

Viewpoint: Fake autism treatments driven by fear and ignorance

NBC News recently published [an exposé on the dangerous and all-too-common practice](#) of orally and anally administering bleach-based treatments to autistic children. In March, a UK ad watchdog organization ordered 150 homeopaths to stop claiming that they could cure autism through treatments such as giving children up to 200 times the maximum recommended vitamin C dose. Amazon [recently stopped](#) selling books that promote bleach as an autism treatment or cure.

None of this news comes as a surprise to me. I've been aware of autism-related vaccine conspiracy theories for as long as I've been officially aware that I am autistic.

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[A]ll of this adds up and contributes to the constant buzzing reminder that people continue to be ignorant and fearful about autism. It's hurtful on a personal level. To be constantly reminded that a chunk of the world would rather risk public health crises or funnel bleach into their terrified child's orifices than have or love anyone like you can't help but weigh a person down. But what really bothers me is that innocent people are being endangered and abused based on what amounts to little more than overly simplistic and alarmist fiction.

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