

## ‘COVID Rashomon’: Fractured response to Omicron surge has spurred some Americans to say they’re ‘vaxxed and done’

The messiness of Omicron data—record-high cases! but much milder illness!—has deepened our COVID [Rashomon](#), in which different communities are telling themselves different stories about what’s going on, and coming to different conclusions about how to lead their lives. That’s true even within populations that, a year ago, were united in their desire to take the pandemic seriously and were outraged by those who refused to do so.

A virus that seems both pervasive and mild offers an opening to people who are, let’s call them, “vaxxed and done.” The attitude of the VADs is this:

For more than a year, I did everything that public-health authorities told me to do. I wore masks. I canceled vacations. I made sacrifices. I got vaccinated. I got boosted. I’m happy to get boosted again. But this virus doesn’t stop.

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If I were COVID czar, my rules for early 2022 would be to try desperately to keep schools open and in person, follow through on [vaccine mandates for nursing homes](#), distribute free rapid tests to allow people to identify their own infectiousness when they mix households with vulnerable people.

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