



African-American autism and vaccines

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Last August, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention senior scientist, Dr. William Thompson, invoked federal whistleblower status and confessed that the CDC has known since 2001 that Black boys exposed to the MMR vaccine have a disproportionate risk of autism.

Thompson, a 17-year CDC veteran is the author of some of the leading studies cited by the CDC to exculpate vaccines from the autism epidemic. Thompson, who still works at the CDC, released the raw data sets that he says his bosses at the CDC ordered him to conceal. Those data show that Black boys who received the MMR vaccine before 3 years of age, as the CDC recommends, were 3.36 times more likely to receive an autism

diagnosis than those who received the vaccine after 3 years of age. This effect was not observed in other race categories. Nevertheless, when the CDC scientists published their results in the journal *Pediatrics* in 2004, they omitted the damaging data, fraudulently declaring there was no risk of autism from the MMR vaccination. In August 2014, Thompson issued a press release through his attorney stating, “I regret that my coauthors and I omitted statistically significant information in our 2004 article published in the journal *Pediatrics*. The omitted data suggested that African-American males who received the MMR vaccine before age 36 months were at increased risk for autism.”

The buried data were disturbing, but hardly surprising. The most reliable studies in the scientific literature indicate that African-Americans are more susceptible to vaccine injury and may also have increased susceptibility to neurological disorders such as autism.

A 2010 nationwide study of the CDC’s Autism and Developmental Disability Monitoring Network found autism incidence about 25 percent higher in African-Americans than Caucasians. A 2014 study published in *Pediatrics* showed higher rates of all categories of autism among African-Americans in Los Angeles County compared with Caucasians, with the incidence of severe autism elevated by 263 percent among foreign-born Blacks and 152 percent for U.S.-born Blacks as compared with U.S.-born whites.

A 2010 study in the *Journal of Toxicology and Environmental Health* showed that Blacks were at significantly greater risk for regressing into autism after receiving the thimerosal-containing Hepatitis B vaccination series as infants. When analyzed further, the data showed that Black boys receiving the HepB series were 53 percent more likely to have autism than those Black boys not receiving any HepB shot.

On the basis of all the population data and the CDC’s most recent autism incidence estimates, at least 100,000 African-American male children could have been spared debilitating neurological injury if the CDC scientists had told the truth when the increased risk was first known to them in 2001.

Thompson has requested to testify before Congress about corruption at CDC and has handed over to Congress thousands of pages of documents showing widespread fraud in CDC’s vaccine division.

It’s not the first time the CDC has concealed vaccine risks from African-Americans. Less than 10 years ago, in June 1996, African-Americans in Los Angeles learned that the CDC had been conducting vaccine experiments in their communities. Beginning in 1989, the CDC conducted an experiment on nearly 1500 Black and Hispanic infants using an unlicensed measles vaccine without disclosing to parents that the drug was a high-potency experimental vaccine designed to overwhelm the baby’s maternal immune system. The CDC only halted its secret experiment in 1991, when companion clinical trials conducted in Africa and Haiti showed an increased death rate and severe immune-system disorder among female infants who received the vaccine. Those children died within two years after the vaccination.

“A mistake was made,” then CDC Director Dr. David Satcher told the *LA Times*. “It shocked me. We need to move to a new level of assurance so people can trust what we’re doing.” The CDC denies that any Los Angeles Black children were injured by the unlicensed vaccine but has not produced any studies to confirm that claim.

In 1972, a government whistleblower, Peter Buxton, revealed that for the previous 40 years, beginning in 1932, both the CDC and the U.S. Public Health Service conducted the so-called Tuskegee Experiment to study the progression of untreated syphilis in impoverished African-American men in rural Alabama. Public health regulators lured illiterate sharecroppers with the promise of hot meals, funeral costs and free health care from the U.S. government. According to the CDC, which took over the study in the early 1960s, none of 299 syphilitic sharecroppers were ever told they had the disease. The CDC purposefully withheld penicillin after the antibiotic became a proven treatment in 1947. The CDC actively prevented participants from accessing syphilis treatment programs elsewhere. The CDC’s victims in that study included numerous men who died of syphilis, 40 wives who contracted the disease and 19 children born with congenital syphilis.

When, in 1966, Buxton, an African-American, sent a letter to government regulators complaining about the ethics and morality of the study, the CDC reaffirmed the need to continue the research until all subjects had died

and been autopsied. To bolster its position, the CDC sought and gained support for the study’s extension from the American Medical Association.

Buxton finally told his story to my uncle, Senator Edward Kennedy, in July of 1972. Senator Kennedy convened Senate hearings, at which Buxton and HEW officials testified, and the CDC finally terminated the study.

May 16, 1997, President Bill Clinton formally apologized at a White House ceremony attended by five of the eight study survivors, promising “our African-American citizens” that “clearly racist” public health policies would never happen again.

By concealing the link between vaccines and autism in African-American boys, the CDC had once again violated that public trust. But this fraud is not just about African-Americans. The fraudulent 2004 study has been cited in 91 subsequent studies as one of the principle proofs of the CDC’s claim that vaccines are not linked to the autism epidemic. The CDC’s fraud in this study calls into question the validity of the entire body of research that families, medical professionals and policymakers rely on when making decisions for the health of children.

“I have a boss who is asking me to lie,” Thompson said in a taped conversation with Simpson University professor, Dr. Brian Hooker. “I have great shame now when I meet a family with kids with autism, because I have been a part of the problem ... because the CDC has not been transparent, we’ve missed 10 years of research, because the CDC is so paralyzed right now by anything related to autism. They’re not doing what they should be doing. They are afraid to look for things that might be associated. I’m completely ashamed of what I did. The higher ups wanted to do certain things, and I went along with it.”

The time has come in this country for everyone—press, regulators and politicians—to stop “going along with it.”

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LaTanya Fouche Palmore

parents listen up read this..All parents..Especailly AA Parents...Again i give testement to divine disernment..in 1990 my GrandMother advised me against vaccines and vaccinated on schedule..I listened..and beleive my children were spared because of my obideince to what my grandmother advised. Vaccinations can be more dangerous than the disease they are created to protect from. I have already advised my children that there children will not receive these potentially dangerous vaccines. I wouldnt doubt MMR vaccines was designed to be risky and harmful to AA and Hispanic boys.

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JC Curtis

Your GrandMother was a very discerning woman!

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Tracy Smith

I agree 100%.

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**Matt Carey**

" I wouldnt doubt MMR vaccines was designed to be risky and harmful to AA and Hispanic boys."

Wow, that's a pretty amazing statement. Not amazing as in good, but the other kind of amazing. As in, "amazing that you can believe such a wild conspiracy theory"

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**CC Rob**

According to the FDA:

“Aluminum may reach toxic levels with prolonged parenteral administration [this means injected into the body] if kidney function is impaired . . . Research indicates that patients with impaired kidney function, including premature neonates [babies], who received parenteral levels of aluminum at greater than 4 to 5 micrograms per kilogram of body weight per day, accumulate aluminum at levels associated with central nervous system and bone toxicity [for a tiny newborn, this toxic dose would be 10 to 20 micrograms, and for an adult it would be about 350 micrograms]. Tis... [See More](#)

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**Arla Nummelin**

I appreciate all of this data! Thanks for doing the math. It really proves a point!

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**Caroline Yunker**

Thank you. I hope you don't mind that I will use your write-up!

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**Matt Carey**

As long as you are quoting the FDA:

"The risk to infants posed by the total aluminum exposure received from the entire recommended series of childhood vaccines over the first year of life is extremely low, according to a study by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

This study is important because it provides additional scientific information confirming that the benefits of aluminum-containing vaccines administered during the first year of life outweigh any theoretical concerns about the potential effect of aluminum on infants."

<http://www.fda.gov/Biologic.../ScienceResearch/ucm284520.htm>

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**Dana Ullman**

Robert Kennedy, Jr. has accurately show that the CDC and to Big Pharma believe that "black lives do not matter." The media should accurately report on this ugly fact.

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**JC Curtis**

The media is run by Big Pharma. We turned TV off 8 years ago but when I'm

somewhere where a TV is going I'm shocked as to how many drug ads there are. There were a lot 8 years ago but now? Ugh.

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JC Curtis

Not sure where my comment went but: This little white Christian grandma will accept the invitation of the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam to march with them in October. We must stand against racist eugenics and medical tyranny. I hope many awakened white people will.

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Lucy Cole

Jan Curtis Williams, I am also a white grandmother, and I will march with the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Nation of Islam in October too!

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Matt Carey

Wow--Kennedy is inspiring people to believe that the U.S. public health community is in a conspiracy of "racist eugenics and medical tyranny".

There's a reason why some Kennedy's are considered great and others, like RFK Jr. are not.

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Christine Best

RFK, you are a wonderful man, you put yourself out there for everyone. I wish that people could understand. I think in my life, you are singularly the most impactful being in the world. People just have not been able to realize it yet. Your courage will pulse in my heart. Thank You, Thank You.

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Caroline Yunker

Hear, hear. RFK, Jr is a person of courage, compassion and love.

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Matt Carey

Courage is owning your mistakes and making ammends. When Mr. Kennedy steps up to the plate on his mistakes on vaccines and starts trying to fix the problems he created, perhaps the word "courage" could be used.

It takes courage to stand up and say something unpopular, but only if you are willing to accept it when you are wrong. Mr. Kennedy lacks that courage.

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Christine Best

Mr Carey, what are you referring to. RFK is correct about his vaccine stance. Read the science. I guess you have not or you are have some other reason for making this comment. Science revealed always shows the truth. It takes courage to stand up and be a leader of truth. There are thousands of doctors and so many others that support his work. Go get your vaccines and invest in drug companies if that is your thing. but leave people alone who want to take

care of themselves. And stop posting super negative responses on people who just want to show support. Go down to the jungle gym and bully someone else.

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Suzanne Marie

I hope that all this comes as proof to everyone that the vaccine/autism link is possible!!!! Is there anyone that can state with 100% certainty that vaccines do not cause autism? Also very important to read [#Chris Robison's](#) comment below.

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Thomas Mickey Creeley

Thanks to RFK jr for fighting the good fight, making cogent arguments, and keeping the light of scrutiny on these institutions.

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Matt Carey

It is beyond ironic that the vaccine antagonistic groups are suddenly accepting the fact that there are racial/ethnic minorities.

It's a cynical approach to try to capitalize on junk science.

Autism identification in minority groups has been historically low. In California, Hispanics are 1/3 as likely to be identified and served. Just one example.

This has been ignored and denied by those who promote the myth that vaccines are behind the rise in autism identification. Why? Because it points very clearly that the autism "rates" we see are not accurate counts of who all is autistic. It's... [See More](#)

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Matt Carey

"thimerosal is still in the multidose flu vaccines and the hepB vaccine "

Not in vaccines given to pregnant women, infants or toddlers in the state of California. Not for about 10 years here.

And yet the fraction of children diagnosed with autism continues to rise.

The thimerosal hypothesis is dead. It just doesn't fit the data. Mr. Kennedy needs to gather up the courage to admit that and start fixing the problems he has created.

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Matt Carey

"Last August, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention senior scientist, Dr. William Thompson, invoked federal whistleblower status and confessed that the CDC has known since 2001 that Black boys exposed to the MMR vaccine have a disproportionate risk of autism."

Interesting way to phrase that.

First, for someone who claims to "understand" science, you either don't understand or you don't care that you are wrong. You take a statistical anomaly and pretend like it is proof of causal fact. That's just plain dishonest, Mr. Kennedy. Really--do you not understand or are you just so politica... [See More](#)

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Stewart Scott

Eugenics lives on. They've always known vaccines harm people, but they say it was done for the safety of the population, vaccine safety is a lie. Vaccines are not safe, and we see the results of increasing vaccines, massive increase in ASDs, and brain damage, death, big parma in the UK can not be held liable, they have a get out of jail fee card.

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Matt Carey

Mr. Kennedy claims to be "pro vaccine" and yet stands by while his supporters make this sort of claim.

I don't know nor do I care what Mr. Kennedy thinks. His actions are irresponsible and deplorable.

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