

Medical debate – Elon joins

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Early yesterday morning, Elon Musk directly joined the medical debate of the century, over COVID vaccines. For the first time he revealed that he had a “second booster,” and had “major side effects” from it. He then revealed that his cousin suffered severe myocarditis and required hospitalization. These tweets have brought swift reaction, not all of it sympathetic. The non-sympathetic users don’t wish him ill – but they deny that he actually fell ill. Which shows how sensitive the medical debate has become.

Elon Musk gives a medical anecdote

The debate actually began Friday morning at 8:16 a.m. EST. Rasmussen Reports released the results of a poll asking people whether they had taken “the vaccine.” Here are the results they reported:

Question: 68% of 260M Adults (177M) indicate they received the COVID-19 VAX and 7% of those reported major side effects. That translates (177 x .07) into approx 12M people.

The CDC says major side effects are "rare."

How many people does CDC estimate had major side effects? <https://t.co/8WrFr5ptrHpic.twitter.com/5NavWwXNDu>

— Rasmussen Reports (@Rasmussen_Poll) [January 20, 2023](#)

Note the key finding. 68 percent of respondents say they took “the vaccine,” and 7 percent of “takers” reported major side effects. But the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) insist that side effects are “rare.” So how “rare” is “rare”? According to the primary European regulatory agency, “rare” means 0.01 percent to 0.1 percent. 7 percent is considered *common*.

About an hour later, User Scott Adams quoted the tweet and asked his followers:

How do we interpret this? <https://t.co/QtLFpactc2>

— Scott Adams (@ScottAdamsSays) [January 20, 2023](#)

Eighteen hours later, Elon Musk joined the debate with this medical testimony:

And my cousin, who is young & in peak health, had a serious case of myocarditis. Had to go to the hospital.

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [January 21, 2023](#)

Most of the immediate response expressed sympathy. This included some of the most prominent “vaccine” critics. For example, Peter A. McCullough, M.D., a frequent critic, shared this graphic on myocarditis resulting from the “vaccine.”

Elon, here is a graphic that helps people understand COVID-19 vaccine induced myocarditis. Summarizes concepts from ~250 peer reviewed and preprint papers. Have dozens of cases in my cardiology practice. [#courageousdiscourse](#)
<https://t.co/4N8Xv8aWUq>

— Peter A. McCullough, MD, MPH™ (@P_McCulloughMD) [January 21, 2023](#)

The tweet contained a link to [this article](#) that appeared in October of 2022. In it, Dr. McCullough called for the withdrawal from the market, and total discard, of all COVID immunizations.

One other user shared [this article](#) from the American Heart Association. The authors insist that the infection poses a greater risk of myocarditis than the immunization.

<https://t.co/zkwvB09zYI>

— Sarcastic Daddy 🕊️ (@Petel1973) [January 21, 2023](#)

The study involved [appeared](#) in the journal *Circulation* in August of 2022.

How many affirmatives and negatives?

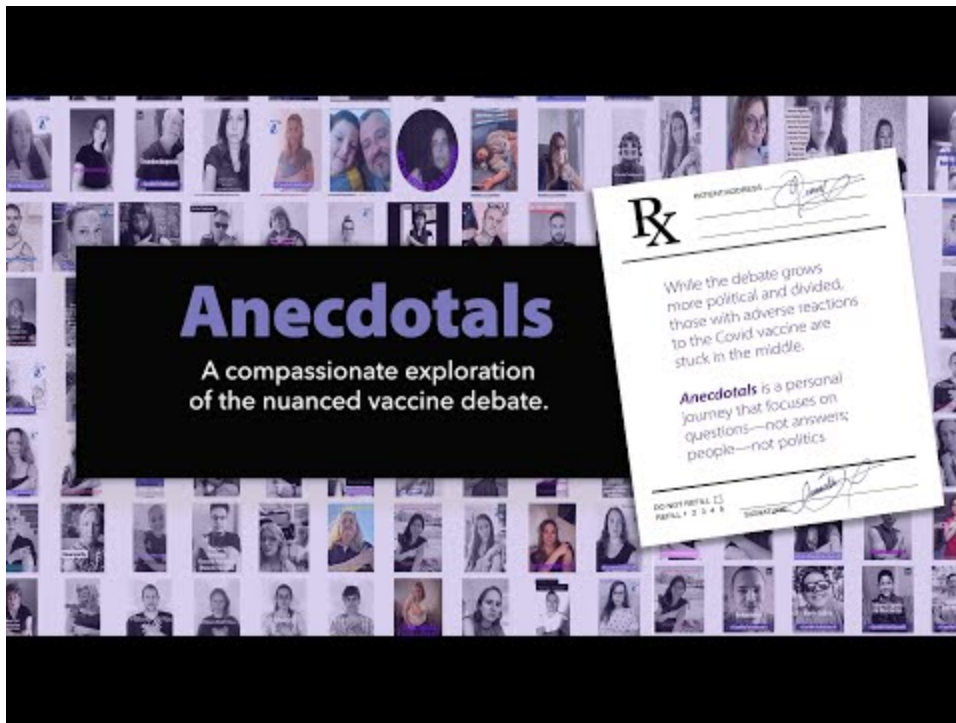
CNAV estimates that about half the reaction to Elon Musk’s medical evidence (admittedly anecdotal) was favorable to him. The rest were unfavorable, and include many tweets we shall not share here.

The only tweets worth sharing, are those actually providing medical and biochemical evidence. Here, for instance, is a paper on how fast the mRNA from the virus and the “vaccine” can replicate. Most readers will find the prose very difficult to read, even if they understand the concepts. But it adds up to changes, not in the genes of body cells but in the enzymes and other proteins that process genetic material. The author said:

| Despite 2 positive reviews this preprint got buried by an editor at a journal.

| We need to decentralize peer review. All the tools are in place.

See also this one-and-one-third-hour motion picture concentrating on those who have reported adverse reactions, and the questions they have.



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/t36HntCJf6Y>

The anecdotal evidence cuts both ways. Consider, for example, this report:

| I should add, I have taken the flu vaccine 7 years in a row. Grateful for the rigorously trialed and life saving medicines science has afforded us. But the risk reward ratio of MRNA tech (that had failed standards for nearly 3 decades) does not stack up for everyone.

| — Damien Slash (@damienslash) January 15, 2023

In contrast, consider this one:

I had 25 relatives all vaccinated all with 0 side effects. Statistically, that is just as relevant as your example (or more) – but your example will get more pub. Be more conscious of your platform, please.

— Wout (@woutsko) [January 21, 2023](#)

This sequence shows an interesting contrast in findings:

Does it account for the severity of myocarditis? Cos I can assure you vaccine induced myocarditis is literal torture. I've had spinal surgery from a broken back. Was a walk in the park compared to what Pfizer did to me.

— Kairan Phoenix (@KairanPhoenix) [January 21, 2023](#)

One user suggested that the problem, if problem there is, comes from mRNA preparations only:

It's mRNA vaccines which are a huge problem! I had Covaxin and no side effects at all!

— Vaibhavi Limaye (@LimayeVaibhavi) [January 21, 2023](#)

Summary

On November 23, 2022, Twitter revoked its medical misinformation policy. (We now know that this policy came from an outside group with drug-industry ties.) Three days later – six at the outside – Twitter administration deleted the policy.

Within the last forty-eight hours, evidence has come forward that might explain the revocation. Not only did Elon Musk find the policy offensive to his sensibilities about liberty, but also – and more to the point – he had formed the belief that the immunization had injured him. That's relevant because the original policy might have forbidden him to say anything about it.

Aside from the rudeness some users showed, that last forty-eight hours also showed what healthy medical debate can look like. Musk has in fact expressed his determination that Twitter should be a place where one can find truth. Sometimes truth can be impossible to determine – thus making free debate necessary.

It ill befits anyone to doubt Mr. Musk's account. More to the point, Musk has opened up the debate, and that should help everyone. Notably, no one at the CDC has yet weighed in. If they are truly confident in their interpretation of observations and events, they should.

Finally, everyone observing this affair should wish Elon Musk and his cousin full and speedy recoveries.