

Twitter-Storm Shuts Down the Latest and Craziest Anti-Vaccine Idea



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Child in Car Seat [1]

Let's start by making a very obvious statement. Perhaps the most obvious statement ever.

Car seats are safe to use.

They are so safe, it is illegal not to use them. All 50 states and the District of Columbia have child safety seat laws. These laws require children to be placed in approved child seats or booster seats when traveling in a car. The states' rules differ at what age children can switch to using the seat belts in the car versus the booster seats. But, the overall message is clear. Car seats are safe and they must be used.

However, that didn't stop Forrest Maready from tweeting a statement earlier this week linking car seat usage to autism. Wait, what? See his tweet below.



Forrest Maready

@forrestmaready

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Knowing that immobilization and restraint can activate the dorsal vagal complex, it makes you wonder if car seats may have played a part in the rise of [#autism](#).

If your kid's been recently injected w/aluminum, you may want to skip the car seat on the way home – just to be safe.



4:51 PM - 17 Mar 2018

11 Retweets 17 Likes



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Just to be safe? Obviously, to a scientist, this is absolutely unacceptable. The good news is that it also was unacceptable to almost anyone on twitter who read it. If you take a close look at the snapshot taken above, four days after the original tweet was posted, you will see that it has 17 likes and 11 retweets. Ok, so that's 28 people that we should worry about and check their car seat situation. But, notice the number of comments. There are 385. And, by and large, the comments are negative. Some representative examples are,



KJFM/Kevin JF Martin @KJFMartin · Mar 19

Replying to [@forrestmaready](#)

Hi Forrest. Just checking , you're actually suggesting risking a child's life by not using a car seat . Will you be accountable if a child dies as a result of your advice ?

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Odette Roulette @odetteroulette · Mar 20

Replying to @forrestmaready

OMG. Dude. No. Please put your child in their life-saving car seat and get them their vaccines. In what world is autism (caused by neither of these things) worse than death or in the case of vaccines, killing someone else's family member? Good god.

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Taya Dows @kokkosart · Mar 19

Replying to @forrestmaready

It is fantastic that you wrote a book. I hope you have a very detailed section on this as it would be fantastic evidence in court for when you get sued for public endangerment or manslaughter if someone stupid enough follows the "medical" advice.

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Tania RN @Mummin8r · Mar 20

Replying to @forrestmaready

It is criminal what you suggest. If you don't want to wear a restraint fine. But don't suggest it to others. You clearly have not seen the horror of unrestrained child in an MVA.

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Odubel's Hairerra @bx1234 · 17h

Replying to @forrestmaready

Hey man where can I find your book?

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Odubel's Hairerra @bx1234 · 17h

Oh wait, I meant eat a bunch of bees. Sorry.

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These types of tweets go on and on. Later in the week, he referred to the people replying as "car-seat lovin' zealots."

A lot of the replies wonder if what he said is a joke. Unfortunately, it's not. But, the good news is that Forrest only has 1,233 followers and this particular tweet got a lot of push back.

I know that because we don't have a good sense of what causes autism, a lot of things have been postulated. But, car seats simply cannot be one of them. So, nice work pro-science twitter! Let's keep the pressure on these people who are manipulating parents and endangering kids. Because this week it was car seats. But next week, it will be something else. Just check out one of his other tweets...

↻ Forrest Maready Retweeted



Forrest Maready @forrestmaready · Feb 20

This is terrible – it looks like the birth defects in Brazil were actually a combination of the #Zika infection & an experimental immunization program gone wrong! Brazil ended the program & has deleted all references to it.

So much wrong scientific information. So little time.

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