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Who: The American Rally for Personal Rights is a non-partisan, diverse group of concerned individuals and organizations dedicated to the preservation and defense of our personal rights. The rally will focus on individual vaccination choice, parental consent to vaccination for children, and freedom to make healthcare decisions for ourselves and our families.

What: A public rally with speakers from many perspectives (legal, human rights, medical, scientific, parental, military) who will discuss the importance of individual choice for vaccination and healthcare decisions.

When: Wednesday, May 26, 2010 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Where: Grant Park, Grove 4, Chicago, Illinois

Why: To address the civil rights of healthcare decision making

How: For more information visit: www.americanpersonalrights.org

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HUNDREDS WILL RALLY IN GRANT PARK TO DEMAND HUMAN RIGHT TO VACCINATION CHOICE

On Wednesday, May 26 at 3:00 p.m. in Chicago's Grant Park, families, health advocates, medical professionals and legal experts will gather to affirm that vaccination choice is a fundamental human and civil right.

The American Rally for Personal Rights is a free, public rally that will raise awareness of the legal, medical, and ethical implications of compulsory medical interventions. Parents will share their stories of tragedy, including Amy Pingel, whose 13 year-old daughter sustained two seizures and lost the ability to eat, walk and communicate three weeks after receiving her first dose of human papillomavirus (HPV) quadrivalent vaccine.

Dr. Andrew Wakefield of the United Kingdom, a leading researcher who advanced the possible link between the MMR vaccine, intestinal inflammation, and neurologic injury, will provide the keynote address. In pursuit of this critical science, Dr. Wakefield lost his job, his country, his career, and his medical license.

"People are born free and equal, and possess basic rights to life, liberty and personal security. Vaccines are known to injure and kill some, and therefore we must have choice," said event organizer Louise Kuo Habakus. "To mandate a medical intervention for healthy people, and to tie compliance to school admission and employment in the absence of free and informed consent, violates basic human rights and our social contract."

Despite the risk of severe injury or death, doctors routinely inject healthy infants and children with dozens of vaccinations without providing parents adequate information on the contents of vaccines, the possible side effects, or about their right to refuse. Access to health care, education and government services are dramatically restricted for those who opt out of vaccinations. Members of the military have even more restricted rights to make vaccination decisions.

"The United States was founded on principles of personal freedom and a healthy skepticism toward government intervention. This is what lies at the heart of the vaccination debate, and why it is critical that our voices are heard," said Habakus.

Habakus, the lead organizer and emcee of the Rally, is a board-certified holistic health practitioner. She was formerly Managing Director and Head of Corporate Marketing for Putnam Investments, is the founder of Life Health Choices and is a founding board member of the Center for Personal Rights. Habakus said, "Through the selection of speakers and coordination of the rally program, we will show that the debate about vaccination choice reflects our deepest concerns in society today."

In the American tradition of protest music, the rally will also feature entertainment by the lead singer of The Refusers who will perform three songs from their new CD as a musical tribute to the victims (past, present and future) of the government's misguided mandatory vaccination policy.

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FEATURED SPEAKERS - alphabetical order

Michael Belkin Michael will offer an analyst's view of the "vaccine bubble." Michael is a leading market strategist, author of the Belkin Report, published since 1992. He was a Vice President in the equity department at Salomon Brothers where he was a quantitative strategist in global macro proprietary trading. Michael testified before Congress about his daughter, who died at the age of five weeks, about 15 hours after receiving her second Hepatitis B booster vaccine.

Judith Converse, MPH, RD, LD. Judy will describe the American public health crisis. In addition to testifying before state and federal lawmakers on vaccine safety, she works closely with our most vulnerable and damaged children. An author of three books on the subject, Judy is a licensed registered dietitian specializing in pediatric special needs nutrition care since 1999.

Louise Kuo Habakus Louise is the lead organizer and emcee of the Rally. Through the selection of speakers and coordination of the rally program, she will show that the debate about vaccination choice reflects our deepest concerns in society today. Louise is a board-certified holistic health practitioner. A former Managing Director and Head of Corporate Marketing for Putnam Investments, Louise is the founder of Life Health Choices and is a founding board member of the Center for Personal Rights

Boyd Haley, PhD. Boyd will speak to the toxicity of vaccine components. He is Professor Emeritus and former Chairman of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Kentucky. He was an NIH Post Doctoral Scholar in the Department of Physiology at Yale Medical School. Boyd is the first scientist hired in the Markey Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky with academic appointments as professor in the College of Pharmacy and in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Kentucky Medical Center. He is the founder and President of CTI Science, a biotechnology company. Boyd has testified as an expert witness in government hearings on the health hazards of mercury in vaccines and dental amalgams.

Mary Holland, JD. Mary will tell us why vaccination choice is a human right. She teaches at New York University Law School and previously worked for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, a national human rights advocacy organization. Mary clerked for a federal district court judge, taught international human rights advocacy at Columbia Law School, served as a consultant to the Aspen Institute Justice and Society Program, and has practiced law at two international law firms. She is a founding board member of the Center for Personal Rights, the Coalition for Vaccine Safety and the Elizabeth Birt Center for Autism Law and Advocacy.

Robert Johnston, PhD. Robert will speak on the deep and powerful history of activism around vaccinations throughout American history. He is an associate professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago where he directs the Teaching of History program. He has also taught in the Yale History Department and at Yale Medical School. Robert is the author of several award-winning books and will publish another, under contract with Oxford University Press, on the contemporary vaccination safety movement and the democratization of medicine. He urges Americans to be proud of our successful tradition of dissent and democracy. He also challenges us to think about the ways that scholarship and advocacy have always been intermixed.

Abdulkadir Khalif. Abdulkadir will address a microcosm of the immigrant experience with vaccination. Why is the reported rate of autism among US-born children of Somali refugees in Minnesota so high (an estimated 1 in 28 versus 1 in 110 for all US children)? Abdulkadir is the father of a little boy who stopped talking after receiving vaccines.

Robert J. Krakow, JD. Bob will explain the recourse available to parents after their children are injured by vaccines. Responding to government public health exhortations, millions dutifully line up their children to receive 69 doses of 16 different vaccines by age 18. Bob is an attorney in private practice in New York, focusing on the trial of civil and criminal cases, specializing in the representation of persons injured by exposure to environmental toxins and vaccines, as well as legal services to individuals with disabilities. He is the Board Chair of Lifespire, Inc., a 55 year-old nonprofit organization that provides residential, day habilitation, occupational, educational and medical programs and supports for more than 5,000 developmentally delayed adults and children.

Amy Pingel Amy is the mother of a thirteen year-old daughter who sustained two seizures and lost the ability to eat, walk and communicate three weeks after receiving her first dose of human papillomavirus (HPV) quadrivalent vaccine (Gardasil). Amy's healthy, active, straight A daughter now breathes through a tracheotomy and receives nutrition via a feeding tube. Amy

will explain that thousands of girls are having adverse reactions and at least sixty-seven girls have died following receipt of the HPV vaccine. She is part of a movement of parents committed to telling the truth about their children's neurologic and other injuries from Gardasil.

Captain Richard Rovet, RN, BSN, B-C (USAF ret) Captain Rovet recorded post-vaccination illnesses at Dover AFB in Delaware, Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio, and Keesler AFB in Mississippi. He will speak to the absence of informed consent for vaccines in the military, as told through the stories of our Gulf War veterans. Of the 700,000 troops deployed in 1990-1991, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs reports 300,000 Gulf War veterans have filed disability claims as of March 31, 2010.

James S. Turner, JD. Jim will talk about the high stake dangers involving outdated laws, underfunded government agencies, and powerful corporations driven by bottom-line profits. As Chairman of Citizens for Health, Jim is the nation's leading natural health freedom advocate for over 40 years. He is a principal in the law firm Swankin & Turner which represents businesses, consumer groups and individuals in regulatory matters involving food, drug, health, environmental and product-safety.

William Wagner, JD. William is a tenured law school professor teaching ethics and constitutional law. A frequent speaker at world conferences, Professor Wagner passionately advocates for protecting freedom of expression and the free exercise of religious conscience. He addresses executive, legislative, parliamentary, and judicial audiences throughout the world, and presents at various diplomatic forums including the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva. He previously served as a federal magistrate judge, a U.S. Senate legal counsel, a senior assistant United States attorney, and as a U.S. diplomat. Professor Wagner currently is President of Salt and Light Global and Vice-President of ParentalRights.org

Andrew J. Wakefield, MB, BS, FRCS, FRCPath. Dr. Wakefield is an academic gastroenterologist. He received his medical degree from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School (part of the University of London) in 1981, one of the third generation of his family to have studied medicine at that teaching hospital. His remarks will underscore the central message of the rally, that vaccination choice is a fundamental human right. He will talk about the suppression of science and the real dangers to the universal childhood vaccination program due to the absence of free and informed consent. In pursuit of possible links between childhood vaccines, intestinal inflammation, and neurologic injury in children, Dr. Wakefield lost his job, his country, his career, and his medical license.

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Why Chicago, Why Now?

Why Chicago?

Vaccination Choice is mainstream.

Chicago is the capital of America's heartland, where community, common sense and pragmatism are the mainstream. These are the same values and beliefs that drive the American Rally for Personal Rights. Poll data show that most Americans think vaccination choice is the mainstream majority – they believe that individuals and parents, not government agencies, should make free and informed decisions about vaccines.

Vaccination Choice is a human right.

Chicago is the birthplace of many great American social movements. The fight for workers' rights started at Haymarket Square on the near west side. The fight for racial equality accelerated on the south side. Today, in Grant Park, we launch a grassroots movement to affirm our rights to vaccination choice and parental consent.

Vaccination Choice is a national issue.

Just as Chicago is the transportation hub of America, the American Rally for Personal Rights is a networking and information hub for hundreds of families, medical professionals, legal experts and concerned citizens nationwide who are concerned about personal rights. Rally supporters will share information, make connections, and develop strategies for success that they can take back to their hometowns across the nation.

Why now?

Enough is Enough.

The federal government today recommends 69 doses of 16 vaccines for all children under 18. Tomorrow there will be more; there are hundreds more vaccines in the pipeline. But despite vaccines, American children are sick, facing epidemics of chronic disease – ADHD, asthma, autism, allergies, diabetes – and no one can know why. Vaccines are well recognized to cause injury and death in some. And vaccine safety science seems to be on the government's back burner. Given these realities, parents and individuals are asserting their rights to decide for themselves when and whether to vaccinate.

The pharmaceutical industry has undue influence over vaccine mandates.

Big Pharma makes billions of dollars in profits off the government's vaccine mandates. And since the U.S. government assumes first line legal liability when vaccines cause injury or death, Big Pharma enjoys almost no risk to its bottom line. So it's no wonder that the major pharmaceutical giants continue to lobby for more vaccine mandates. And because it's the government that shoulders most of the liability for vaccine injury, after the families suffering injuries, taxpayers should sit up and take notice.

The government vaccine program is riddled with dangerous conflicts of interest.

As our government has become larger and more complex, it has developed unprecedented conflicts of interest. The crash of the housing market, the Big Bank Bailout, Hurricane Katrina, and the BP oil spill are just recent disasters that illustrate how conflicts of interest within the government harm ordinary citizens. We live in an age of personal responsibility, where individuals must take charge of their own personal healthcare decisions. This begins literally on the day of birth with vaccination choice.

Americans are realizing that they have the right to vaccination choice.

Americans are becoming more aware of the serious health risks that vaccines pose and the incomplete science that underpins them. Citizens are doing their own homework and are challenging the assumptions that have made them the most vaccinated people in the world. And they're discovering, through the Rally and otherwise, that they are not alone – the mainstream majority is questioning vaccine mandates, vaccine safety and Big Pharma's undue influence over both.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT VACCINES

1. Vaccines - Modern Medicine's Greatest Achievement: Haven't they saved the developed world from the scourge of infectious disease?

Response: Better nutrition, clean water, modern sanitation, hygiene, improved living and working conditions, and antibiotics have played essential and underappreciated roles in public health. Many infectious diseases were almost gone by the time vaccine mandates began. Vaccines have played a role in decreasing infectious disease, but they've also injured and taken lives. Vaccine package inserts document a long list of possible side effects and death that can occur from vaccination. The government administers a special program to compensate people for vaccine injury or death. Because every vaccination decision is potentially a life-and-death decision or may affect future quality of life, free and informed consent is imperative. Individuals must have the right to decide for themselves and their children if and when to vaccinate. And when vaccines are safe and effective, the vast majority will want them, with no need for mandates.

2. Vaccines Save Lives: Don't vaccines overwhelmingly benefit the individual and society?

Response: Look at the health of children in the U.S. today. One in 6 has a learning disability; 1 in 9 has asthma; 1 in 12 has ADD; 1 in 110 has autism. The U.S. is 45th in infant mortality in the world, below every industrialized country except Poland (www.tinyurl.com/yw2nt5). Vaccines have helped to diminish infectious disease, but they have not ensured good health. We are experiencing an alarming increase in a wide range of chronic, neurological and autoimmune childhood diseases and disorders.

3. Adverse Reactions to Vaccines are Exceptionally Rare: Aren't death and injuries caused by vaccines necessary risks that all members of the community must accept as the price of citizenship?

Response: All human beings are entitled to life, liberty and security of person. A society that protects fundamental human rights does not discriminate on the basis of genetic predisposition or mandate a practice that causes human sacrifice. It is likely that doctors fail to recognize injuries and underreport them because we have a voluntary vaccine adverse event reporting system (VAERS). There are no penalties for failure to report injuries and it is estimated that 1 to 10% of adverse events are ever reported. Inclusion in VAERS does not prove causation, and little research has investigated alleged vaccine injuries. Most doctors are uninformed about vaccine adverse events and are unaware of how to best help their patients when these adverse events happen. By law, doctors bear no liability for vaccine injury. Furthermore, our understanding of the nature and mechanism of vaccine-induced injury and death is limited, in part because we have failed to study the long-term health outcomes of fully vaccinated compared with unvaccinated individuals. © 2010 2

4. More is Better: Aren't relatively new vaccines, such as vaccines for flu, hepatitis B and HPV, welcome because they protect us from deadly diseases?

Response: The legal justification for compulsory vaccination is to protect people in the event of contagious, widespread infectious disease epidemics or true public health emergencies. The Supreme Court's 1905 decision in *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* created this precedent during a smallpox outbreak. However, citizens have the right today to obtain exemption from vaccination for medical, religious and philosophical reasons, depending on the state. The scope of vaccination mandates must be proportionate to the public health emergency. While there are no epidemics of hepatitis B or cervical cancer in the U.S., these vaccine mandates are compulsory in many states, based on the false premise that government may impose vaccines „for our own good.“ More vaccine mandates are not necessarily better and state requirements must be proportionate.

5. Vaccines are Safe: Aren't vaccines extremely well-researched for optimal safety by independent government scientists with children's and society's best interests at heart?

Response: Like all prescription medications, vaccines are considered “unavoidably unsafe” by law. Doctors give infants 33 doses of “unavoidably unsafe” medications before 15 months of age, usually without full and detailed informed consent. Nonetheless, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) states on its website that “vaccines are held to the highest standard of safety” (www.tinyurl.com/y7pbqr). In reality, vaccines have not been well-researched. There has never been a study comparing the long-term health outcomes of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated populations. Vaccines have not been studied cumulatively, in the way that they are administered. They are tested individually, in isolation, for very short periods of time by the vaccine manufacturers themselves, who are protected from almost all legal liability. Furthermore, many of the decision makers for vaccine recommendations and mandates have serious conflicts of interest – some are even vaccine patent holders. In 2007, a majority of outside scientific expert advisors to the CDC were found to have potential violations of the agency’s conflict of interest regulations (www.tinyurl.com/24u4jen).

6. Vaccines are Effective: Don't vaccines protect us against deadly diseases?

Response: Immunity from vaccines is temporary; it wears off over time. Only natural immunity acquired through actual infection and boosted through exposure to disease in the community gives lifelong immunity. Vaccines rely on “booster” shots to maintain antibodies. This is the reason it is recommended that children get six doses of each vaccine for diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus, four doses of each vaccine for polio, haemophilus influenzae type b and pneumococcal disease, three doses of each vaccine for hepatitis B, rotavirus and human papillomavirus, and two doses of each vaccine for measles, mumps, rubella, chicken pox and hepatitis A. Scientists initially believed that vaccines would afford lifelong immunity. As disease outbreaks increasingly occurred among the vaccinated, mandates for vaccine boosters became commonplace. This is an important point. Even in communities where 98+% of the population is “fully vaccinated” for a particular disease, creating so-called “herd immunity,” outbreaks among the vaccinated still occur for a variety of reasons (www.tinyurl.com/d5l8vm, www.tinyurl.com/27sexxd). © 2010 3

7. Side Effects are Slight: To the extent that there are any side effects from vaccines, aren't they are mild, such as soreness at the site of vaccination and short-term fever?

Response: All vaccines can result in injury or death; legally, they are “unavoidably unsafe” products. This is the reason that Congress created the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program – because it recognized that vaccines injure and cause death in some individuals. Although screening mechanisms and risk factors could be identified to protect those at risk, they do not exist today. Leading voices, such as Dr. Bernadine Healy, former head of the National Institutes of Health (www.tinyurl.com/59wns7) have called for studies of those who have been may have been vaccine-injured. Nonetheless, all fifty U.S. states impose “one-size-fits-all” vaccination mandates as a requirement for daycare and school admission, regardless of family medical history and infant weight.

8. Unlimited Benefits: There appear to be no limits to the diseases we can conquer through vaccines. Scientists are working on vaccines for cancer and HIV. Isn't this great?

Response: As is the case with all medical interventions, people should have the right to free and informed consent for vaccination. This means there should be complete disclosure regarding the risks and benefits and all vaccines must be rigorously studied for safety and effectiveness before use. For a variety of reasons, including family history, prior disease exposure, and a varying assessment of the dangers and likelihood of contracting the disease, all people will not make the same decisions about the risk-reward tradeoffs. Individuals must make those choices, not government officials or scientists.

9. Pediatricians are Knowledgeable: Pediatricians are well-educated about the risks and benefits of vaccines. Can't they tell if a vaccine is contraindicated for a particular child?

Response: The full ramifications of the vaccine schedule are unknown because vaccines have not been studied cumulatively in the way that they are administered. Pediatricians and family practice doctors receive very little education about the possible adverse consequences that can occur after the administration of vaccines. The information they do receive is typically limited to a description of the vaccines on the CDC schedule, how to administer them, the importance of full compliance, and how to catch children up who have missed doses. State departments of health apply pressure on physicians who write “too many” medical exemptions. Many doctors are not eager to discuss vaccination decisions with parents and rarely inform them of their rights and the legal exemptions available to them. Pediatricians are even encouraged to discharge parents who are not willing to vaccinate their children according to CDC-recommended vaccine schedules (www.tinyurl.com/4mdze2).

10. Justified Liability Protection: Congress rightly limited the liability of doctors and vaccine manufacturers in 1986 to safeguard the nation's vaccine supply. Don't we need insulation of doctors and industry from liability to protect the vaccine supply?

Response: In 1986, Congress granted tort liability protection to doctors and the vaccine industry against vaccine injuries and death. This means that people harmed by vaccines cannot sue vaccine manufacturers or the physicians who administered the vaccine(s). Blanket liability protection, combined with the lack of free and informed consent, has led to the explosive increase in compulsory childhood vaccination mandates. A responsible universal vaccination program must include rigorous, impartial science on vaccine safety, © 2010 4
free and informed consent of individuals to vaccination, and corporate accountability for vaccines. We must change the laws that underpin today's childhood mass vaccination program to create real choice and real accountability.

11. Schools as the Gatekeeper: It Makes Sense to Have Schools Police Kids' Vaccination Status. Shouldn't School Attendance Require Immunization?

Response: Education is a fundamental right for children to receive and a responsibility for parents to provide. The right to education should not be contingent on vaccination status. It is profoundly unwise to turn schools into vaccination police. In the event of infectious disease outbreaks, unvaccinated children may be required to stay at home. This does not interfere with their general right to participate in school.

12. The Book Is Closed: Every major study looking for connections between vaccines and autism has failed to find any link. Isn't this book closed?

Response: Dr. Louis Cooper, a vaccine inventor and former head of the American Academy of Pediatrics admitted that "vaccine safety science (has) been done on the cheap and (is) seriously deficient" (www.tinyurl.com/y3l5nxa). This is especially significant if you consider the dramatic rise in autism incidence in the past two decades, rising from 4-5 in 10,000 in the early 1990s to 1 in 110 today. The studies that the U.S. government uses to disprove causation of harm are limited and flawed (see www.fourteenstudies.org). Several rigorous studies have found links between vaccines, developmental disability and chronic illness. These include the Gallagher-Goodman Stony Brook University Medical Center study tying Hepatitis B triple series vaccine and developmental disability (www.tinyurl.com/2ejdrd8) and the University of Manitoba study funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research that found an association between delayed diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus vaccination and a reduced risk of childhood asthma (www.tinyurl.com/2edrl7c). There have been few studies on children with regressive autism. The 2004 Institute of Medicine Report did not rule out the possible existence of a vulnerable subset of children in whom vaccines could cause autism. And, in late 2009, the government spokesman on autism, Dr. Thomas Insel, acknowledged that the real rise in autism prevalence must be attributed at least in part to environmental causes.

13. Thimerosal Is No Smoking Gun: Isn't it true that we know that vaccines don't cause autism because thimerosal, the mercury-based preservative, has been removed from all pediatric vaccines and autism rates have continued to rise?

Response: That is incorrect. As we decreased the amount of thimerosal in pediatric vaccines, we increased the total number of vaccines as well as the cumulative exposure to other neurotoxic ingredients, including aluminum. It is not possible to ascertain whether vaccines cause autism until we dedicate the funds to pursue a long-term controlled study. Furthermore, thimerosal remains in some childhood vaccines today. Flu shots are recommended for all children and most seasonal flu shots, including those routinely given to children and pregnant women, contain 10-25 mcg of thimerosal or approximately 25,000 parts per billion (ppb). Thimerosal is nearly 50% ethylmercury by weight (www.tinyurl.com/y7pdm5m) and continues to be used in the manufacturing process of many vaccines. After filtration, vaccines still have "trace" amounts of thimerosal equivalent to one-half of one microgram or 2,000 ppb. Two hundred ppb meets the EPA classification for © 2010 5
hazardous waste and 2 ppb is the EPA limit for safe drinking water (www.tinyurl.com/y2zfe58). Mercury is the most neurotoxic non-radioactive substance known to man. It has been removed from over-the-counter medicines and veterinary vaccines. It should not be injected in any amount into humans of any age.

14. Public Health Trumps Individual Choice: If you don't vaccinate yourself and your children, aren't you endangering others?

Response: If you have been vaccinated against an infectious disease and your blood antibody titres indicate that you have levels providing specific immunity, you cannot contract that disease from someone, whether that person was vaccinated or not. People who are unvaccinated, and those who are vaccinated but whose immunity has worn off, can be disease carriers if they do not stay at home when they are sick.

In the event of an infectious disease outbreak, schools require that unvaccinated students remain at home. Due to viral shedding from live virus vaccines, a recently vaccinated person can infect the unvaccinated and those who are vaccinated but whose immunity has worn off. Vaccine package inserts do not rule out the possibility of disease transmission via viral shedding and close personal contact (www.tinyurl.com/24ldtn).

Admittedly, some people are unable to be vaccinated due to age or health status. There have been vitriolic discussions about the selfishness of parents who do not vaccinate their children. In the absence of a true public health emergency, the morality of requiring someone to vaccinate to protect others must be carefully weighed against the morality of mandating a medical intervention for healthy individuals that is known to injure and cause death in others. The government has paid out almost \$2 billion to nearly 2,500 families to compensate for vaccine injury and death. A society that protects fundamental human rights does not discriminate on the basis of genetic predisposition or mandate a practice that inevitably causes human sacrifice, even if the number of victims is very small. This is especially true when the scientific foundation supporting long-term safety and efficacy is unknown due to government failure to provide rigorous unbiased science on vaccine safety. The decision to be vaccinated should rest with the individual or the parent, not the state.

15. Mandatory Vaccination Is Legal: Aren't vaccination laws constitutional and for the public good?

Response: *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, a 1905 Supreme Court case, established the precedent that states may impose vaccine mandates during public health emergencies. This decision, arising from a deadly smallpox epidemic in a different era, predates the doctrines of free and informed consent and medical autonomy and most of the scientific advances of the 20th century. State-mandated vaccination during a smallpox epidemic in 1905 reflects a radically different reality than ours today. In 1905, there was a single vaccine mandate at issue during a widespread and contagious smallpox epidemic, and Jacobson's non-compliance resulted in a monetary fine. At no point was Jacobson denied employment, or his child denied school admission, due to the failure to vaccinate. Jacobson and his son did not face mandates with up to 69 doses of 16 vaccines that included foreign proteins and neurotoxic chemicals. And even *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, which upheld state mandates, noted the risks of "regulations so arbitrary and oppressive" that they would be "cruel and inhuman in the last degree." Current vaccine mandates, required in non-emergency situations, based on inadequate science, rest on a questionable constitutional foundation.



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THE CHICAGO PRINCIPLES ON VACCINATION CHOICE

We, the people who affirm our belief in personal rights, in order to promote the general health and welfare for ourselves and our children and to establish justice, advocate the following principles:

1. Vaccination choice based on complete and accurate information is a fundamental human right.
2. The right to conscientious objection from vaccination mandates, namely the right to a philosophical exemption, is a fundamental human right.
3. Laws that make education, employment, daycare and public benefits contingent on vaccination status, except in the most extreme of public health emergencies, violate the fundamental human right to vaccination choice.
4. When vaccination is used as a preventive medical intervention for healthy individuals, the precautionary principle must apply. If there is no public consensus about the need for or safety of certain vaccines, they should neither be recommended nor mandated for universal use.
5. Individuals who are in a position to evaluate, recommend and mandate vaccines must be free of all actual or perceived conflicts of interest.

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CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION IN THE UNITED STATES

1. **Congress should conduct oversight hearings on the national vaccine program**, including mandates for the military and immigrants, examining vaccine safety, conflicts of interest, suppression of science, evidence of vaccine injury, and comparative empirical data from countries with differing vaccine schedules.
2. **Congress should immediately initiate a study of vaccinated versus unvaccinated populations** for long-term health outcomes. Such a baseline study has never been done, suggesting that the vaccine schedule as a whole is an experiment on human subjects. This bill is called the “Comprehensive Comparative Study of Vaccinated and Unvaccinated Populations Act” and was originally co-sponsored by Rep. Maloney (D.-N.Y.) and Rep. Osborne (R. – Ne.).
3. **Congress should create an independent Agency for Vaccine Safety Research**. This agency must be completely separate from the Centers for Disease Control, which promotes federal vaccination recommendations for state mandates. This bill is called the “Vaccine Safety and Public Confidence Assurance Act” and was originally co-sponsored by Rep. Weldon (R.-Fl.) and Rep. Maloney (D.- N.Y.)
4. **Congress should abolish the Vaccine Injury Compensation Program** or make it optional. The Program has failed in its purpose to quickly, generously and administratively compensate families for vaccine injury and to improve vaccine safety.
5. **Vaccine manufacturers should be subject to ordinary tort liability and civil trials for vaccines**. All statutes that shield vaccine manufacturers from ordinary tort liability for vaccine products, such as the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Act (1986) and the Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (2005), violate the U.S. Constitution’s Seventh Amendment right to a trial by jury in civil cases.

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BIG IDEAS ABOUT VACCINATION CHOICE

- #1: Vaccination Choice is a Human Right
- #2: America's Kids – the Most Highly Vaccinated in the World -- Are Not Well
- #3: Soldiers' Personal Healthcare Decisions – Including Vaccination Choice – Are More Restricted than for Any Other Americans
- #4: All People Deserve Vaccination Choice, Especially Those Who May Be Genetically at Risk -- the Somali Immigrant Story
- #5: Vaccines Are Known, Expected and Accepted to Cause Harm and Death – the Gardasil Story
- #6: Parental Rights are a Fundamental Liberty and a Sacred Responsibility
- #7: Big Pharma is Banking on the Vaccine Bubble – and It Will Pop
- #8: The Great American Tradition of Protest Music
- #9: The Necessary and Constructive Role of Dissent in a Democracy
- #10: The Government Has Lost Moral Authority after Decades of Mandated Vaccines
- #11: Blame the Victim is Alive and Well in the American Vaccine Program: If You or Your Child Is Injured, There is No Justice
- #12: Certain Vaccine Ingredients are Known Neurotoxins
- #13: Vaccine Safety Science Is Urgently Needed -- and Being Actively Suppressed