

## Viewpoint: By heroizing vaccine resisters, Fox News escalates ideological shot divide

Fox News has provided a friendly platform to dozens of people who refuse to take the COVID-19 vaccine in recent months. The network's propagandists often portray those guests as heroes fighting for freedom against "authoritarian" mandates — even though Fox itself has a vaccine requirement for employees.

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Fox has [ignored its moral responsibility](#) to keep its viewers informed (and thus healthy) since the COVID-19 pandemic began, instead treating it primarily as a [new culture war issue to exploit](#) for political and financial gain. The emergence of vaccines made no difference.

Rather than consistently [encouraging viewers](#) to take them, Fox hosts [regularly undermined](#) the vaccination campaign, doing so on [181 of 183 days](#) from April 1 through September 30.

The network paced the right's broader [anti-vax sabotage effort](#), which has been [devastatingly effective](#) in limiting vaccine uptake among Republicans and thus ensuring higher death tolls among those populations.

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They are hypocrites and cowards who are happy to profit while loyal viewers who take their commentary seriously sicken and die. And they are in that position because [Rupert and Lachlan Murdoch](#) are willing to trade [moral abomination for ratings victories](#) every chance they get.

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