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Subject: Disinformation Digest: Thursday, July 8

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See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#JustSayNoToVaxxPolice

#ViolatersWillBeProsecuted

#NoJab4Me

#TrespassersWillBeShot

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

Former Exposé presenter turned vaccine conspiracy theorist Aisling O’Loughlin launched a new weekly [programme](#), ‘The One to One Show’, streaming every Wednesday on The Irish Inquiry Facebook page. In the first show, O’Loughlin interviewed high-profile anti-vaccine activist Dolores Cahill who made various baseless claims including that ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine work on sick COVID patients within “three to six hours” and that mRNA vaccines turn people into a “genetically-modified organism”, thus “enhancing the likelihood you will have an adverse event and die”.

The cancellation of October’s Dublin marathon over COVID concerns has sparked a widespread backlash among a familiar gallery of anti-lockdown

individuals ([1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#)). The decision was also [criticised](#) by consultant Dr Jack Lambert, and a [clip](#) of Newstalk presenter Kieran Cuddihy's negative response has notched up almost 26k views to date.

Following Mattie McGrath's condemnation of "vaccine passports", as flagged in yesterday's digest, Richard O'Donoghue, another member of the Dáil's Rural Independent Group [claimed](#) the media is knowingly reporting on false COVID figures, while McGrath also [asserted](#) that any introduction of certificates for indoors dining certs is "a trick" to get people vaccinated.

TRENDS

A thread by self-described "stock market investor" Graham Neary [warns](#) young people against taking the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, using [disclaimers](#) on the EMA website. This follows from a similar thread by him on Tuesday about the AstraZeneca vaccine which was included in the digest.

An [allegation](#) by high profile anti-vaccine activist Marcus De Brun that a Dublin DJ told him he has been "gagged" from making any on-air comments about NPHE is beginning to get [some](#) attention.

De Brun also tweeted that RTÉ and the Medical Council aided in the suppression of "manslaughter" in [nursing homes](#).

Restaurant critic Tom Doorley tweeted about reported indoor dining in a [Sligo](#) restaurant, prompting a [string](#) of [replies](#) from people who had heard of/witnessed similar activity elsewhere.

MONITORING

A video by Ivor Cummins in which he makes various false or misleading claims, including that "hospitals are empty anyway" was [removed](#) from YouTube but re-posted on [Odysee](#) where it has so far received less than 5k views.

CMO Dr Tony Holohan [continues](#) to be the focus of much [anger](#) over the

delays in lifting various remaining lockdown restrictions with one [tweeter](#) calling him “war criminal #1”.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Still, the biggest story discussed among anti-vaccine activists is the US government door-to-door programme to boost vaccination (for example [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). Activists described people involved in the programme as “[Vaccine Nazis](#)”. Senator Kelly Townsend [asked](#) people to post “no trespassing” signs at visible locations on their properties.

Steve Bannon hosted the anti-vaccine activist Naomi Wolf. They [discussed](#) the door-to-door programme and vaccine passports.

The assassination of President of Haiti Jovenel Moise has prompted multiple conspiracy theories. One theory on Reddit’s conspiracy forum [suggested](#) that Moise was killed because he turned away shipments of AstraZeneca vaccines. Others [have suggested](#) that he was killed because Haiti is the only country in the western hemisphere without COVID vaccines (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

For many conspiracy theorists, Event 201 foreshadowed the pandemic, which came 3 months after the exercise, so it’s clear, in their minds, the pandemic was planned. Now with [Cyber Polygon](#), they [meaning either the WEF, Klaus Schwab or other actors like them] are doing an exercise on extreme cyber attacks and blackouts so that’s, in the conspiracy theory narrative, what’s going to happen in the next three months. They are attributing random blackouts to a secret, elite plan.

America’s Frontline Doctors [is seeking](#) “plaintiffs who have had their pharmacist refuse to fill their valid prescription for hydroxychloroquine or ivermectin”. They said that they intend to launch a lawsuit on behalf of the patients.

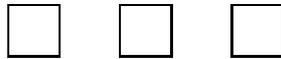
Anti-vaccine activists [have been sharing](#) false claims that the Pfizer vaccine

contains “Graphene Oxide” which they claim is poisonous and integrates with 5G (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

Fringe groups [are engaging](#) with a new [report](#) about how some teens are faking positive COVID tests.

Reuter has [fact-checked](#) the widespread unverified claims that people who have been vaccinated for COVID are becoming sick and dying.

Conspiracy theorists [are sharing](#) an old video of Alex Jones where he claimed that the Bilderberg Group would use vaccines to depopulate the world and start a police state.



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#LockdownKills

#FireFraudFauci

#NotApproved

#VirusChino

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

Opposition continues to mount against the delay to the reopening of indoor dining and to the admittance of vaccinated people only.

A succession of businesses have stated they will not comply with any obligation to check the vaccination status of customers ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)), while the introduction of vaccine passports has been [described](#) as "Control Authoritarianism" [sic] by commentator Eddie Hobbs and [called](#) "medical apartheid" by anti-vaccine activist David Thunder.

Dr Tony Holohan is the focus of much ire ([1,2,3](#)) and a video from Ivor Cummins. In it, he dismisses the Delta variant as “nonsense” and claims the CMO has “single-handed dictatorial control over Ireland”. The video has garnered over 40,000 views on [YouTube](#).

A [petition](#) to disband NPHET has attracted a modicum of attention thus far, while the COVID modelling data used both in Ireland and in the UK continues to draw criticism ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)).

Opposition TD Verona Murphy cast [doubt](#) on NPHET figures during an interview on RTÉ’s ‘Prime Time’ and Fianna Fáil senator Ollie Crowe has [called](#) for a reversal of the government’s decision on indoor dining.

The July 3rd protest flagged in yesterday’s digest is beginning to pick up steam online ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)) - however a [call](#) for a “peaceful assembly” at the Department of Health headquarters this evening by Peter Dooley, an independent candidate in the Dublin Bay South by-election, does not appear to have gained much traction.

TRENDS

A [report](#) that four vaccinated workers at Waterford University Hospital tested positive for COVID has attracted the attention of [anti-vaccine activists](#), while far-right figure Tommy Robinson [posted](#) a clip from an interview with Taoiseach Micheál Martin on the Six-One News as proof that COVID vaccines “don’t work”.

Also the news that the HSE is planning to vaccinate children is getting a negative [reaction](#) from the anti-vaccine community on Facebook. According to the report, the EMA is expected to announce approval of the Moderna vaccine for teenagers aged 12 to 17 in July. However [misinformation](#) about the Moderna vaccine is beginning to circulate online.

This [anonymous](#) Twitter account which was set up last month makes a claim regarding COVID hospital deaths, while high-profile activist Gary Dempsey described statistics relating to alleged vaccine fatalities on the UK's Yellow Card injury reporting system as "carnage". The claims on this system have been fact checked [here](#).

MONITORING

Solicitor Tracey O'Mahoney has [posted](#) a new video on mandatory vaccination in the workplace which is being [shared](#) online.

Minister Eamon Ryan is drawing considerable ire from anti-mask activists ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)) after a video clip from the Claire Byrne studio shows him polishing his glasses with his face mask during an interview.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Anti-vaccine influencers continue to attack Anthony Fauci. Ali Shultz of America's Frontline Doctors [said that](#) they filed a lawsuit against Fauci. A post about Fauci warning of "two Americas" due to a gap between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated [has received](#) over a thousand comments on Reddit's conspiracy forum.

Tucker Carlson hosted Bret Weinstein on his show. Weinstein spoke about ivermectin as a cure for COVID and criticized YouTube for removing a video of him discussing ivermectin. The [interview was shared](#) on fringe groups.

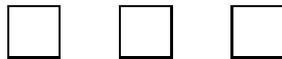
Altered photos have been circulating on social media showing Mike Tyson wearing a t-shirt with an anti-vaccine message (see [here](#) and [here](#)). PolitiFact [has debunked](#) the false photos.

The unverified story of Maddie de Garay, who was featured during the conference organised by Senator Ron Johnson, is still being shared among

fringe groups. Anti-vaccine activists [commented on the story and described](#) COVID vaccines as "The Gamble Program."

A document by [the WHO](#) about considerations regarding consent in vaccinating children and adolescents has been used by anti-vaccine activists [to warn](#) people that childrens' attendance at school counts as 'informed consent' for vaccination.

Anti-vaccine activists [have been circulating](#) a document to claim that the UK government backed a study that spontaneous abortions occurred among vaccinated women.



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See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#SackMichie

#TheChloroquineWars

#UnwellSinceVaccination

#Convid

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

The pushback on reopening continues to dominate discussion in fringe groups, even as vaccines become available to young adults.

The barrister Tracey O'Mahoney has [called for a boycott](#) of any business that asks to see vaccine certs, adding "Hit the like button if you agree". The tweet was liked more than 1,700 times, and retweeted more than 570 times.

Other fringe figures have called for businesses that ask for vaccine certs to be "[publicly named and shamed](#)", a sentiment also popular in fringe Telegram groups.

More businesses have also made social media posts to say that they will [not check vaccine certs](#) for entry, or will [refuse to open](#) until that rule is rescinded.

TRENDS

TD Mattie McGrath said in the Dáil that bringing in “vaccine passports” was part of a “medical apartheid” that the government was implementing.

As previously covered in this Digest, the term “medical apartheid” has been spread in fringe groups since at least early March (see March 4 newsletter) and was taken up by Irish [far-right conspiracy theorist groups](#) later that month (see March 31 newsletter).

PROTESTS

A number of protests are planned in the near future. The extension of indoor dining restrictions is likely to give turnout at these a boost.

The Irish Freedom Party (IFP) said [they will rally](#) outside Dáil Éireann on Saturday, July 10 at 2pm.

A [“Unite The Tribes” event](#) is also [planned](#) for Galway City that same day at noon.

Yellow Vest Ireland groups have long been promoting protests on Saturday, July 24 at the Custom House in Dublin City ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)).

Based on protests in Dublin and Cork the previous weekend ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#)), we expect these rallies to be used to spread misinformation saying that vaccines may cause infertility and are dangerous, particularly for children.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

There's been a huge reaction to a press conference from Jen Psaki yesterday where she spoke about going "door-to-door" with an education programme to ensure people get vaccinated. She said the campaign includes "targeted, community-by-community, door-to-door outreach to get remaining Americans vaccinated by ensuring they have the information they need on how both safe and accessible the vaccine is."

The top post for interactions on Facebook in the last 24 hours mentioning the word "vaccine" is from [Ben Shapiro](#), where he uploaded the Psaki video. Many of the comments seem incredulous at her suggestion. The [third](#) and [fourth](#) biggest posts are both from Dan Bongino. Negative reactionary tweets from [James Woods](#), [Dan Crenshaw](#) and country music singer-songwriter [John Rich](#) had 23,000, 18,000 and 8,000 likes respectively. On Telegram, [Ron Watkins](#) also reacted negatively. On a QAnon forum, discussion about this quickly [descended](#) into chatter about how the door-to-door campaign will result in children being kidnapped.

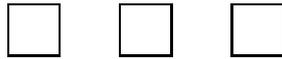
In the UK there's been a concerted campaign to "#SackMichie", which is a reference to academic psychologist Susan Michie. An advisor to the government, she recently appeared on Good Morning Britain to discuss COVID restrictions but was also asked about her support for the Communist Party.

Singer Morrissey has gained the support of COVID denialists after a recent [interview](#) where he referred to the virus as "con-vid".

Children's Health Defense [promoted](#) the story of a 17-year-old boy who allegedly developed a heart condition after a Pfizer vaccine. The boy's father, Fabio Berlingieri, had already [appeared](#) on Fox & Friends to tell the story.

Reuters [debunked](#) claims that McDonalds is giving out "experimental" vaccines to children. Note that it is partnering with the California Department of Public Health and will provide free vaccinations at more than 70 locations in the state.

Lead Stories [reported](#) on the questionable methodology and conclusion of a study on children wearing masks which has been promoted by the anti-mask movement. The study was published by JAMA Pediatrics.



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#EndTheLockdowns

#VaccinesArePoison

#VaccinesDontWork

#VaccineSideEffects

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

Theories that PCR tests in Ireland are unreliable and have artificially inflated the detection rate of positive COVID cases have been rekindled, largely due to [a tweet](#) by TD Michael McNamrara.

The tweet includes a reply from the HSE saying that PCR test assays often run for 40-45 cycles and has prompted a lot of misinformed and misleading speculation about false positives, as well as accusations that the government is knowingly exaggerating the amount of COVID cases ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#)).

TRENDS

The restaurateur Paul Treyvaud was among the critics of PCR tests and [posted](#)

[a video](#) saying PCR tests were unreliable. The video, featuring the inventor of PCR, is regularly shared in conspiracy theorist communities.

Treyvaud had previously promised to resume indoor dining in his restaurant today, in violation of restrictions, and said he is planning a protest for later this week.

[He announced today](#) that he is opening up, but that he has found a supposed loophole that means he is not violating restrictions. Treyvaud says that he is only going to admit people who are celebrating their marriage, regardless of when during the pandemic they were married, which he says falls within the rules. He also said that he was ordained online and is allowed to officiate weddings, so will [“sort it out if you’re stuck”](#).

Criticisms of the widely cited JAMA paper about children wearing face masks that were featured in Friday’s digest can be read [here](#).

[A story](#) by TheLiberal.ie, a site with a long history of posting fabricated news stories, is being widely shared in conspiracy theorist groups. The article is titled: “‘We live in a fraud of unprecedented dimensions’ – Lisbon court finds that only 152 of the 17,000 reported Covid-19 deaths were actually due to the virus itself.”

The story is unattributed and [appears to be untrue](#), based on a misreading of a report.

MONITORING

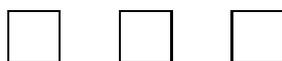
Anti-lockdown activist Ewan MacKenna says that he received photographs showing “a certain person in NPHET,” or one of their family members, breaking COVID restrictions ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#)). Judging by [online reactions](#), most people either don’t believe MacKenna, or don’t care in either case.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Anti-vaccine conversations are currently dominated by stories about vaccinated people getting sick and dying from COVID. One such [story](#) is from Tel Aviv, Israel, and is about a vaccinated student who was allegedly infected by another vaccinated contact. The story was [trending](#) on a QAnon forum this morning. Another [story](#) being shared is from Brussels, and is about a care home in which the Delta variant spread despite 95% of the residents being vaccinated.

Another story that's been gaining traction is the death of 13-year-old Michigan boy Jacob Clynick. This was featured by [The Vaccine Reaction](#) blog and [The Epoch Times](#). The Detroit News [reported](#) that the CDC is investigating whether there is any link between the death and a vaccination in the days prior.

A study published in the journal Vaccines on June 24 claimed that COVID vaccines cause two deaths for every three lives they save. The publisher has added a [note](#) to the study saying its conclusion is incorrect. But it's been picked up by various groups. PolitiFact reported on it, and its promotion by Liz Wheeler, [here](#).



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#HerdStupidity

#DontTakeTheVaccine

#YourGovernmentWantsToKillYou

#IvermectinSavesLives

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

A [new study](#) that shows that children wearing masks may suffer health problems due to inhaling elevated levels of carbon dioxide has been spread in Irish anti-mask communities.

A video by Irish wellness writer, Ivor Cummins, has been viewed more than 78,000 times on [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#). While presented in strong terms, the video does not appear to misrepresent the finding of [the study](#), published by JAMA Pediatrics.

The mean age of the children in the study was 10.7-years-old, with younger children being more negatively affected by masks. [Current HSE advice](#) says

“Face coverings are not recommended for children under the age of 13 unless they are in secondary school”.

This has not dissuaded his followers from using the study to condemn the Irish authorities ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)).

TRENDS

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MONITORING

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PROTESTS

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#NoNewNormal

#ThisEndsWhen

#NoSoliciting

#KeepOffMyProperty

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

INDOOR DINING

Activists have railed against proposals that restrictions should be lifted on indoor dining for people who have been vaccinated. The plan's critics include some people who appear to object to the proposal on the grounds that it is unfair in principle or specifically to young people. However, many of the loudest voices have long objected to any restrictions or vaccines ([1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#) [8](#) [9](#) [10](#) [11](#) [12](#) [13](#) [14](#)).

The campaign appears to be successfully coordinating groups that had been fractured and exhausted since restrictions had begun to be lifted. Terms like “two-tier society” feature heavily in conversations by critics of vaccine passes.

Many fringe activists said that they would boycott any business that asked for proof of vaccination, as did [Eddie Hobbs](#), who compared any law advocating they do to the rise of Hitler in 1930's Germany. (Hobbs was recently [criticised by the Auschwitz Memorial](#) for his comparisons of vaccines and restrictions to the Third Reich.)

[One Twitter user said](#) people should “disrupt the business of each and every restaurant and pub who enforces the indoor dining Vax pass”, adding the hashtag #BlockBookTheColluders

A list of new and previously mentioned businesses that said they would refuse to enforce vaccine passes is included here: [1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#).

BY-ELECTION

While the Dublin Bay South by-election saw a number of anti-vaccine and anti-lockdown candidates use their campaigns as an opportunity to spread their rhetoric, [early counts](#) indicate that they received a tiny sliver of first preference votes.

The National Party, which grew more explicitly anti-vaccine as the campaign went on, received 176 first preferences.

Peter Dooley, who ran on anti-lockdown policies and had [harangued other candidates](#) over vaccine passport proposals, received 252 first preferences.

Major spreader of misinformation Dolores Cahill had a particularly bad day. Not only did she receive just 173 first preferences, but she was also [filmed screaming at Gardaí](#) outside the counting centre after she refused to wear a mask to gain entry. She has also had recent trouble within the fringe community after [accusing Ben Gilroy](#), who also regularly spreads anti-vaccine misinformation, of hacking her Telegram account.

Gilroy, who is currently promoting a campaign called Make Change Happen,

[recently interviewed](#) a couple who said they “escaped” hotel quarantine. This incident was described in more detail in the June 23 newsletter.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

The US government door-to-door programme continues to be widely [discussed](#) among fringe [groups](#). A video inciting to kill people calling on doors has been shared by far-right influencers, including [Tommy Robinson on Telegram](#). In the video, the man calling to the door was described as a “Biden Vaccine Peddler.”

Anti-vaccine activists are sharing [reports](#) about 35-year-old journalist Ayesha K. Faines suggesting that she died because of a COVID vaccine. The Washington Standard [claimed](#) that the cause of Faines’ death was not listed because she took the “experimental COVID injections.”

Yesterday, Kinzen reported on false claims that the Pfizer vaccine contains “Graphene Oxide”. The [AP](#) has debunked the false narrative.

Conspiracy theories about the assassination of President of Haiti Jovenel Moise are still spreading on social media. Some users [suggest](#) that the WHO is giving orders to assassinate presidents.

Some anti-vaccine activists have been [discussing how](#) to claim a religious exemption for the vaccine.

Users on Reddit’s conspiracy forum [are engaging](#) with a post claiming that COVID symptoms are “electromagnetic hypersensitivity”.

Stephanie Seneff, an anti-vaccine influencer, [spread unverified](#) claims that COVID vaccines may cause diseases in 10 to 15 years.



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Sent: 16 July 2021 13:56

Subject: Disinformation Digest: Friday, July 16

Friday, July 16

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#ItsNotAVaccine

#WhereIsTheData

#HowEffectiveAreVaccines

#NoMandates

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

The Irish Inquiry has released their show [claiming](#) that “the miscarriage rate is 82% for those vaccinated in 1st trimester and long term risk to fertility is unknown.” The video, featuring conspiracist Aisling O’Loughling and anti-vaccine activist Dr Pat Morrissey, has been viewed more than [17,000 times on Facebook](#). It has already been [removed by YouTube](#) for violating “community guidelines.”

TRENDS

Large protests in the Phoenix Park yesterday evening saw about [1,000 people](#) turn up to protest vaccine passes for indoor dining ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#)). However, as previous newsletters outlined, the protests were organised by fringe groups that have long opposed any restrictions to stop the spread of COVID-19. Many of these groups and figures have also spread anti-vaccine misinformation in the past, including [Dolores Cahill](#), who spoke at the event. Cahill has long downplayed the severity of COVID-19 and has claimed vaccines for COVID-19 are fatal.

[Gemma O’Doherty’s website](#) is offline, with her supporters saying it was deleted against her will ([1](#), [2](#)). However, [O’Doherty’s BitChute channel](#) is still available and includes recordings where she makes allegations against Beaumont Hospital and its staff.

O'Doherty's followers also continue to post her recordings on social media sites ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#)). Some have also posted recordings of phone calls to the law firm ByrneWallace LLP, in which callers say that they will release whistleblowers' recordings if any further action is taken against O'Doherty ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#)). O'Doherty had previously said that she had distributed recordings to her supporters and issued similar threats to release them (see July 12's newsletter).

MONITORING

News that daily new COVID-19 cases are rising rapidly has been met with cynicism in fringe communities. Some say that the rise in cases means that the [vaccines don't work](#), while others have suggested that [the vaccines are causing the cases](#).

The political party Aontú have called for an inquiry into how nursing homes were used at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and have been [promoting their stance](#) on social media.

Fringe groups have long been [promoting a protest](#) against restrictions for Dublin City on July 24. Given the strong turnouts for the last two day's protests, which were hastily organised, Kinzen is monitoring to see if there is renewed interest in the July 24 protest.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

The biggest story today is US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy [warning that](#) misinformation about COVID and vaccines is an "urgent threat" to public health. He called on social media companies to do more to address the health misinformation. There has been a massive surge in social engagement with the

story on social media and on fringe groups. [It is one of the most engaged with stories](#) on Reddit's conspiracy forum with hundreds of comments.

A video of Jen Psaki speaking about flagging COVID disinformation to Facebook, [has been viewed](#) more than 2 million times. Psaki's remarks have been criticised by conservatives on social media (see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

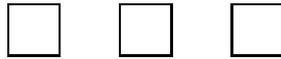
[A video posted by ITV News](#) interviewing COVID patients has sparked misinformation and conspiracy theories. Anti-vaccine activists and COVID denialists have shared the video to suggest that the patients were actually actors pretending to have COVID (see examples [here](#) and [here](#)). Laurence Fox has [shared the video](#) commenting "Anyone else starting to get slightly suspicious?"

During a press conference, Ontario Premier Doug Ford [said](#) that his government was not considering making COVID vaccinations mandatory for healthcare workers. "I think it's their constitutional right to take it or not take it," [Ford said](#).

Kinzen has been reporting on several false narratives and conspiracy theories about the door-to-door programme and SMS carriers story in the US. Fact-checking websites have been busy debunking these false narratives (see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

During an interview on Brighteon Conservatives, Stella Immanuel, an anti-vaccine activist who has a history of making bizarre claims about COVID, continued to spread falsehoods and misinformation. She [declared](#) spiritual war against "Satan's covid deception" and falsely claimed that COVID was fake.

Vernon Coleman, a regular spreader of misinformation, [attacked BBC employees](#) and described them as “traitors.”



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Sent: 14 July 2021 14:29

Subject: Disinformation Digest: Wednesday, July 14

Wednesday, July 14

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#MandatoryVaccinations

#NoVaccinePassports

#MedicalTyranny

#InformedConsent

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

The Irish Inquiry is [promoting a video](#) they plan to air tonight that focuses on claims that vaccines cause miscarriages. The video will feature Instagram exile Aisling O'Loughlin interviewing Dr Pat Morrissey, who has appeared in previous newsletters for his outspoken anti-vaccine views. Morrissey had [recently claimed](#): "The miscarriage rate is 82% for those vaccinated in 1st trimester and long term risk to fertility is unknown. 'No to vaccine'".

TRENDS

[A new Ivor Cummins video](#) claims that COVID isn't a dangerous disease. The video has been viewed more than 73,000 times since being posted yesterday. Cummins is also [promoting the hashtag](#) #ClotShot, which he hopes will become

a term used to refer to the vaccine.

Paddy Holohan has ramped up conspiracy theorist rhetoric, claiming that PCR tests are purposely being misused to inflate COVID cases and that businesses that check vaccines certs should be boycotted (examples [here](#), as well as on his stories [here](#)).

Holohan, a county councillor and once MMA fighter, was mentioned in a previous newsletter for similar rhetoric (April 23). He has more than 79,700 followers on Instagram.

WEEKEND CATCH-UP

Other developments prevented us from including stories that occurred over the weekend in the previous newsletters.

The phrase “No to vaccine” had trended on Irish Twitter over the weekend, in part due to [a petition](#) against vaccine passes started by barrister Tracey O’Mahoney. [More than 12,400 people](#) have signed the petition.

A Unite The Tribes rally in Galway City features a number of prominent COVID conspiracy theorists ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#)).

[A poll](#) by Eddie Hobbs found that about 83% of respondents said they would “boycott” vaccine passes. Today, Hobbs [posted a video](#) that claims that COVID was a purposely-made bioweapon, but also that there are no variants and no pandemic.

MONITORING

A protest against vaccine passes for indoor dining is planned for the Convention Center tonight ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)). There is confusion among potential attendees as to whether they are meeting at 8pm or 11pm. As mentioned in previous newsletters, threats against health staff and politicians are being spread by fringe activists. Yesterday, [one wrote](#): “Ireland as I know it is already

dead. The bought and paid for politicians must be so proud. Time they were hung for their treasonous actions.”

The [@beaumontexposer Twitter account](#), which appears to have been set up solely to spread Gemma O’Doherty’s misinformation, has been suspended.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

As news has just broken about Brazilian president Jair Bolsonaro being hospitalised with abdominal pain, we are watching out for emerging conspiracy theories. After the recent assassination of the president of Haiti, we have already seen some [commentary](#) on Telegram claiming Bolsonaro and other anti-vaccine presidents are being killed.

In England yesterday, MPs [approved](#) compulsory vaccinations for care home staff. This has led to a flurry of anti-vaccine rhetoric coming out of the UK. David Kurten, leader of the Heritage Party, [said](#) that "The UK is now a medical fascist state" and invoked the Nuremberg code. TV presenter Gillian McKeith [said](#) that "We need human rights lawyers to help stop this fascist attack with jobs for jobs in Care Homes." One commentator [said](#) it was time politicians "were hung for their treasonous actions."

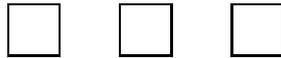
Similarly in France, Emmanuel Macron announced mandatory vaccination for health care workers, along with a range of measures to test those who are vaccine hesitant by tightening rules around social events and vaccine requirements. Marine Le Pen has railed against the "deterioration of individual freedoms". Videos shared on Telegram today (for example [here](#) and [here](#)) show the Yellow Vests movement (#GiletsJaunes) taking to the streets to protest. Since Macron’s announcement, there’s been a [big increase](#) in vaccination sign ups.

In the US, the SMS story we mentioned previously is still huge. Children’s Health Defense published an [article](#) about it, which had over 1,000 shares on

Facebook in less than 24 hours. It's also been lighting up the conspiracy forum on Reddit ([here](#) and [here](#)). Discussions about the door-to-door programme are also still [prominent](#).

Lead Stories [debunked](#) claims from Dan Bongino that the fatality rate from the Delta variant is 0.08%. The report he cited for the claim concluded the number is approximately 0.2%.

There have been [more attacks](#) on Fauci after he said in an interview with MSNBC that children as young as two should wear masks.



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Subject: Disinformation Digest: Thursday, July 15

Thursday, July 15

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#ClotShot

#NoDiscrimination

#NaziGlobalistTraitors

#NoCovidPass

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

Buoyed by a large turnout at the protest outside Dublin's Convention Centre last night (see below), far-right figure Ben Gilroy has called for a second [rally](#) this evening outside Áras an Uachtaráin, when President Higgins will sign the indoor dining bill into law. It is being promoted across various platforms ([1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#)).

One tweet suggests another [protest](#) tomorrow, Friday, when EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen is meeting the Taoiseach in Dublin. This may gain traction today, but there is scant support for it at present.

A protest in Galway's Eyre Square on [Saturday](#) afternoon is also planned.

TRENDING

Social media is dominated today by posts celebrating the sizable protest outside the Convention Centre ([1](#) [2](#) [3](#) [4](#) [5](#) [6](#) [7](#)) as the Dáil voted on the indoors dining bill.

There are no definitive figures for the turn-out, which [Gript](#) described as being "in the thousands," pointing out it had been organised within 24 hours.

There were [complaints](#) that it was not covered by "mainstream media",

although it occurred after the final print deadline of most newspapers, and reports were carried [online](#) and on the [air](#).

Although the supporters stated the protest was “peaceful”, the [presence](#) of some [far-right figures](#) was a potential flash-point for [trouble](#). However it did pass off without incident.

The protest attracted interest from outside Ireland, appearing on [Reddit](#), on the [YouTube](#) channel Hugo Talks and on the [Telegram](#) account of far-right activist Tommy Robinson

Also a hashtag #StandWithIreland began circulating on Twitter ([1](#) [2](#) [3](#)).

There was also huge interest in the Dáil vote as it took place in the Convention Centre ([1](#) [2](#)), with one activist calling for [“Nuremberg”](#) criminal trials for politicians. Comparisons were drawn to [1930’s](#) Germany and another [called](#) it “medical apartheid”.

There was similar rhetoric emanating from some political quarters, with a [senator](#) also describing the bill as “medical apartheid” and a TD comparing it to the [discrimination](#) faced by Rosa Parks while another deputy [warned](#) of the country “heading towards dictatorship”, Also Independent TD Michael McNamara [questioned](#) the Taoiseach on “the tyranny of a narrow majority”.

Yesterday afternoon The Irish Inquiry [posted](#) the names and phone numbers of several TDs, claiming it had been contacted by a “P.A. of an elected representative in the Oireachtas” suggesting supporters should contact these particular TDs before the evening vote.

MONITORING

An interlocutory [injunction](#) was granted against conspiracy theorist Gemma O’Doherty in the High Court yesterday for defamatory comments that she made about Beaumont Hospital and its director of nursing. O’Doherty [railed](#) against

the injunction in a video on Bitchute, calling for the judge to be “jailed.”

A video heavily promoted by The Irish Inquiry focussing on claims that vaccines cause miscarriages was due to stream last night, but was postponed until this evening due to what the website [describes](#) as “serious technical issues.”

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Videos and photos of protests in France against COVID 'health pass' rules and mandatory vaccination for health workers are still circulating among anti-vaccine groups (for example [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). French police [clashed with protesters](#) and fired tear gas on several occasions.

In the US, the door-to-door programme to boost vaccination [has been launched](#) in North Carolina. The Washington Standard called people involved in the programme part of the “[Vax Squad](#)”. The AP [debunked](#) some false narratives about the programme.

Matt Walsh criticised reports about SMS carriers in the US and claimed in a [YouTube video](#) that the Biden administration wants to monitor private text messages. Ben Shapiro [also shared](#) the video on his Facebook. Lead Stories [fact-checked](#) Walsh’s allegations.

Canadian doctor Charles Hoffe [has made a number of unverified claims](#) about COVID vaccines in an article posted by Humans Are Free. He claimed that the vast majority of people who got the vaccine would die within a few years from heart failure. He also claimed that mRNA shots were programmed to turn a person’s body into a spike protein factory.

Conspiracy theorists on Reddit [are sharing](#) an [old video](#) of Louis Farrakhan, head of the Nation of Islam, where he claimed that Anthony Fauci and Bill Gates wanted to depopulate the Earth through the development of vaccines.



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Tuesday, July 13

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#MedicalTyranny

#JustWait

#ItsAboutControl

#NoVaccinePassports

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

In the wake of threats outlined in yesterday's newsletter, Gemma O'Doherty today published a video on her website ([here](#)) titled: "Beaumont: Director of Nursing...".

The video is said to feature recordings of Marie Murray saying that nurses who refuse COVID vaccines will not be able to interact with patients. O'Doherty claims that this would be a threat of punishment and proves Murray had committed perjury. The video also suggests that the vaccines are fatal.

The video and O'Doherty's claims about Beaumont Hospital have been widely spread online by her followers ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#), [9](#), [10](#), [11](#), [12](#)), including one

who [posted the video](#) with the following text: “The penalty for treason under Irish Law was death until 1990. Something tells me the death penalty will be initiated by the people against their slave masters and those in positions of power who are responsible for supporting this farce.”

The uploader who suggested the death penalty be used has appeared in previous newsletters (including March 11, March 23, March 24), for spreading misinformation and making accusations against the health services.

TRENDS

TheLiberal.ie, which has a documented history of spreading misinformation, [published a story](#) promoting a Telegram group for “victims of Covid-19 vaccines”. The group (@covidvaccineireland) has only 43 members at the time of writing. Only one person in the group has so far claimed to be affected badly by a vaccine, though does not say how.

TheLiberal.ie today also misreported a [HPRA publication](#) of suspected side-effects in people who had received vaccines, with the clumsy title: “Public concerned with reports of some 10,000 adverse reactions to Covid-19 in Ireland, according to agency that records side effects in Ireland”

Standing out among the [chorus of complaints](#) about vaccine certs, TD Mattie McGrath’s recent comments have been [celebrated in fringe communities](#). The TD again compared COVID restrictions to “[Nazi Germany](#)”, making the phrase trend on Irish Twitter. The TD, who has been a vocal [anti-abortion camapaigner](#), also refused to reveal whether he was vaccinated, saying: “[My body, my choice](#)”.

[Calls](#) for Irish healthcare staff to refuse to take the vaccines have been spread widely online.

MONITORING

A “[grandmother](#)” who was convicted for refusing to wear a face covering in a

supermarket in Bandon, Co Cork, has been hailed as a hero by fringe groups ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#)). One major spreader of misinformation said that the conviction showed that Ireland had become a “[medical tyranny](#)”.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

[Reports](#) about the US government planning to work with SMS carriers to tackle vaccine misinformation sent via text messages have been misconstrued on social media and in fringe groups (see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). Tucker Carlson hit back and [claimed](#) that people’s private messages will be controlled by the DNC and that “misinformation can be factually true”.

Fringe groups [have been sharing](#) a new warning by the Food and Drug Administration about a rare nerve syndrome in relation to the Johnson & Johnson vaccine (see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

Stella Gwandiku-Ambe Immanuel, a Cameroonian-American pastor, [claimed](#) in a video posted by War Room With Owen Shroyer that people are fighting a “spiritual battle.” She made false claims that vaccines were made to control minds, population and gene therapy.

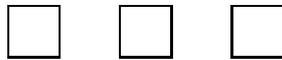
Newsmax host Rob Schmitt [made controversial claims](#) that vaccines were “against nature” and added that some diseases were “supposed to wipe out a certain amount of people”.

Social media users posted false claims that the Delta variant has caused zero deaths in the United States (see [here](#) and [here](#)). Reuters [has debunked](#) the false narrative.

[A photo](#) of Texas Democratic lawmakers not wearing masks on a plane has been widely circulated by anti-mask and anti-vaccine activists on social media and fringe groups (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

Fringe users continue to spread baseless conspiracy theories about herd immunity. A post on Reddit [claimed](#) that it was about “control and profit”.

[The Washington Standard](#) and others shared baseless conspiracy theories that three countries refusing to take COVID injections have seen their presidents killed. PolitiFact [has fact-checked](#) the false narrative.



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Subject: Disinformation Digest: Monday, July 12

Monday, July 12

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#MedicalApartheid

#TakeADeepBreath

#DoNotComply

#WeKnowTheyAreLying

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

GEMMA O'DOHERTY

On Friday, [The High Court ordered Gemma O'Doherty](#) to remove videos about Beaumont Hospital under the Defamation Act. She was also ordered to cease publishing the defamatory statements she had made, though was not prevented from publishing other stories about the hospital or its Director of Nursing.

Over the weekend, O'Doherty published numerous videos about Beaumont Hospital, claiming it is at the centre of a conspiracy to hide deaths and injuries caused by vaccines.

In the most recent example, posted today, O'Doherty says that she has

evidence that Beaumont and three of its named staff members are “corrupt”. One, who is mentioned by name in the defamation case, should be jailed, O’Doherty says. The video was filmed after the injunction was granted, which she mentions.

She also says that the hospital is “ground zero” for “vaccination hell”. She also says that people are being brought there with injuries caused by COVID vaccines, but that this information is being covered up as part of a “cull of humanity”. She also said staff had been coerced into taking vaccines.

(The video is hosted on a rudimentary video streaming programme on her site [here](#). To access it, click on the three horizontal lines on the bottom right corner, and click on the video called: “The evidence of corruption at Beaumont...” uploaded on July 12. It is also available on Bitchute [here](#).)

In the same video, O’Doherty also said that the judge in the defamation case should be arrested and that she did not plan to stop spreading her theories about Beaumont Hospital. She said that she had recordings taken by whistleblowers, and that if the courts tried to stop her speaking about Beaumont, or if police arrested her, she would release the tapes.

Other videos released by O’Doherty on July 11 show her helping to distribute copies of her “truthpaper”, The Irish Light. [The front page](#) of its July edition reads: “Beaumont cover-up: We will not be silenced”

O’Doherty’s videos and theories about Beaumont are being shared online by her followers ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)).

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

The door-to-door programme [continues to be discussed](#) in the US. QAnon-supporting Congresswoman Lauren Boebert [called on followers](#) not to trust the government programme, indicating it was a pathway to gun control. Marjorie

Taylor Greene also invoked the initiative when she [urged](#) people to refuse to take the vaccine.

A new treatment for COVID is being discussed in fringe groups. Activists [are promoting](#) N-acetylcysteine as a cheap natural supplement and claiming it is effective. [They claimed](#) that the FDA has banned the drug.

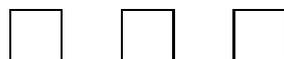
[A viral post](#) on Facebook falsely suggested that Royal attendance at Euro 2020 proves that there's no pandemic. FullFact [has debunked](#) the false narrative.

Falsehoods about mRNA vaccines being tested on animals are still circulating online. A user on Reddit's conspiracy forum shared a YouTube video [to claim](#) that tested animals kept dying during mRNA vaccine trials. Another user [suggested](#) that "all cats died upon reinfection." These false narratives have been previously fact-checked by [FullFact](#) and [PolitiFact](#).

Anti-vaccine activists [falsely claimed](#) that a study showed 81.9% of women who received the vaccines in their first or second trimester resulted in a spontaneous abortion. Lead Stories has [fact-checked](#) the false claims.

During Tucker Carlson's interview with Bret Weinstein, both [spread unverified claims](#) that the vaccine could make COVID potentially more harmful.

David Martin, who has been linked to previous COVID misinformation, [claimed that](#) there was no variant and no pandemic. He made these false claims during a conference hosted by Reiner Fuellmich.



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Friday, July 23

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#PingDemic

#NoVaccinePassportsEver

#DitchTheApp

#NoMandatoryVaccine

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

As mentioned in previous newsletters, the protests tomorrow are likely to see a large turnout and have been preceded by an increase in violent rhetoric in recent weeks.

The Dublin protesters [plan to meet](#) at the Customs House at 2pm; however, as mentioned in yesterday's newsletter, some plan to move to a [second location](#). Given that many fringe figures have made [President Higgins](#) the [focus of their anger](#), and [posts promoting the protest](#) have featured imagery from the Phoenix Park, Áras an Uachtaráin is a potential target.

[A protest in Cork](#) is also planned for 2pm at Grand Parade.

TRENDS

One group planning to [take advantage](#) of the protests is [MyCompass.ie](#), a business directory for services that pledge not to ask for vaccine passes or require masks.

Dozens of businesses have registered on the site, as well as on [Saor Sláinte](#), a similar directory. Posts by businesses pledging not to check vaccine passes or to refuse to open up due to restrictions on unvaccinated people continue to be posted to social media pages of restaurants and pubs (More than a dozen new examples have been posted to [this Instagram account](#); previous examples can be found here: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#)).

Some businesses have [also reported](#) that they are receiving threats of fake bookings by anti-vaccine pass activists (a tactic the activists have openly discussed on social media).

Commentators have criticised how numbers of COVID-19 cases in hospitals are being presented to the public, prompted by [reports](#) that the “vast majority of Covid patients in his hospitals tested positive after admission for something else (eg, broken leg) ... very few were admitted DUE to Covid (and positive cases had only mild symptoms)”, leading some fringe commentators to suggest health authorities ["distort numbers so knowingly and willingly"](#).

Conversely, [TheLiberal.ie](#) is reporting that “18 fully vaccinated people are currently in hospital with severe Covid-induced illness” to suggest that vaccines do not work. While other outlets have reported that 18 fully vaccinated people who have COVID-19 are currently in hospital, they do not report that this is due to “severe Covid-induced illness”.

Eddie Hobbs conducted [a bizarre poll](#) insisting that vaccines are too risky to

give to children. The poll asks “Is it acceptable to Vax kids with a trial drug under emergency authorisation to sustain very elderly in poor health when known risks from drug exceed risks from disease?”. Over 94.5% of more than 2,000 respondents answered “Are you insane?”, which is unsurprising, given that the only other choices were “Yes kids lives worth risk” and “Not sure, not been on RTE”. Hobbs made his position more explicit in another tweet where he argued that the ["risk from Vax is much greater than disease for kids."](#)

NewsTalk presenter [Shane Beatty said that](#) he received a vaccination cert 50 hours after receiving his second vaccine dose. An account, said to be run by an anonymous Irish doctor, [replied that this implies](#) the certs are “being issued prematurely. Before people are adequately protected after their 2nd dose”.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

As some governments, [including the US](#), are discussing vaccinating children, we have seen a surge of misinformation and baseless claims online. Robert F. Kennedy Jr [tweeted](#) about America's Frontline Doctors filing a motion to stop the COVID vaccines for anyone under 18.

The Daily Expose [claimed](#) in a new article that a European study showed that young people were twice as likely to die from AstraZeneca vaccine than from COVID. In another article, The Daily expose [spread baseless claims](#) that children suffered paralysis, cardiac arrest and death after getting the vaccines.

A viral interview with a Louisiana man hospitalized for COVID, [has been viewed millions](#) of times on Twitter. In the interview, Scott Roe refused to take the vaccine and claimed that “their” agenda is to get people vaccinated.

As Italy [has brought in](#) the “green pass” for accessing indoor venues, protesters took to the streets of Turin city last night. Videos and photos of the protest have been shared and watched thousands of times on social media (see examples [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).) Anti-vaccine fringe groups have praised protesters for

opposing the “green passes” (see examples [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

In a now deleted tweet, Arizona Cardinals wide receiver [DeAndre Hopkins](#) said he [would question his future in the NFL](#) if getting vaccinated was made mandatory. He [was celebrated](#) by anti-vaccine activists.

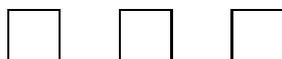
A [video posted by the NHS England](#) featuring a COVID patient has sparked misinformation and conspiracy theories online. COVID denialists and anti-vaccine activists have flooded the video with replies and comments accusing the man of being an actor faking a COVID infection (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

The AP has [fact-checked](#) misleading claims that the newest Israeli data on COVID infections indicated a “complete vaccine failure” in the country and that all serious cases and deaths are among the vaccinated.

Anti-vaccine activist Andrew Kaufmann [appeared](#) on Infowars where he spread disinformation about COVID.

Conspiracy theorists on Reddit [have been claiming](#) that the CDC deleted “thousands” of COVID vaccine related deaths from its website.

A post on Reddit’s conspiracy forum suggested that the [attempted assassination](#) of Madagascar’s President was because [he opposed COVID vaccinations](#) for his citizens.



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Thursday, July 22

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#StopTestingHealthyPeople

#FollowTheSilence

#BranchCovidians

#StopVaccinatingKids

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

The news that President Higgins had signed the Health Amendment No 2 Bill to allow for indoor dining from next Monday sparked a huge reaction online. The hashtag #NotMyPresident is being shared on [Facebook](#) and is also [trending](#) on Twitter ([see examples here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). Anti-vaccine influencers have shared the hashtag, including [Gript](#) writer Ben Scallan and [solicitor](#) Tracey O'Mahony.

In a [Substack article](#), journalist-turned-conspiracist John Waters borrows from Irish political history to dub the President “a thundering disgrace”; [broadcaster](#) Richie Allen calls him a “pipsqueak president”. He is also [called](#) “a traitor leprechaun” with the Bill being described as “civil [war](#)” and “medical [apartheid](#).”

A post on [Instagram](#) calls for President Higgins to “go” - one respondent to the post states he has “dug a hole for him”.

An image accusing the President of pedophilia is circulating widely on [Facebook](#).

The signing of the Bill by President Higgins is being used to [encourage people](#) to join the protest at the Customs House in Dublin this Saturday, July 24th. In one promotional [video](#), Glenn Miller of Yellow Vest Ireland asks protesters to turn up at “2pm sharp” as the protest will be moving onto “a secondary location (4.50).”

There is also a “peaceful assembly” planned for [Fermoy](#) in county Cork in reaction to the “medical apartheid” on Sunday, July 25th at noon.

The new law has galvanised activists from the [far-right](#) and also [regular protestors](#) with two tweets from Dr Marcus de Brun [mocking](#) the [passport](#) rules gaining some traction.

There is [support](#) for [Irish businesses](#) who have declared they will not ask customers for proof of vaccination. Anti-lockdown group Saor Slainte is running an [interactive](#) map of these businesses on its website.

TRENDS

On The Irish Inquiry Aisling O’Loughlin [interviewed](#) former Irish ice hockey international Niall McEvoy who resigned last week over the introduction of vaccine passports. In the interview, McEvoy compared the policy to “similar to what happened in Nazi Germany” (4.18) and the vaccine rollout to children as “an act of genocide going on” (10.15).

A video by anti-vaccine [conspiracist](#) Grace-Anne Kelly has so far garnered 23k views on Twitter.

MONITORING

As flagged in yesterday's digest, Gemma O'Doherty's website is back online. A new [video](#) features an interview with a man she identifies as Matt Garland, a hospital whistleblower. It is also uploaded to fringe video [platform](#) BitChute.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

When Joe Biden clarified his recent comments about Facebook, he [mentioned](#) that there were 12 people responsible for the bulk of COVID and vaccine misinformation on social media. These people have been referred to by the media as "[disinformation dozen](#)" and [Forbes](#) has named them all.

YouTube [removed](#) videos posted by Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro's channel for spreading misinformation about COVID.

During a Fox News interview, Sen. Rand Paul continued to attack Anthony Fauci and [requested](#) a criminal referral against him. Paul's request has been celebrated by anti-vaccine groups and activists (see examples [here](#) and [here](#)).

Although the UK Chief Scientific Adviser Sir Patrick Vallance [corrected](#) comments he made that [60% of people currently in hospital with COVID were double vaccinated](#), some users on social media are continuing to share his original comments. FullFact [reported](#) on the story.

NBC News [has shared a report](#) on how anti-vaccine groups are changing their names and using code words to avoid detection on social media.

Steve Bannon [hosted](#) Marjorie Taylor Greene on his show. Greene has made a number of false claims including COVID is used as a bioweapon program to target people's DNA.

QAnon and MAGA supporters have been targeting Republican politicians who are in favour of COVID vaccines. Mitch McConnell and Ron DeSantis have been under fire for urging Americans to get vaccinated (see examples [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

In the UK, fringe groups [are circulating](#) a [petition](#) calling on the government to review its plans to bring in vaccine passports.

[A tweet](#) by Sonia Poulton praising Eric Clapton, Ian Brown, Richard Ashcroft and other musicians for refusing to perform at venues using vaccine passports, has received thousands of interactions.

The AP [has fact-checked](#) comments made by Joe Biden on vaccine assurances during CNN Presidential Town Hall.



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Wednesday, July 21

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#WeWillALLBeThere

#DeleteTheApp

#StopGettingTested

#JohnsonVariant

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

Core Irish spreader of COVID-19 misinformation Ivor Cummins [has retweeted](#) a message in support of vaccine centres being vandalised in France. He also linked to [a video](#) which indirectly praises these centres being set ablaze.

A popular, [old Tweet](#) by Cummins has recently been labelled with a warning that it is “misleading”. The video’s description does not mention vaccines or key words related to COVID-19.

TRENDS

[The Irish Inquiry](#) also covered the ransacking of French vaccine centres during a video interview with Aisling O’Loughlin. While she did not explicitly endorse

the acts of vandalism, she did praise the French anti-vaccine protesters in general.

The same show also featured Northern Irish politician Anne McCloskey, who said she is seeing many people sick with “atypical” diseases and that adverse events aren’t being properly recorded. Claims that vaccines are dangerous were made throughout the show.

[Claims](#) that the danger of COVID-19 is disproven by death rate figures have been shared widely in fringe groups. The article appears to be based on [CSO figures released in April](#) and reported in the media, however fringe figures are publicising the piece by suggesting that it has uncovered new, secret information. [Eddie Hobbs shared a link to the article](#) with the description: “How you are being lied to about excess mortality in Ireland, a detailed study that captive media won't report or will want you to read as it exposes much Irish journalism about C.19 has been cut n paste propaganda.”

Hobbs has steadily leaned further into conspiracy theorist thinking since December of last year, including [speculations](#) that vaccines are responsible for new variants.

A group calling itself INFTO has released statements online and to the Irish Times claiming that health authorities are maliciously mishandling the pandemic. The group claims to be made of nurses and healthcare workers and alleges that there is an “alarming” increase in vaccine adverse reactions, that COVID-19 case rates are inflated, and that treatments, like Ivermectin, should be used on patients ([1](#), [2](#)),

MONITORING

[An editorial](#) by Dermot Cox, an RCSI associate professor, is causing outrage in fringe communities. The piece, published in TheJournal.ie, discusses why people refuse to take vaccines and how they can be encouraged to change their minds, which some fringe figures consider to be coercion.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

Anthony Fauci and Sen. Rand Paul Heated Exchange

The biggest story today is the [heated exchange](#) between Anthony Fauci and Sen. Rand Paul during congressional hearing on the COVID pandemic:

- Sen. Paul suggested that Fauci lied to Congress about funding gain-of-function research at the Wuhan lab.
- Fauci fires back and says “If anybody is lying here, senator, it is you.”
- The exchange has been widely discussed among fringe groups and conspiracy theorists (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).
- Activists have been pushing the narrative that Fauci is lying under oath (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).
- [A close up video](#) of Fauci’s hand has been circulated to claim that he was “shaking” and that he has no credibility. The video has been watched thousands of times (see [here](#) and [here](#)).
- QAnon and MAGA supporters have been praising Sen. Paul (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

Activists are promoting [“Worldwide Rally for Freedom”](#) on July 24 (see posts [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)). They are using the hashtag #WeWillALLBeThere.

[A satirical article](#) has been used by conspiracy theorists to push the false claims that Joe Biden is planning on sending unvaccinated Americans to quarantine camps. [Snopes](#) and the [AP](#) debunked the false claims.

Fringe groups [have shared](#) a note by Eric Clapton [announcing](#) he canceled his show and that he wouldn’t perform on any stage where there was a “discriminated audience present.”

Yesterday, Kinzen reported on Thomas Renz spreading the baseless claim that 45,000 Americans died within three days after taking COVID vaccine. Lead Stories [debunked](#) this claim.

During an [anti-vaccine rally](#) in Poland, [protesters chanted anti-semitic slogans](#) accusing Jews of being behind the pandemic.

Steve Bannon hosted anti-vaccine activist Naomi Wolf. She [claimed](#) that the door-to-door programme was launched to create a digital database for vaccine passports.

After a 12 hour ban from Twitter, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene [resumed tweeting](#) describing it as “communist style Twitter ban.”

Anti-vaccine activists have been downplaying the Delta variant. [They are pushing the narrative](#) that the Delta variant is like the flu.



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Tuesday, July 20

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#NoMandatoryVaccine

#ArrestBorisJohnson

#OpenForAll

#FreedomDay

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

Gemma O'Doherty's website is back online and she has [resumed live-streaming videos](#) alleging COVID-19 conspiracies onto it. Her new videos are also uploaded to fringe video platform [BitChute](#).

O'Doherty's recent legal troubles were [featured on InfoWars](#). The interview repeats claims that vaccines are dangerous and portrays the injunction against O'Doherty as being an attempt to silence a journalist. It was also implied that media outlets were forbidden from reporting on the case. The InfoWars host said that he is attempting to make contact with O'Doherty.

Supporters of O'Doherty have been asking RTÉ (which they regularly describe

as propaganda and fake news) to launch an investigation into Beaumont Hospital ([1](#), [2](#)).

TRENDS

[A survey](#) by radio host Niall Boylan showed that about 70% of more than 6,330 respondents did not think “children under 18 should be given a Covid vaccine”. Boylan’s [views on vaccines](#), like his audience’s, tends to skew toward vaccine skepticism.

[A tweet by Marcus De Brun](#) claiming that children shouldn’t take COVID-19 vaccines has been labelled by Twitter as misleading. The tweet reads: “The injection of healthy Children with genetic vaccines, for a cold-virus that poses little or no risk to their health, is without question the greatest crime against humanity that this century has witnessed so far”.

Twitter’s warning reads: “Misleading. Learn why health officials consider COVID-19 vaccines safe for most people” and links to more reliable sources of vaccine information. While the tweet is still visible, the warning says it “can’t be replied to, shared or liked”, prompting some Irish users to [accuse Twitter of censorship](#).

Dozens of businesses have pledged not to enforce restrictions involving vaccine certs. They are also joined by Irish DJ Bryan Kearney (see stories [here](#)) and the controversial rap duo Versatile (the tweets are deleted, but are available [here](#)). A list of many of the businesses is compiled [here](#).

MONITORING

Kinzen is monitoring [suggestions](#) that a man who refused to take a vaccine achieved a victory in the Workplace Relations Commission.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

The White House and Facebook controversy continues. Biden [backed away](#) from recent claims that the company was responsible for "killing people." He suggested that it was allowing "bad information" to spread on its platform.

While the UK government [removed nearly all remaining COVID restrictions](#), a group of anti-lockdown and anti-vaccine protesters [gathered](#) in Parliament Square yesterday. Protesters [spread conspiracy theories and COVID misinformation](#) and [chanted](#) "freedom", "shame on police" and "arrest Boris Johnson." Metropolitan Police [arrested](#) 11 protesters for a variety of offences. Reports and footage from the protests have been widely shared on social media and among fringe groups and far-right activists (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

Attacks on Anthony Fauci continue. During the Student Action Summit, Graham Allen [said](#) that Fauci deserved to go to jail for misinformation. The crowd then chanted "lock him up."

Social media users [are sharing](#) a video of activists opposing COVID vaccine passports for venues in the UK.

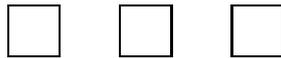
Two vaccination centres [were vandalised](#) in France as protesters rallied against the introduction of tougher COVID rules. These actions [have been celebrated](#) by fringe groups. Fullfact [has fact-checked](#) misleading photos about the protests.

Twitter [temporarily suspended](#) Rep. [Marjorie Taylor Greene](#) for violating Twitter's COVID misinformation policies.

Fringe groups are still pushing pro-ivermectin narratives. Users [are claiming](#) that ivermectin and other vitamins could crush "every variant." Others are quoting Bret Weinstein claiming that mRNA vaccine doesn't prevent infections but ivermectin does (see [here](#) and [here](#)).

Thomas Renz, an attorney based in Ohio, [said](#) he had filed a lawsuit claiming that 45,000 Americans would die within three days after taking COVID vaccines. Renz's baseless allegations have been widely shared on social media by anti-vaccine groups (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#))

Conspiracy theorists [are spreading the narrative](#) that Moderna is pushing its vaccine to boost stocks.



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Monday, July 19

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#VaccineSideEffects

#VaccineDeaths

#SayNoToKillingKids

#Democide

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

Niall McEvoy has been celebrated by fringe activists for resigning from the Irish national ice hockey team in protest of vaccine pass certs.

In an email, supposedly sent to his teammates, [McEvoy wrote](#): “Ireland is now, officially, a Medical apartheid/Fascist State in line with the wider global control grid” and “I will not be manipulated into taking a STILL experimental injection, with no licence, no long term safety or data, no legal liability for damages and only emergency use authorisation and zero proof of effectiveness/immunity”.

References to Ivermectin and the Nuremberg trials in the email strongly indicate that McEvoy has been influenced by conspiracist misinformation.

MMA fighter Conor McGregor has said his views on lockdowns have changed and that he felt he had been deceived over COVID-19. In response to an old video of him encouraging people to follow restrictions, [McGregor tweeted](#): “This was early 2020 when people where ‘collapsing in the streets’ I was scared for my family. I urged everyone to sit tight for a few weeks to see where we land. My opinion on this situation now is night and day to then. I actually feel I was lied to originally. As where we all.” [sic]

TRENDS

The Irish Inquiry has promoted Aontú’s criticism of how nursing homes were used near the start of the pandemic, as outlined in Friday’s newsletter. A post on their Facebook page reads, in part: “Nursing homes were offered ‘a pot of money’ to take 10,000 elderly untested patients from hospitals in March 2020. Tony Holohan told nursing homes to open up. Two days later the move began. Covid struck. Calls for help were ignored. Oxygen, ppe and staff destined for the homes was redirected back to the hospitals and 2000+ died.” [sic] [The video accompanying the post](#), outlining Aontú’s stance, has been seen more than 27,000 times.

[A video](#) of a man in Dublin telling COVID-19 conspiracists that he developed a rash after receiving vaccines has been spread online. The man claims that the vaccines had given him shingles.

News that Ireland will begin vaccinating children if such a plan was approved by NIAC has been met with criticism by vaccine skeptics (examples: [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), and many more [here](#)). [A tweet](#) by influential spreader of misinformation Ivor Cummins suggested that the authorities in charge were: “Pharma-captured anti-scientific sociopaths drunk on evil power”.

MONITORING

Kinzen is monitoring to see if claims by Marcus De Brun that vaccines are likely to cause cancer are repeated by other fringe figures ([1](#), [2](#)).

[Claims](#) that the HSE hack was part of a conspiracy to destroy evidence have been spurred on by [reports](#) that the attack had destroyed patient records.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

White House and Facebook Controversy Over COVID Misinformation

President Joe Biden's remarks against social media companies, including Facebook, has been the biggest story discussed online:

- Biden [said](#) that social media platforms such as Facebook "are killing people."
- Facebook said in a statement: "The facts show that Facebook is helping save lives. Period."
- Biden's remarks came a day after the US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy [warned](#) that misinformation about COVID and vaccines is an "urgent threat" to public health

Thousands of people rallied across France on Saturday to protest against the government's plans to make vaccinations mandatory for health workers and use COVID health passes for access to a variety of places. Reports from these French protests have been widely shared on social media and fringe groups where some users claimed that police officers joined the protesters (see [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

Anti-vaccine activists keep pushing misleading narratives about vaccinated people. They are sharing screenshots of data to claim that COVID and its variants are affecting vaccinated people, but not the unvaccinated (see examples [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

Robert Malone, who claims to be the inventor of mRNA vaccines but is a critic of them, posted [controversial tweets](#) saying he was not "suicidal" and that a journalist told him [he needed to get security](#) because he was at risk of being

assassinated. Malone's tweets have been shared widely by conspiracy theorists and anti-vaccine activists, suggesting that he would be "[Epsteined](#)" (see examples [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

Anti-vaccine activists are promoting a new cure for COVID. They [are claiming](#) that the two products Wellness Formula and Silver Hydrosol would kill "every virus and every variant on the planet" if they were used at first sign of symptoms.

A group of activists held an event in Alberta, Canada, where they promoted a number of anti-vaccine and anti-mask narratives. The event [was streamed live](#) on Facebook.



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Wednesday, July 28

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#PfizerLeak

#NoMandates

#VaccineInjuries

#MaskOff

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

PRIORITY

The campaign against restaurants and bars which are complying with the new indoor dining regulations - flagged in yesterday's digest - shows no sign of abating. It was featured on RTÉ's [Liveline](#) yesterday and is being supported by some [high-profile activists](#) who oppose vaccine certificates.

Businesses following the rules are still being identified online (examples are [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)) with protesters urging boycotts.

Reports that the government is now [extending](#) the vaccination programme to include children between the ages of 12 and 15 years has sparked a predictably negative reaction ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#)) with one [group](#) saying the children are “next on the chopping block”.

[Activists’ anger](#) has not been [allayed](#) by [assurances](#) from Health Minister Stephen Donnelly that unvaccinated children will not be excluded from school in the autumn, and one [Telegram](#) channel is promoting a Protect Our Children rally outside the Dept of Education on August 18th.

An Irish protest group posted a video of a [protest](#) outside the Cardiff home of Wales First Minister Mark Drakeford last weekend which shows a crowd of several hundred with loud speakers and banners shouting in the street. A few comments under the video suggest that similar demonstrations could be held outside the homes of minister Donnelly, taoiseach Micheal Martin and CMO Tony Holohan. We will monitor this for any signs of escalation or organisation.

TRENDS

Eddie Hobbs, who has become increasingly embroiled in anti-lockdown/anti-vaccine passport communities, moderated a round-table [discussion](#) which involved several prominent activists, including Ivor Cummins, barrister Tracey O’Mahoney, CEO of CityJet DAC Pat Byrne, Dr Alan Farrell and consultant Martin Feeley. Although it is being [promoted online](#) it has notched up relatively few views yet on BitChute and Odysee.

Other videos doing the rounds include an [interview](#) with high-profile UK-based anti-vaccine GP Dr Jayne Donegan by The Irish Inquiry; also conspiracy theorist Gemma O’Doherty has [interviewed](#) prominent anti-vaccine figure Dr Sherri Tenpenny. The interview, posted on BitChute, contains anti-vaccine disinformation (example at 34 mins 30 secs).

Broadcaster Niall Boylan who is a longtime vociferous opponent of many Covid

measures, has been attracting some [attention](#) from [activists speculating](#) why he appears to have [toned down](#) his [rhetoric](#) on vaccines.

MONITORING

A protest on the [bridges](#) over the Liffey, possibly this coming weekend has been floated, but so far it's receiving little traction.

Gript is [reporting](#) that four bishops have written to the government stating their priests will proceed with Baptisms, First Holy Communions and Confirmations from mid-August.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

As COVID infections rise in the US, the CDC [urged](#) fully vaccinated people to wear masks again. There has been backlash from anti-vaccine and anti-mask activists, as well as some Republican politicians. In a [statement](#) shared on MAGA messaging boards Donald Trump urged people not comply with the CDC guidelines. QAnon and MAGA supporters have praised politicians criticising the new recommendations (see [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#)).

Anti-vaccine activists have been widely circulating a [viral tweet](#) posted by an account with the name Ehden ([@eh_den](#)) who claimed to leak confidential information about Pfizer. Ehden [claimed](#) that US and Israeli taxpayers got “screwed” by Pfizer prices. The tweet was shared on [MAGA boards](#) and [Reddit's conspiracy forum](#).

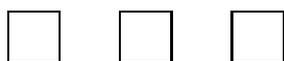
We have previously reported on recent claims about PCR tests. The AP [has fact-checked](#) these claims.

Fringe groups are using comments made by CDC director Rochelle Walensky to [claim](#) that COVID vaccines don't work.

Activists on fringe groups [are widely engaging](#) with a post claiming that hospitals in France are reserved for vaccinated people only.

Ivermectin is still being promoted by conspiracy theorists as a cure for COVID. [A highly engaged post](#) on Reddit's conspiracy forum claimed that ivermectin was cheap, had no side effects and led to COVID death rates dropping by over 80%.

Reuters [has debunked](#) false claims on social media about people having received a saline injection instead of a COVID vaccine to cover up severe side-effects of inoculation.



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Tuesday, July 6

See below some of the prominent slogans, dog whistles or hashtags used by the **anti-vaccine community** across multiple platforms in recent days:

#MyBodyMyChoice

#CovidIsOver

#ProtectTheChildren

#NoVaccinePassports

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THE IRISH OUTLOOK

CALL TO ACTION

[A Facebook post](#) on the Yellow Vest Ireland - Wicklow Facebook page calls for NPHE offices to be raided and for people working there to be put under “citizens arrest”.

While the post has limited interactions (23 likes at the time of writing), we are flagging the post because it advocates kidnapping health staff.

PRIORITY

Anti-AstraZeneca arguments are being spread widely in fringe communities. These appear to stem from a new article on Gript.ie and a series of tweets by a fringe figure.

The Gript.ie article, called “[Dangers to young people from AstraZeneca greater than benefits: study](#)”, references [a real report](#) by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC). However, the report does not come to the same forceful conclusion that the Gript article does, and one of the quotes cited by Gript.ie does not appear in the report. The actual report concludes that, “In young adults, risks [of the vaccine] were at least of similar magnitude as benefits”.

[A Twitter thread](#) by self-described “stock market investor” Graham Neary

outlines [disclaimers on the EMA website](#) for AstraZeneca, including notes that it has not been sufficiently tested on children or pregnant women.

TRENDS

Concerns about whether vaccines are unsafe for children continue to be stoked by anti-vaccine figures ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#)).

Old videos have been circulated in fringe groups showing Leo Varakdar and Micheál Martin criticising the [trialing of vaccines](#) without consent on children in the care of the Magdalene Laundries in the 1930s-1970s. These clips are being spread without context and are being used to imply that the Taoiseach and Táinaiste had once been opposed to all vaccines being trialled on children ([1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#)).

MONITORING

Anti-restrictions activist Diarmaid O'Cadlha says that he has printed 10,000 notices to traders saying that they either cannot legally ask customers why they are not wearing face masks, or refuse them entry.

O'Cadlha says he is distributing these across all of Cork city and county, and will picket businesses that don't allow maskless people inside.

THE GLOBAL OUTLOOK

The status of the vaccination programme in the US military has been the subject of much discussion within the wider anti-vaccine community in recent days. The Army Times [reported](#) a few days ago that a rule around mandatory COVID vaccination for those in the military is being discussed. The Epoch Times [published](#) a story about how some members have said they'll quit as a result; this story was [trending](#) on a QAnon forum this morning.

Some QAnon and anti-vaccine activists [believe](#) that a second Nuremberg trial is being held in secret to prosecute those who introduced COVID restrictions

and lockdowns.

Robert Malone, who claims to be the inventor of mRNA vaccines but is a critic of them, continues to gain a following within the anti-vaccine community. He has just been made the subject of a [major profile](#) on Joseph Mercola's site.

The Gateway Pundit [promoted](#) a Facebook group which has 26,000 members called "[The COVID 19 Vaccine Victims & Families Group](#)".



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