

## The vaccination debate

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Vaccinating ourselves and our children has been normalized over the past 20 years. According to vox.com, about 92% of young kids get vaccinated in the U.S. There are two sides of this coin. There is a group of people against vaccinating and a group that stands steady. There are reasons the percentage of children getting vaccinated is so high. Vaccinations are advertised to prevent the disease or illness it is made from. Vaccines work by injecting the weakened or dead cells of a virus into your system to, in a sense, familiarize your immune system with that particular virus or disease. This allows your immune system to build up a defense.



### Pros

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Getting vaccinated is a fast and effective way to build up an immunity. Also, being protected against things like the flu could possibly save your life. The flu has a long list of terrible symptoms that are all avoidable through vaccines. Another great reason to vaccinate is the fact that it can protect the people around you. Your loved ones will not have to worry about contracting those viruses or diseases from you. Perhaps the most honorable reason to get these vaccinations is that you can help protect an entire future generation.

If as a collective if we all get vaccinated against a deadly disease we could almost completely eliminate it from existence within a generation. An example of this is polio, in the US during the 1970's this disease paralyzed over 1000 kids a day. Once we found a vaccine and got it into the bodies of the citizens, it is almost completely gone.

In 2017 only 22 cases of polio were reported, showing that the vaccine works. Recently, a new virus has devastated children around the world, it is suspected to be enteroviruses.

Doctors have not determined definitely what is causing children to be paralyzed unexpectedly, and there is not yet a vaccination for this. However, they strongly advise a regular vaccination schedule to help minimize the spread of disease. If there was, would you vaccinate yourself? Your children?



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People should have the right to choose whether or not they want to vaccinate. It should be your choice and not left up to people to force you, or make you feel obligated to do so. There has always been the question of why people do not vaccinate themselves or their children, As well as there is the question of why they do, and what are the risk.

Parents fear vaccinations the most, because it is their decision to decide if it is safe or not, an if it turns out bad then it is on them. Families are often hesitant of vaccinations because they do not think it is needed, or they are afraid that the shots will cause more

### Cons

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problems than they had before. Another reason for being anti-vaccination is for religious beliefs. It is said that many parents are seeking a legal way to avoid vaccinating their children. The legal systems of some countries predict official vaccination exemptions. The general reasons for exemption would be for people's health and being cautious of new risk. The aforementioned religious reasons, such as not being able to because of your religion. Social reasons, such as being afraid of judgment, and one's own personal beliefs. Luckily, here in the United States, a lot of the deadly diseases and bacteria have not been picked up. Therefore, people think that they are safe and do not need to be cautious.

It is really up to you and what you believe, whether or not to vaccinate if you do great if you do not, also great the choice is yours.

## Give anime a chance

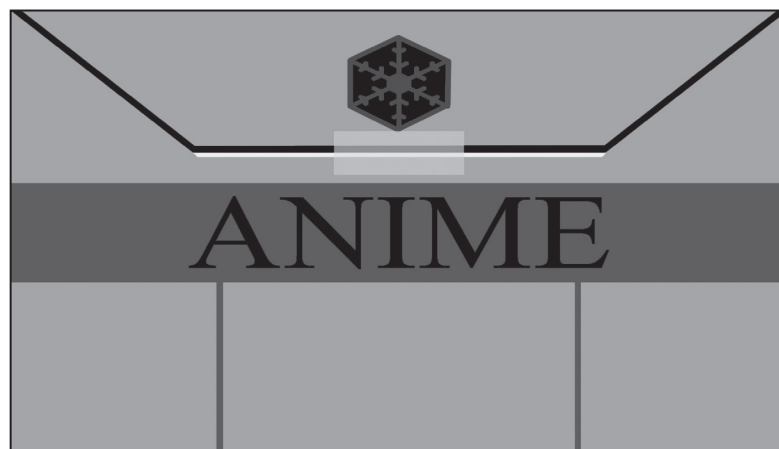
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People almost never give something a chance once they make up their mind on it. It becomes this sense of distaste inside your mouth that grows as time passes. Forever your mind will be unchanged as that taste latches to your tongue, giving it an unsociable vibe that soaks its possibility with disgust and silence. The word "anime" creates this vibe in plenty situations.

For instance, I heard a small group conversing on an anime that they watched, and the moment they mention the word anime another group snickered and poked fun at them for their likes. Unsociable. Anime leaves a unique view of people. It is like when you watch a gory movie and your parents happen to walk in and see the goriest scene pos-

sible by chance. That becomes their impression of that movie. Anime can be distasteful if you just jump right into it, each anime has its own story and audience target.

Storytelling is done differently in each media—movies have its pro-



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Anime is often judged by its inappropriate features or childish style rather than the stories shared through its media.

longed one episode story. Television has its variety, books share a long description meant to move you through your

and expressions. It is a great platform for storytelling. It allows its creators to create a universe and their world, characters and their expressions, and that is both a blessing and a curse.

Give chance to the unknown, but have caution of where that chance lands. Try out what is unfamiliar to you, but have some knowledge on what you watch. Watching anime is like switching through channels on the television. There is mature content, childrens content, and everything in between. There are genres and along with those subgenres, and then the art direction. To start finding your show, know what you are looking for and what you expect to find. Figure out the type of show you'd like to watch and look for it. Only then can you know whether it is unsociable or enjoyable.

## We cannot deny that the earth is changing

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Wildfires are devastating in the way they move and spread quickly; a fire can move from a small radius to demolishing an entire city. This is just a small portion of what we will see in the near future unless society changes in its ways. In recent events, California has been devastated by a wildfire that has covered a total of 307,900 acres. Roughly 1000 people are unaccounted for. Once the fire reached a substantial size and began to move, it demolished cities leaving civilians little time to collect their valuables - or save their lives The drought that California is facing, also thought to be caused by the changing climate, was a deadly combination when combined with this fire, helping it grow, move faster, and become deadlier.

Earth is no stranger to changes in climate or even a complete change in environment; humans, on the other hand, are not so susceptible to this idea. The world is changing no doubt, but do we really know why? According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the world has become 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit

warmer since 1880. A change as small as that may not seem like much to us, but we must think about the icebergs that have been floating for thousands of years and how that small of a change can begin to melt these floating fossils. Some people do not believe that this is an issue, but the melting of these icebergs has been raising the sea level several inches in the last decade. The sea levels will continue to rise as the temperature does, according to NASA. If the icebergs continue melting at the rate they are, the levels will rise another one to four feet by the year 2100.

Global warming has already begun to affect the world in ways we cannot tell



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with the physical eye, but who is to blame for this global change? Humans have not taken very well care of this planet we live on; in fact, humans are

a major factor as to why the earth is slowly depreciating. Over the last century, burning fossil fuels, such as coal and oil, has increased the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide. This happens because the coal or oil burning process combines carbon with oxygen in the air to make CO2. To a lesser extent, deforestation, industry, and other human activities have increased other greenhouse gases like CO2 as well.

Although we have begun to see some effects of global warming such as

the wildfire in California, many have not showed their face, one of the consequences that we have yet to see from global warming, but are bound to see in the future, is the strengthening of hurricanes. Since the 1980s, these super storms have become stronger, faster, and more devastating. Although it is not proven that humans are to blame for this change, one thing that is certain is that these storms are getting stronger as the temperature rises. If the earth does not cool down soon, we can expect to see some even more devastating storms than we already suffer from.

One way we can help prevent this is to just simply take better care of the earth by not wasting and adding to the landfills that are already overflowing. We can also learn what is appropriate to throw away and what you should recycle. An electric car might be a good investment for you as well considering the burning of fossil fuels is a major contribution to the to the global temperature. The earth is suffering, and it is giving us as many signs as it can; will we learn how to read and fix them, or will we be in for a surprise from mother nature within the next 100 years?