

## Viewpoint: ‘Denouncing’ HBO, Bill Maher for helping Dr. Jay Gordon spread vaccine misinformation

Dr. Jay Gordon (who usually likes to be called “Dr. Jay”) and I [go back a long time](#), ever since I first noticed him [spreading antivaccine propaganda](#) that vaccines cause autism in 2005 on the [then-embryonic Huffington Post](#).

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If, as he claims, Dr. Jay is “not antivaccine”, though, why did he appear on Real Time With Bill Maher [November 1] and spew antivaccine tropes in front of a national audience?

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The entire interview with Dr. Jay was a large segment of the show, nearly one quarter of its running time, and it was a segment devoted to spreading [antivaccine](#) misinformation, fear mongering, appeals to ignorance, and false equivalencies.

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What I should have done then but am going to do now is to denounce HBO. By airing a show in which the host is allowed to spout antivaccine pseudoscience, fear mongering, and conspiracy theories, along with clearly refutable outright misinformation about [vaccines](#) to a national—no, worldwide—audience in the middle of a huge measles outbreak in the US (and much larger measles outbreaks elsewhere) resulting from vaccine hesitancy, HBO is complicit in facilitating the spread of antivaccine misinformation.

**Read full, original post:** [Shame on HBO! Bill Maher interviews Dr. Jay Gordon and the antivaccine misinformation flows.](#)