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As good as time as ever to "come out" as unvaccinated. Here are my reasons:

(1) I took an early stand against vaccine mandates and passports, I refuse to even give the govt an impression that they can dictate to me and others what healthcare we can and can't take.

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(2) At the earliest chance I took an antibody test. I wanted to make sure I wasn't a threat to people, and the evidence for natural immunity is so damn strong. I had antibodies.

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(3) As evidence came out against the ability of vaccines to have any real impact on transmission, and as evidence revealed natural immunity would protect against severe disease to a greater degree, it didn't make sense.

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(4) This evidence also pissed me off, because most Govts are pursuing highly discriminatory, unscientific vaccine passport policies. I'm not against these policies in principle, but it's a bloody low bar.

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(5) I have researched this topic myself. I know the policy will discriminate against the young and marginalised communities and I absolutely refuse to comply with tyrannical public health measures.

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(6) My research also shows that it will drive people away from vaccinating. In particular those groups I already mentioned plus those highly educated and men.

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(7) There is plenty of new evidence that suggests that there may not actually be a clear risk-benefit trade off to young men, especially those with prior infection and especially with the Moderna vaccine (and quite possibly Pfizer)

(8) where is the individualised risk benefit assessments stratified by age, sex, prior infection. How does this cumulate with more doses?

Do the government want young men to vaccinate for themselves or for society?

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(9) ... and if the latter, what the hell is the evidence? Two dose efficacy against infection could be negative for Omicron.

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(10) Recent data also showed that prior infection was a bloody good guarantor against severe disease if you were to be reinfected. Which I have been and guess what, it was a light cold.

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None of the above is advice. People need to be left to make their own decision, supported by the Government and all the available and latest evidence.

People should not be coerced holding freedoms over their head, especially not with these vaccines for this disease.

My biggest concern is that we will increase scepticism towards vaccines, in particular childhood vaccines which are one of the most (if not \*the most\*) valuable scientific discoveries of all time

A loss of confidence among the young may drive low confidence in childhood jabs.

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5 Jan

Why there are different travel rules for the unvaccinated and vaccinated? 1. Who is making this policy? 2. Why aren't they following the latest evidence of low vaccine efficacy \*especially\* w/ omicron. 3. Do you have the balls to admit it's to coerce the young? @sajidjavid

4. What happens if this precipitates a loss of confidence in vaccines more broadly when people realise that vaccines are not a good guard against infection? 5. Who is going to pick up the pieces if this loss of confidence triggers hesitancy in other

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6 Dec 21

@AlistairHaimes OK best way to deal with this is an evidence-based thread, I suppose. So here goes, and here's hoping this provides you a chance to change your mind. 1/n

@AlistairHaimes There isn't much evidence that lockdowns do the heavy lifting. In the UK, e.g., infections were in decline before each of our lockdowns, suggesting lighter measures (working from home, social distancing, closing large events, etc) were working. [onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111...](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111) 2/n

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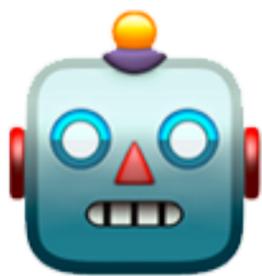
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1 Oct 21

Multiple issues with @scotgov assessment of vaccine passports. 1. No evidence that passports will decrease cases at venues (just an infographic!). This is a complex modelling issue that must also account for waning immunity and possibility of more unvaxxed in other settings

2. No real recognition of waning immunity and that efficacy against infection may be zero after four months ([bit.ly/3ilV1IQ](https://bit.ly/3ilV1IQ))

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