefully she follows through ❤️

Edit #2: when I reminded her that she will have to get the tdap too she flipped out and said she's rather not be in my life because requiring the vaccines is mean. Lol I tried but my baby will be better off without her 😊

More details about what happened to that mother two years later and how COVID vaccinators broke families are [here](#).

Hatred and Division Were Intentional!

The authors of the [Graso et al. study](#) did not mention an important fact: fear and creating divisions and hatred towards the unvaccinated were completely intentional and had a purpose: to force vaccine refusers (who knew everything Maja Graso et al. described above, in 2021) to vaccinate through alienating their relatives and friends.

Consider [this agenda article](#) by the World Economic Forum, which mentioned creating "FOMO," or *fear of missing out*.

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3 tactics to overcome COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy

Jun 28, 2021



[Source](#)

2. Improve feelings

The vaccine-hesitant population has developed strong feelings against it, so using information sources trusted by these people could improve their feelings about the vaccine. Research indicates those that are hesitant trust medical providers, political and faith-based leaders to provide “think”-based knowledge about medical decisions, but are more likely to rely on their communities to provide the “feel” or emotion-based conviction for decisions.

One nurse in Louisiana deployed a particularly effective tactic. She called her vaccine-hesitant patients to talk about how she had been a vaccine skeptic but changed her mind after her husband passed away due to COVID-19.

In the US state of Oregon, Native American tribes have seen relatively high vaccination rates. Among initiatives rolled out by these communities to encourage vaccinations, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has used direct phone calls, discussions, and social media apps to get family and friends vaccinated.

Another way to improve vaccine sceptics’ feelings is to play into a fear of missing out (FOMO), both socially and economically.

Socially missing out -- ALIENATION

The “another way” link above points to concepts of using social division, hatred, and lies developed in January 2021... guess where... at [Harvard University!](#)

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How Influencers, Celebrities, and FOMO Can Win Over Vaccine Skeptics

29 JAN 2021 | by Rohit Deshpandé, Ofer Mintz, and Imran S. Currim

Drawing from product innovation theory, **Rohit Deshpandé** and colleagues offer three recommendations to speed adoption of COVID-19 vaccines.



With people all over the world beginning to get COVID-19 vaccines, most of the press coverage so far has focused on its amazing development. What's receiving less attention is a critical last-mile issue that could stand in the way of achieving herd immunity: patient hesitation, also known as the "shots-in-arms" problem.

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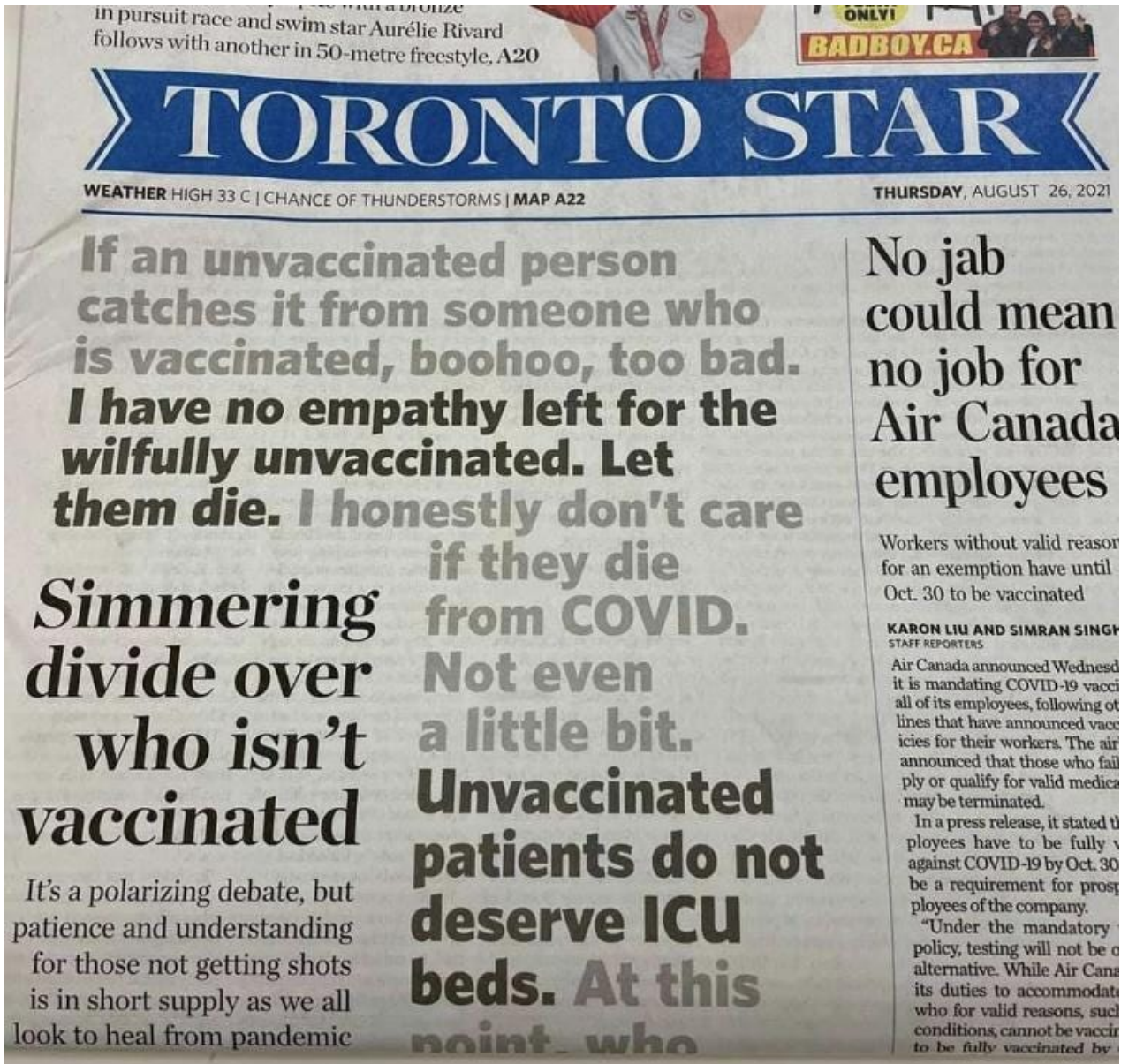
Harvard authors recommend:

Inspire FOMO. Second, we recommend incentivizing the fear of missing out, both socially and economically. For example, recently 82 percent of adults said they are not comfortable visiting family or close friends inside their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic. This inability to socialize is more likely to influence late majority and laggard groups to take the vaccine than health-related messages. ...

Harvard researchers call for inducing "guilt and regret," by scapegoating the unvaccinated:

Inducing guilt and regret. This method was [successfully employed](#) in Canada in the 1930s and 1940s to confront diphtheria, which was affecting up to one in seven Canadian children. Simple messages of guilt, with statements like "if your children die of diphtheria, it is your fault because you prefer not to take the trouble to protect against it" proved to be effective and led the late majority to vaccinate their children.

The hatred and division were relentless:



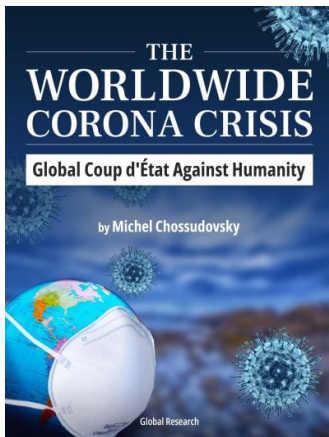
What is the result of it? Almost everyone had COVID anyway. Fortunately, few have died, although both COVID-19, a [lab-made SARS-HIV chimera](#), and COVID-19 vaccines have killed millions and [undermined the health of billions](#).

The worst outcome is thousands of broken families, economic devastation among the families of fired unvaccinated workers, and persisting social alienation and division - all created in the name of anti-human "science" driven by profit and careerism.

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The Worldwide Corona Crisis, Global Coup d'Etat Against Humanity

by Michel Chossudovsky

Michel Chossudovsky reviews in detail how this insidious project “destroys people’s lives”. He provides a comprehensive analysis of everything you need to know about the “pandemic” — from the medical dimensions to the economic and social repercussions, political underpinnings, and mental and psychological impacts.

“My objective as an author is to inform people worldwide and refute the official narrative which has been used as a justification to destabilize the economic and social fabric of entire countries, followed by the imposition of the “deadly” COVID-19 “vaccine”. This crisis affects humanity in its entirety: almost 8 billion people. We stand in solidarity with our fellow human beings and our children worldwide. Truth is a powerful instrument.”

Reviews

This is an in-depth resource of great interest if it is the wider perspective you are motivated to understand a little better, the author is very knowledgeable about geopolitics and this comes out in the way Covid is contextualized. —Dr. Mike Yeadon

In this war against humanity in which we find ourselves, in this singular, irregular and massive assault against liberty and the goodness of people, Chossudovsky’s book is a rock upon which to sustain our fight. —Dr. Emanuel Garcia

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Professor Chossudovsky exposes the truth that “there is no causal relationship between the virus and economic variables.” In other words, it was not COVID-19 but, rather, the deliberate implementation of the illogical, scientifically baseless lockdowns that caused the shutdown of the global economy. —David Skripac

A reading of Chossudovsky’s book provides a comprehensive lesson in how there is a global coup d’état under way called “The Great Reset” that if not resisted and defeated by freedom

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