

Final: Lorraine Moore

VC: Hello, I'm Vanessa Corwin

KK: And I'm Kathleen Kaan

VC: The CDC reports that to date, about 35% of the US population has been vaccinated against Covid, and vaccines are now readily available nationwide. But according to a recent poll, one in four Americans are not willing to receive the vaccine. One of those is with us today. Nancy Foster from Hilton Head, South Carolina will tell us why she has chosen not to take the vaccine. Welcome, Nancy. Thanks for joining us. Let's jump right in. Why don't you tell us a little bit about your background?

NF: Well, I was in the corporate world for a number of years, left corporate world and I do counseling, spiritual counseling, more grief and bereavement and I'm also an ordained interfaith minister and I am a spiritualist.

VC: So can you tell us why you decided not to take the vaccine?

NF: Personally, I've elected not to take the vaccine for two major reasons. Number one, this is the United States of American and we do have the freedom of choice here. So I do believe it should be a personal choice, not something imposed upon an individual. And the second reason is, I do believe that as of now we have not yet had sufficient data, sufficient trials that demonstrate the safety or the effectiveness of the vaccine.

KK: Do you wear masks when you go out, when you go to the store, in a crowd, do you do that at least?

NF: Only if I absolutely have to.

KK: So what of the CDC guidelines do you follow?

NF: So for myself, I'm not actively ill so I'm not subjecting myself to any one. I don't believe that cloth masks are effective in the spread and prevention of any flu or virus, for that matter. So I think it's counterproductive to have an inappropriate piece of fabric covering your face.

KK: So therefore, you're not concerned. I know you're healthy but you're not concerned about other people you may come in contact with?

NF: It's a virus. You can't hide from a virus or the flu. You just can't hide from it unless you stay in a bubble in your home.

VC: Do you think that there is any sort of conspiracy on the part of the government or big pharma, the health industry in general?

NF: Well, I can't speak for the health industry or big pharma. I do believe there's a cover-up with China regarding the origins of this Covid 19 virus, that's my personal opinion.

VC: Do you have confidence in the scientists, the CDC experts, the NIH experts who give us information about Covid, who set the protocols that we need to follow about wearing masks, not wearing masks, etc., do you trust these folks?

NF: No.

KK: Why don't you trust them?

NF: Because they have waffled on their speculation, their protocols since this happened, since this virus was identified. They have constantly changed their positions.

VC: That came as a result of them learning more about the virus and changing the protocols (NF: Right) to jive with the knowledge that they were getting, and that is science, that is just the way it goes.

NF: That's correct. Since it's an evolving situation we have to be open minded, each and every one of us and take into account what works best for us because this is an evolving situation and there's no way they can have an absolute hold on the science or the medical part of it because they just don't know yet which is exactly my position why I'm not taking this vaccine.

VC: Now let me ask you this. Do you travel, or do you expect to travel in the near future?

NF: Yes

VC: So let's say there are restrictions where you decide to go, whatever destination you decide to go, or would you choose your destination based on what the protocols are?

NF: If it's mandatory for me to have a vaccine to go somewhere I won't go there.

VC: Now, let me ask you this. Now a lot of the experts say that if too many people refuse to take the vaccine we will never get close to what they consider herd immunity. Do you feel any kind of responsibility in this area?

NF: How could I possibly have any sense of guilt or responsibility for a virus?

KK: In my whole lifetime, and I'm assuming in your whole lifetime, we have never seen the world closed down. So it's not just the United States, we've never seen Italy, France, Germany, shut their doors because of the virus.

VC: No, it's never been of this magnitude.

KK: Wherever you went, I would assume that they didn't have anything like, for two weeks you had to stay home.

VC: Quarantine, or show proof of a negative test or anything like that?

NF: No.

VC: So you chose your destinations very carefully.

NF: Specifically. So let's talk about the vaccine since we hit on the vaccine itself in why I choose not to become vaccinated. I'm not at this stage in the scientific end of the vaccine. I'm not comfortable with the potential for long range side effects. We just don't know. And I'm not faulting the medical or scientific community. We haven't had enough time with this virus to know long term effects.

KK: Well, we really appreciate having this discussion with you.

NF: Yes, we all need to be educated.

VC: We want to shed some light on why people may be resistant to taking the vaccine.

KK: To see the other point of view.

VC: Thank you for communicating that to us. This conversation is bound to continue for some time.

