

REFERENCES TO VACCINES IN TV AND MOVIES

General Resources

<https://vaxopedia.org/2017/09/17/vaccines-on-tv-and-in-the-movies/>

The Simpsons: “The Computer Wore Menace Shoes”

Season 12, Episode 6 (2000)

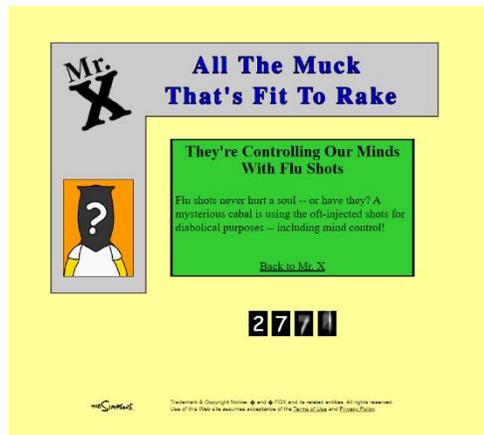
Video: <https://www.simpsonsworld.com/video/315325507742?episode=302843971598>

Homer Simpson creates a fake conspiracy website (Mr. X) and gets kidnapped by a mysterious group for stumbling upon a secret about how flu shots are given to control people’s minds

Website:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20110901220229/http://www.mrxswebpage.com/flushots.htm>

(screen shot below)



Article: <https://vaxopedia.org/2017/09/13/vaccines-the-simpsons-did-it/>

List of Other Simpsons Episodes Referencing Vaccines:

<https://vaxopedia.org/2017/09/13/vaccines-the-simpsons-did-it/>

Eli Stone: “Faith”

Season 1, Episode 1

Website: https://www.wired.com/2008/01/pediatricians-s/?intcid=inline_amp

“The American Academy of Pediatrics wants television network ABC to cancel the opener of ‘Eli Stone,’ a legal drama slated to debut on Thursday with an episode featuring a mother awarded \$5.2 million after a jury finds her son's autism to be caused by a vaccine additive.”

The Brady Bunch: “Is There a Doctor in the House?”

Season 1, Episode 13

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MNI1yNckUFQ>

Inside Edition video summarizing how those who are critical of vaccinations have used this Brady Bunch episode to support their theory that certain diseases against which we are vaccinated are not necessarily harmful.

Article: <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2019/04/28/717595757/brady-bunch-episode-fuels-campaigns-against-vaccines-and-marcia-s-miffed>

“People who are critical of vaccines bring the episode up often. It's used in videos and memes and is cited by activists like Dr. Toni Bark, who testifies against vaccines in courts and at public hearings across the United States. To them, it aptly illustrates what they consider to be the harmlessness of the illness.”

I Am Legend

Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8j4kD0-hjrs>

“I Am Legend is a 2007 American post-apocalyptic film based on the 1954 novel of the same name by Richard Matheson, directed by Francis Lawrence and starring Will Smith, who plays US Army virologist Robert Neville. The story is set in New York City after a virus, which was originally created to cure cancer, has wiped out most of mankind, leaving Neville as the last human in New York, other than nocturnal mutants. Neville is immune to the virus and he works to develop a cure while defending himself against the hostile mutants.”

Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7VG_s2PCH_c

Here are some additional links to consider:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VPOrnU3ImxI>

<http://www.pbs.org/specials/depth-vac...>

Examining the emotionally charged debate over medical risks versus benefits and a parent's right to make choices about her child versus a communities common good.

(Originally broadcast in April, 2010)

Vaccines have changed the world, largely eradicating a series of terrible diseases, from smallpox to polio to diphtheria, and likely adding decades to most of our life spans. But despite the gains -- and numerous scientific studies indicating vaccine safety -- a growing movement of parents remains fearful of vaccines. And in some American communities, significant numbers of parents have been rejecting vaccines altogether, raising new concerns about the return of vaccine-preventable diseases like measles and whooping cough.

In *The Vaccine War* (originally broadcast on PBS in April 2010) FRONTLINE lays bare the science of vaccine safety and examines the increasingly bitter debate between the public health establishment and a formidable populist coalition of parents, celebrities, politicians and activists who are armed with the latest social media tools -- including Facebook, YouTube and Twitter -- and are determined to resist pressure from the medical and public health establishments to vaccinate, despite established scientific consensus about vaccine safety.

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1214118/>

This Gary Null, Ph.D. documentary challenges the assumption that vaccines are PERFECTLY safe. The use of heavy metals such as mercury, connections to autism and the high number of vaccines given at a very young age to children are among the arguments presented. The story chronicles the nightmare of parents who lost a child soon after a vaccination series and the father was sent to prison for murdering his child but was later released. Government cover-ups and deceptions with corruption in the scientific community are illustrated by those featured in *Vaccine Nation*. A list of participants in the film can be found at vaccination.net.

<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/vaxxed-anti-vaccination-film-pulled-from-tribeca-film-festival-robert-de-niro/>

After initially defending its inclusion, Robert De Niro has removed [an anti-vaccination documentary](#) from the lineup of his [Tribeca Film Festival](#).

"Vaxxed: From Cover-up to Conspiracy," was set to be part of the film festival when it opened next month. The decision to include the film by [anti-vaccination activist](#) Andrew Wakefield came under fire, particularly since Wakefield's contentions that the measles, mumps and rubella vaccine have a link to autism [have been discredited](#). See <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vaxxed>