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Annotated Bibliography

“Anti-Vaccination Crazyies Strike out in Bible Belt States.” *Newsweek Global*, 27 June 2014, pp. 1-6. *Newspaper Source*, www.ebscohost.com.

This article compares the states with tougher vaccination laws to many other states in the nation who have become more lenient in recent years with their laws. In 2014, the nation experienced a “20-year high” of measles, which came after an announcement that the disease was eliminated in 2000. The article compares states like Mississippi and West Virginia, which require any child entering kindergarten to receive all of their vaccinations – no exceptions – to states like Colorado where “whooping cough was found to be 90% more common” due to very high vaccination exemption rates. This article lays forth many other useful facts and figures while also helping to display both sides of the argument that is being presented. The author includes quotes from healthcare professionals that are responding to a parent’s reasoning for not vaccinating her children.

I believe this article will be very helpful to present the “they say, I say” of my topic. It is important to incorporate opposition, and I felt that this article allowed me to understand a little bit more behind the thinking of the opposition. However, due to many facts presented in the article, such as “exemption rates have doubled between 2006 and 2011,” followed by the effects of the increase, I have a firm foundation for my thesis on the effects of the anti-vaccination movement.

Foster, Melissa and Colleen Zacharyczuk. "AAP Focuses on Boosting Immunization Rates." *Infectious Diseases in Children*, vol. 23, no. 9, Sept. 2010, pp. 30-31. *Academic Search Complete*, www.ebscohost.com.

This particular article began as a summary of an event held in Times Square aimed at gaining support for vaccinating children. The event involved the community to make them more

aware of the dangers of not vaccinating children. However, the event was set up to appeal to the general public, but in the process, the message may have gotten lost. The illustration of the event was used to fully explain the emotional appeal that a new parent may be hearing from the anti-vaccination movement compared to scientific data showing that many curable diseases are on the rise. The author claims that vaccination rates are cyclical. When they are at high levels, most parents are fully supportive, but when it reaches a peak, many parents begin to believe that vaccinations are a matter of faith.

This article will be very helpful as I try to include more of a naysayer perspective into my argument. The author brings up many other causes for the increase of many diseases that may have been eradicated in previous decades. In addition, the author discusses the history behind the anti-vaccination movement. Although this article does relieve some responsibility from the anti-vaccination movement, the base of the article is written to gain support for the need to boost immunization rates, which ultimately aligns with my argument.

Rhys, Blakely. "Measles Infects Race for White House." *The Times*. 4 Feb. 2015, pp. 32-34.
Newspaper Source, www.ebscohost.com.

This article, found in *The Times*, outlines how the debate on the anti-vaccination movement permeated the election cycle this year. The author cites occasions when many political candidates were asked about the anti-vaccination movement and how their answers swayed sets of voters. Chris Christie leaned towards the right to choose whether to vaccinate children, and Hillary Clinton took to Twitter to align anti-vaccination movement participants with the people in our society who do not use science as legitimate reason, such as those who do not believe in climate change. In addition, this article cites the many motivators for those who have a stake in this argument. Many people are motivated by science, some parents are motivated by guilt, and many politicians and medical companies are motivated by their own agenda.

I believe this article is going to be beneficial as I try to argue that the effects of the anti-vaccination movement reach beyond children and their parents. This article and the author show that the anti-vaccination movement has involved many more people that are well known within our society. In addition, this article shows that there are different rationales behind supporting the

anti-vaccination movement. From my perspective, I gained much more insight into the politicians and medical professionals that were cited, and how they have entered into this particular debate.

Whelan, Allison M. "Lowering the Age of Consent: Pushing Back against the Anti-Vaccine Movement." *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics*, vol. 44, no. 3, 2016, pp. 462-473. *Academic Search Complete*, www.ebscohost.com.

This article focused on the effects of the HPV vaccination, which is not a vaccination that is mandatory for a child to attend public schools. However, there has been much debate whether this particular vaccination is mandatory for children when they reach a certain age. "Lowering the Age of Consent" reminds the readers of the history of the anti-vaccination movement and the history of the legislation behind it, which is beneficial to cross check other publications and their account of the history. However, this particular article offered a bit more insight into the legislative approach and regulations surrounding the anti-vaccination movement. Also, the article outlined the consequences for society as the anti-vaccination movement has continued to gain traction.

For me, personally, the consequences are going to be the most helpful piece of writing within this article. Many of the articles I have read continue to look at the current effects of the anti-vaccination movement, but this article will be very beneficial to me as I try and craft looking to the future and the many issues we may face, as a society, if we do not begin to recognize the effects now. This article seems to be a great resource because it covers the many facets of this argument that have culminated over many years.