
Vaccination in Sociological and Paradigmatic Perspective

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Interviewed by Richard House

Richard House (RH): Mateja, it's a pleasure and an honour to be doing this interview with you about your research into the vaccination phenomenon. I only discovered your wonderful book *Ideological Constructs of Vaccination* a few months before last Christmas, and it was a revelation to me, and strongly confirmed all my own concerns about mass vaccination as a cultural phenomenon and a medical practice. Can I start by asking you about your own personal history in relation to this subject – e.g. how and where did your interest stem from, and how you came to do Ph.D.-level research on the topic.

Dr Mateja Černič (MC): Thank you for inviting me, Richard. I became interested in the topic of vaccination in 2006 when I bought my mare Dasha. I had no previous knowledge or opinion about vaccination; I have even vaccinated my mare twice. I didn't even know that this is a hot topic. However, when I bought Dasha, I immersed myself in researching how to best care for her. I studied everything – diet, hoof care, gear, stabling, healing, etc. And naturally, the topic of vaccination eventually popped up.

I bought my first 'anti-vaccine' book (*What Vets Don't Tell You about the Vaccines* by Catherine O'Driscoll),¹ and the rest is history. I then started to truly research vaccination, buying more and more books, reading articles, etc. I never had illusions about the system (medical or other), but I didn't expect such a pile of lies, and such manipulation, censorship and repression.

I kept digging, and of course I couldn't keep quiet about the horrors of vaccination. I just had to write, talk and educate about it. It was a perfect theme for a doctoral dissertation, as I could really dedicate myself to researching it. I also wanted to show that the 'anti-vaccine' stance is scientifically sound, and that 'anti-vaxxers' aren't a bunch of crazy hippie mums and Google doctors [doctors appearing on the internet - Ed.].

I also had more personal reasons for choosing that theme for my dissertation. Once I had realised how horrendous and damaging vaccines really are, I wanted to be prepared as best as I could to fight the system. I didn't have children at the time (my daughter was born a year after I got my Ph.D.), but I wanted to be equipped

with as much knowledge as possible so that I would be able to fight doctors, inspectors, courts, etc., to be able to protect my child. And also to be 100 per cent sure what a right decision is. So, this book is primarily written for me, for my personal needs. It is my handbook and my weapon. I just wish more parents would use it as such.

RH: Thank you for this fascinating window on to your journey, Mateja. I'm delighted to see that sales of your book (*Ideological Constructs of Vaccination*)² have picked up appreciably in recent weeks. As I write I'm in the process of writing a summary-review of the book;³ and I wonder whether you might have considered writing a shorter version summarising your main findings? – that would certainly be a way of widening your audience considerably. In my view there could never be a more important time for your book to be out in the world and influencing the woefully one-sided mainstream discourse on mass vaccination.

It sounds like you anticipated that it would be akin to 'a war' to be taking up an explicit 'anti-vaccine' position, in which you needed 'a weapon' to 'fight the system'. Can you say something about your experience of 'the system', and the ways in which it is loaded in favour of vaccination ideology? I'm especially interested in what we call 'cock-up' versus 'conspiracy theory'. That is, to what extent are there malign interests involved (and who are they?) who *know* chapter-and-verse what damage mass vaccination does, yet they plough on regardless?; and to what extent do you think doctors and medical scientists, for example, *genuinely believe* that vaccination is a good thing for societal health? I realise that's quite a complex question, but I'm sure readers would really value your thoughts on this.

MC: Well, many people have suggested the same, that I write some shorter, simpler, more 'user-friendly' version of the book. I have thought about it, but have decided against it. There are many short, simple texts or books about vaccination, and some are actually quite good. But in my opinion, they don't suffice. Or to be more precise, blogs and simplified books are great for starting you on the journey about vaccination, for alerting you to the many, many issues about vaccines, but usually they don't arm one with enough knowledge

to truly understand the topic, to truly make an informed decision and to hold one's ground. What sets my book apart from the majority of other books is precisely its complexity, the width of its scope and the depth of knowledge one gains from reading it (not just the knowledge about vaccines themselves, but, equally or even more important, the knowledge about the workings of the relevant social systems, science, medicine, etc). As I said, it is intended to be both a tool and a weapon.

Which brings us to the second part of your comment. Yes, we are indeed at war, and we need as many weapons as we can get to fight the system. We have been at war since the beginning of vaccination – even then, vaccination (at that time, there was only smallpox vaccine available) was mandatory or even forced (sometimes even physically) in many countries, and those refusing it could face heavy fines and/or a prison term. Nowadays, the situation is not so very different. In many countries around the world, vaccination is mandatory or tied to 'benefits'. One such glaring example is Australia. Its new vaccination policy, which started in 2016, seriously threatens the livelihood of many families because it ties taxes and welfare benefits to vaccination requirements. If children's vaccinations are not up-to-date, families are not only denied Family Tax Benefit and Child Care Benefit, it also affects their eligibility for Child Care Rebate, Grandparent Child Care Benefit, Special Child Care Benefit and Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance. In other words, the Australian government is perfectly willing to severely reduce living standards of 'non-compliant' families, potentially forcing many of them to choose between vaccination and starvation.

All around the world, parents who question or even refuse vaccination for their children are publicly regarded and presented (through the mainstream media, social platforms, etc.) as selfish and irresponsible people whose irrationality and immorality jeopardise helpless children; and moreover, they are allegedly gambling with the survival of society as a whole. Or as irrational, stupid, deluded, ignorant, excessively emotional, unstable and incapable of judgement, and therefore a helpless prey to any conspiracy theorist who comes their way. This hostility toward 'anti-vaxxers' is often aroused and provoked by the most prominent representatives of the medical profession (with the enthusiastic help of media, of course). In doctors' offices these parents are often ridiculed, threatened, emotionally bullied, manipulated, etc.... And those rare doctors who dare to publicly criticise vaccines don't fare much better – they too are ridiculed, attacked, proclaimed to be 'quacks'. Their careers might be halted or even completely destroyed (the case of Dr Andrew Wakefield is one such glaring example, as I describe in the book).

However, one of my favourite examples is that of the Austrian doctor Dr Johann Loibner. Dr Loibner, who

was also a court-appointed expert witness in cases of vaccination-related injuries, had his medical licence revoked due to his giving public warnings about dangers from vaccination. He organised professional symposia where he trained doctors in vaccination issues. Disciplinary proceedings were instituted against him at the Medical Chamber, and since he did not follow the instructions asking him to stop lecturing on vaccines, in 2009 the Austrian authorities revoked his licence. In his own words:

“I was struck off the list of doctors for life. I appealed to the Supreme Court, and after *four years* the court lifted the prohibition. Another doctor got something similar, but in her case it was a suspended ban. It meant that she would lose her medical licence if she spoke critically about vaccination just one more time, anywhere in public. This can no longer happen to her because of the Supreme Court's judgment – “[...] This appeal to the Supreme Court has made it possible for doctors to express their views of vaccination.”

And this brings us to the last part of your question: do doctors genuinely believe in vaccination, or do they know full well the damage it causes? The short answer is: both. The long answer is quite complex and cannot be adequately given in a few sentences. However, I will try to sketch some points (please, bear in mind that this is only a small part of the picture, not a complete answer).

Many doctors, especially those in lower levels of the medical hierarchy (for example, family doctors and paediatricians) do genuinely believe that vaccines are good, they vaccinate their own children, etc. There are also many doctors, especially those in higher levels of the medical hierarchy (for example, researchers, experts, etc.) who know very well how and why vaccines do cause injuries. On all levels (not just in medicine, but also in science, politics, bureaucracy) we find various degrees of both ignorance and malice. While I would say that ignorance and belief in the good of vaccination prevail, one should not underestimate the level of malice, evil, opportunism, corruption, various self-interests, etc. that are also at play.

Let's take an 'average' paediatrician, for example. This paediatrician usually believes in the beneficence of vaccination... – and is actively, with all his might, shutting his eyes to any evidence that might suggest otherwise. Furthermore, the majority of paediatricians are systematically denying any side-effects: they simply refuse to believe or acknowledge that vaccination caused any reaction whatsoever besides the famous 'local redness and slight fever'. Parents who return with vaccine-injured children are usually told (immediately, at the door or over the phone) that 'we don't know what caused this' ('this' being anything from angry rash to

unusual, inconsolable crying, nerve damage, etc.), ‘but we DO know that it wasn’t the vaccine’! That’s it; end of story. A great majority of vaccine injuries never get acknowledged and reported. On the contrary, such injuries are systematically denied at all levels of the medical system. This same scenario plays out daily all over the world.

One gets the feeling that the majority of doctors would rather lose an eye than admit that vaccines can cause injuries. There are various reasons why this is so – I shall list just a few of the more prominent ones. First, the majority of doctors/paediatricians know next to nothing about vaccines. Perhaps this sounds like blasphemy and a great exaggeration – yet this is unfortunately the sad truth. In medical schools, doctors are taught very little about vaccination, beyond ‘Vaccines are safe and effective, and save lives’. In my experience, an average ‘anti-vaxx google mum’ [researching on the internet – Ed.] is immensely more knowledgeable and has read considerably more studies (yes, the scientific ones) about vaccination than has an average paediatrician. I can cite my own paediatrician here as a perfect example of this. She admitted (she even wrote it down in my daughter’s medical record) that she had never read a single safety and efficacy study of a single vaccine she uses in her practice (or any other vaccine, for that matter). Worse still, she didn’t even understand why she should read studies. She is of the opinion that ‘If a vaccine is approved, then it is safe’. End of story. And the end of her knowledge, too. And no, she is not an exception... – she is the rule.

Secondly, doctors know perfectly well what happens to those doctors who breath even the slightest doubt about vaccination – they get ridiculed, ostracised and exiled from the medical community. At the very least, they lose their (informal) status and standing. At worst, such heretics can also lose their career, job and medical licence to practice.

Thirdly, vaccines are the sacred cow of medicine in more ways than one. In a way, they are the cornerstone of medicine – its very foundation (in the *ideological* sense, not because of their great achievements). Doubting the safety and efficacy of vaccines is like doubting the virginity of Mary: a tremendous, inexcusable blasphemy. One can write about the dangers of statins or warn against the over-use of antibiotics, but one should never, ever regard vaccination as anything else than the greatest medical achievement of all times. And if this foundation crumbles, if it truly crushes... then everything else crumbles as well. Core beliefs about science, medicine, the whole system – all crumble. Core trust and sense of security crumble. A lot of people simply cannot stand it, cannot bear it (psychologically and emotionally).

Fourthly: imagine, that you are a paediatrician, that you have vaccinated hundreds, perhaps thousands

of children. Now imagine the horror if even part of what we ‘anti-vaxxers’ claim is true. Again, such an emotional and psychological burden is more than many can bear... – so they will fight with all their might to preserve their beliefs, to turn a blind eye, to deny any possible vaccine-injuries... – and their role in inflicting those injuries on innocent children.

I could go on and on (and so far I haven’t even touched upon the ideology, core belief systems, the epistemology of science, the educational system, the role of politics, economic factors and the corporations, etc...). However, I hope I have given at least some small part of an answer. And, let me be perfectly clear: while I can understand why doctors are denying the side-effects of vaccination, why they are shutting their eyes to them, I am nevertheless holding them fully accountable for all the vaccine damage, all the injuries, misery and suffering they have helped to create.

RH: I want to pick up on several of your points and also ask you more about your book. First, your rationale for writing a book of such length and (for the lay person) academic depth makes complete sense to me. Being an academic myself, I realise the perhaps unavoidable tension that can exist between more popular renditions of the arguments against (mass) vaccination, on the one hand, and making the most comprehensive academic, scientifically informed case possible against vaccination ideology, on the other.

There’s also a strong case for a *non*-medical academic being best placed to write the book you’ve written, because not being a professional medic, you’re sufficiently distanced from the medical ‘regime of truth’ (to coin Michel Foucault’s useful notion) to be able to see through the Emperor’s New Clothes nature of much / all of the pseudo-scientific rhetoric around vaccination, and so write from a position which isn’t merely regurgitating mainstream nostrums and clichés.⁴ One certainly doesn’t need to be a trained medic to be able to see the logical flaws in the vaccination lobby’s worldview and research procedures; and being a trained and competent (social) scientific researcher seems a far more important credential for writing the book you’ve written. Moreover, bringing a sociologist’s understanding of the social, cultural and historical locatedness of ‘science’ as a cultural practice is also something that most medical scientist’s just wouldn’t be able to bring to the table.

I see that one can’t generalise about this issue. I think there exists a ‘toxic cocktail’ of factors that feed vaccination ideology – with my ‘list of ingredients’ including: a *patriarchal* approach to ‘science’, with its control and ‘domination of nature’ agenda; a simplistic *materialistic* worldview; a narrowly superficial *positivism* in the way ‘the science’ does its research; the existence of a (Foucauldian) ‘regime of truth’, outside

of which it is well-nigh impossible for those inserted into it even to think; the place of *power and interest* in shaping mainstream scientific discourse and associated commitments and biases; the *authoritarian* nature of the modern 'religion of science which arrogantly silences any competing worldviews; the *unconscious* forces at work, including the manic attempt to deny death, and human illness and suffering; the *infantilising nature of modern science* and its claimed expertise, with the average person so much wanting to trust political leaders and 'expert' scientists; and last but not least, the difficulty people have (especially eminent scientists!) in admitting they may well have been wrong all along. But with something as complex as this and with so many malign forces coalescing into a toxic cocktail of effects, it's perhaps very difficult to come out with a simple and succinct argument that incorporates all these factors – not to mention how they interact! I wonder whether you have any thoughts on this.

The situation in Australia with the 2016 National Immunisation Programme Schedule, as you also detail in your book, is indeed shocking and outrageous. Here in Britain, the mainstream media are constantly speaking of Covid 'vaccine passports' (no doubt preparing the way...); and today as I write, a BBC radio phone-in was broadcast on the subject of employers having the right to make taking the Covid vaccine compulsory for all their employees. We can return to these grave issues later.

MC: I completely agree with your 'list of ingredients' of a 'toxic cocktail' of factors that feed vaccination ideology. I have touched on some of these aspects in the book, but the topic itself is very complex and would deserve its own book (several books, actually). I would like to emphasise that while these aspects we talk about are most extremely (sometimes to the point of absurdity) expressed in the field of vaccination, they are by no means absent from medicine or science itself. Science is but one of many social sub-systems – intertwined with other sub-systems, influencing, controlling and using them and being influenced, controlled and used by them. On the macro-level, this intertwining, especially with politics and the economy, is perhaps more easily observable.

On a micro-level, i.e. at the level of individual doctors, it is much less so. Here we can again refer to Michel Foucault to better understand *some* of the factors that cause doctors to push vaccines so hard. When critically analysing the historical interpretation, exclusivity and 'truth' of medical knowledge, Foucault emphasised the social relations and power of those who use experiences with medical practice to create and structure medical knowledge. This knowledge then defines the nature of further experiences. It defines how somebody working in medical practice will gain experiences, what patterns

and according to what classification she or he will follow, where s/he will look for the causes of illnesses, how s/he will treat patients, reach diagnoses and outline the course of therapy.

Furthermore, it defines who is entitled to gain experiences with medical practice: it is the person who accepts the established truths and structure of medical knowledge, and thus earns the medical licence. But to keep it, s/he must renew it. He or she must confirm that s/he is loyal to the prevailing paradigm, that s/he does practise accordingly, and that s/he disseminates and improves the knowledge of 'real' medicine. Those who participate in medical practice influence the development and affirmation of medical knowledge, which – in return – influences the practice. Foucault demonstrates that medical knowledge (like all other knowledges or sciences) is nothing but a system of beliefs that has been developed and created in social processes, with some help (here I would say with major help) from political and interest relations between the medical profession and other sub-systems/actors.

Ah, the Covid-19 virus.... Well, with that, the vaccination game got on to a much higher level, became much more intense.... Everything I wrote in my book about mass vaccination in general holds true for Covid vaccination as well. The discourses, the ideologies, the politics, the strategies, the interests, the players, the agendas – everything. But in a much, much more extreme and dangerous manner. And certain aspects (like the loss of body integrity and autonomy) are much, much more pronounced than they ever were.

Let me put it this way – and I'm not going to pull any punches here: Covid (the virus) is but a tool, used by global political and economic elites to further 'redesign', 'reset' the world. It is part of a carefully planned global agenda to increase control, power, repression, and even perhaps totalitarianism. To further strip away our most fundamental rights, to increase our enslavement and dependency, to dehumanise and transhumanise us. In short, to bring about the 4th Industrial Revolution.

Ironically, vaccination plays a very important role in all this. The Covid narrative and discourse build up on vaccination narrative and discourse. There is nothing here that we haven't heard before, nothing that we weren't subjected to before... – only this time on a much higher scale. I would really suggest that readers study the specifically sociological part of my book in order to more clearly see and understand why and how this is happening. To see and recognise the patterns, trends and strategies. And, hopefully, to decide to fight what I call 'corona-nazism' (I am not using the term as a metaphor, but as a direct analogy with German Nazism, because in a broader social and political sense, the parallels between the two are extremely strong and numerous).

RH: I feel great relief to have this stated so openly and convincingly. Just one question arises for me – and I ask this because I know some people’s eyes ‘glaze over’ when they see the Nazism parallel invoked, in whatever context. You say that ‘the parallels between [Nazism/National Socialism and the Covid vaccines] are extremely strong and numerous’. Could you briefly outline a few of these, so our readers can see the substance to this claim? I don’t want this interview to create any ‘hostages to fortune’ that would make it easy for opponents to summarily dismiss it.

Coming now to your book – *Ideological Constructs of Vaccination*; can I ask first how the book has been received – both by medical professionals and scientists and also by lay readers? My strong hunch is that the establishment (including Big Pharma) will ‘ignore it to death’ if they can possibly get away with it; and if they can’t, they’d be likely to ‘shoot the messenger’ and do all they can to discredit you personally and professionally with a propaganda assault (in the way you speak about in your book, especially in the section titled ‘Representations of Vaccination Critics’). Has there been any response yet, or any constructive engagement, from the institutions and actors that you had in your sights when researching and writing the book? And if there hasn’t been any, I wonder how you, and those who think like you, might force such an engagement, and reckoning?

But perhaps you see the *raising of awareness* of the lay public as being far more important; and if so, how has the book been received by that constituency? If there has indeed been a deafening silence from the medical and scientific establishment, what do you think these people might say in defence of mass vaccination if they were put on the spot and *had* to respond to the compelling case you’ve made in your book?

And a general question: turning around the capture of modern medical culture by Big Pharma and vaccine ideology seems to me to be one of the most urgent tasks for critical holistic thinkers and campaigners. Do you think that writing / the written word can have a substantial, or even a decisive, role in winning this paradigmatic struggle for the human soul in relation to illness and health?

MC: Well, I think it is much, much overdue to call a spade a spade. To be clear: in my view, it is not just the Covid vaccines, but this whole situation, this ‘plandemic’ (as some people are calling it) and all its social, political, ideological, economic aspects etc., that we are talking about here.

Regarding Nazism – I would like to emphasise this as strongly as possible: Nazism did *not* start with concentration camps and gas chambers. It ENDED with them! It started a decade earlier – with an extremely and *increasingly* intense, insane, incessant, all-pervasive

state propaganda. With eroding and removing right after right, liberty after liberty, until there was nothing left. With ‘resetting’ and ‘restructuring’ society, with consolidating the ‘new normal’, the norms, the laws, the functioning of society and people, the behaviour, etc. etc. etc., until it didn’t resemble the ‘old’ Germany any more. With erasing humanity, normality, justice. One step at a time. With suppressing, threatening, silencing and ultimately destroying all those who dared to criticise or even oppose the new ideology. Always, of course, claiming that all these atrocities were done for the greater good, for the benefit of all, for preserving public health. I will say it again – it didn’t start with gas chambers. It ended with them.

And let me quote from the Diary of Anne Frank (p. 10):

We couldn’t use streetcars, couldn’t go to the theatre or movies any more, couldn’t be out on the street after 8 p.m., couldn’t even sit in our own gardens! We had to turn in our bicycles, no beaches, no swimming pools, no libraries [...]. Our identity cards were stamped with a big black J. And we had to wear a yellow star.

Just look around at what is happening in today’s world. How people are treated, threatened, restricted, locked up, fined, forcibly tested, segregated into vaccinated and un-vaccinated (it is – how should I call it... ironic? – that the most severe segregation and discrimination is currently being rolled out in Israel), forced to wear face masks, forbidden from working, from gathering, yes – in some cases even from walking on the beach! Under the guise of ‘preserving public health’, states can treat their citizens in any manner they like, regardless of all pre-existing laws and constitutions, regardless of basic human rights.

Let me give you a recent example from Finland. A yoga teacher, Merike Sirepluu, has been suspected of being connected to many cases of Covid exposure; she is being branded a suspected ‘serial spreader’. She was told that in her yoga studio there seems to have been an event of ‘mass corona exposure’ and that everyone who had visited the studio, including herself, must now go into quarantine and give a PCR test. She self-isolated in her summer house, after which the police broke in, forcefully removed her into a hospital, held her in restraints and force tested her. She is/was locked away in the hospital, isolated against her will, as she gave a ‘positive test’, although she has no symptoms of disease. And this is just one ‘small event’.

I won’t even go into the forced lockdown of Melbourne, Australia, or planned vaccine-passes in the EU, or pre-school children in France sitting alone inside drawn rectangles – to enforce ‘social distancing’ – (I have no words for such horrendous, sick abuse of

small children) or other such examples. Anyone who has at least some basic knowledge of history and the functioning of society should be enraged and terrified at what is going on around the world. And yes, these manners, these strategies, these treatments, this propaganda and discourse... – they are all exactly the same as they were in Nazi Germany. The content itself differs, of course, but the core is the same.

Let me conclude with the quotation from the documentary 'Caring corrupted – the killing nurses of the Third Reich':⁵ "without the full support of physicians, scientists and nurses, the holocaust, as it unfolded, could never have happened".

As for the reception of my book, your hunch is spot on. Mainly, 'everybody' pretends that the book just doesn't exist, and there were indeed some quite pathetic attempts to discredit the book and me (only a few). The greatest attempt was the writing of medical students, published in a newspaper.... Not surprisingly, they distorted and manipulated everything they could – a well-known technique. My response to all such 'critics' is always the same: Be sure, you (the reader) read these critics very, very carefully. Then read my book very, very carefully. Then compare the two. And then decide where the knowledge, truth, honesty and integrity reside.

But mostly I am just ignored (which is a sound and useful tactic – I have to admit that). When the first edition of my book was released in 2014, I was invited a few times on to television, and I even appeared live in the studio together with some medical doctors and representatives of our institutions. Well, it obviously didn't go as 'they' planned.... Now, I don't have any access to the media whatsoever. They stopped inviting me anywhere years ago. And this is not just in my case – in recent years, the media doors have really closed to all the vaccine critics (in the past, though, this exclusion wasn't so total and so extreme as it is today).

As for 'responding to the compelling case I have made' and defending mass vaccination – they just repeat these same statements about safety, efficacy and the necessity of vaccines over and over again. Even when presented with such things as methodology of safety studies or the conduct (documented!) of state institutions, they just repeat their well-rehearsed mantra.

As for the lay public: yes, the raising of awareness of the lay public is extremely important, and is one of my main goals. Unfortunately, only a very small percentage of people read books about vaccination (and an even smaller percentage reads 'anti-vaxx' books) *before* they experience a vaccine injury first-hand. What I am saying is that, alas, 'anti-vaxxers' are usually not 'like me'; I am not a typical representative. The vast majority of 'anti-vaxxers' are in fact 'ex-vaxxers' – that is, people who trusted their doctors, who 'trusted science and medicine', who faithfully and dutifully vaccinated



their children, who sometimes even ridiculed 'those crazy google mums'... – until vaccines more or less severely damaged their own children. Repeatedly. Only then do (some) people start to read and research about vaccines. Those people of course love my book – it gives them knowledge and explanation of what actually happened to them, and it gives them some resources for challenging doctors and inspectors. But the damage has already been done. And it cannot always be repaired.

Which brings us to your last remark about the written word having a substantial role in winning this paradigmatic struggle... – oh, I desperately wish it to be so (and for me, it certainly was... – I research all the time on all possible topics, and try to always learn from other people's mistakes). So for me, every book about any important topic is a godsend, and thanks to the written word my family lives a much, much better and healthier life than it would otherwise have done. And it was my knowledge, not just about the vaccines but about health, nutrition, healing etc. in general, that has played a very important role in the fact that my extremely pre-term daughter is healthy, vibrant and thriving.

But, as I said earlier, only a minority of people actually study and research 'beforehand'. And while writing and speaking about such topics as vaccination (and also medicine, science and the system in general) is extremely important, it does not suffice. I am afraid that paradigm shift will happen (*if* it will happen at all) only when a large enough percentage of people will experience severe vaccine injuries first-hand (we already have a very large percentage of children, injured by vaccines and other 'environmental', i.e. human-made factors... – and as a society we are 'normalising' everything, from severe allergies to autism). However, this paradigm shift, prompted by the direct, mass experience of deleterious effects of vaccination, actually might happen because of Covid-vaccines.... I fervently wish it would not be so, but....

RH: Thank you for this fulsome response and for giving a resounding and disturbing 'process comparison' of

Covid-19 and the rise of Nazism, Mateja. If this doesn't serve as a wake-up call to those still undecided about the appropriateness of the State's response to this virus (which even Klaus Schwab himself, of the WEF, of Great Reset infamy, has called a *very minor* 'pandemic'), then I don't know what will.

One final question and, I think, a key one. You may have already addressed this to some extent – but how do you think those who are 'vaccine sceptics' can most effectively raise awareness about the *true* science of mass vaccination (as detailed in your book), and so counter the ways in which Big Pharma, Germ Theory and patriarchal medicine have so comprehensively 'captured' modern culture, politics and mainstream science?

MC: I agree that the question about raising awareness is one of the key questions... but, unfortunately, I do not know the answer. At least not the whole, absolute answer. However, I think I might know at least some part of the answer, which is simply that 'We should never give up'. We should never remain or become silent, hide ourselves and our opinions from the crowd, from neighbours, co-workers, friends, family. We should never stop talking, campaigning, sharing our experiences, knowledge and information. Because, as the saying goes, 'We cannot force someone to hear a message they are not ready to receive, but we must never underestimate the power of planting a seed'. I never forget that I am where I am, that I have the knowledge that I have today thanks to the countless people (scientists, doctors, parents, activists and many others) who didn't remain silent. Who sought the truth, asked tough questions, paved unknown paths, and actively and passionately shared their knowledge and ideas despite opposition, ridicule, even threats (about many important, controversial or 'alternative' topics, not just about vaccines). I am eternally grateful to all those people, known and unknown, and I realise fully how my life and the life of my family have been influenced and changed because of them. The individual efforts in our daily lives are one of the means to bring awareness, changes and improvements both on a social and an individual level.

My parting words are: we should stand up for what we believe is right. Even (or, perhaps, *especially*) when we are standing alone.

Endnotes

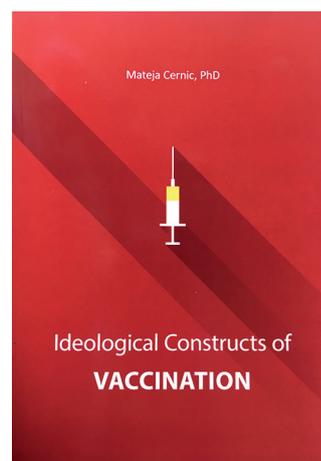
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