

News anchor: In breaking news, scientists are working to combat a virus becoming known as 'The Zombie Disease'. The health system is in disarray, as patients die and return as zombies. Hundreds have been infected and millions are terrified. Former Prime Minister Michael Dolittle declared a state of emergency yesterday before he was ousted in the third leadership spill of the week.

Scientists have developed a vaccine that protects people from contracting the disease. Approved by the World Health Organisation, it is being administered free at hospitals around the country. Our reporter, Jessica Objectified, ventured into the city for this report.

Jessica: Thanks, Jeremy. I'm standing outside Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, where queues have already formed as people wait anxiously to be vaccinated. I spoke to some of these people.

Jessica: And how do you feel about this new vaccine?

Interviewee 1: Well, I'm getting it, obviously. I don't have a death wish.

Jessica: Would you care to elaborate on that?

Interviewee: Not really.

Jessica: That was one of many terrified citizens waiting to be saved. But what about those who are more wary of the cure than the disease? Here is one story.

Jessica: Will you be getting vaccinated?

Interviewee 2: Are you mad? Of course not! I'm not letting my child or my dog anywhere near that hospital!

Jessica: Your dog?

Interviewee: Yes. Dogs can get autism too, you know. It only takes one vaccine, and suddenly you don't like hugs!

Jessica: Is that your dog? It doesn't look too well, madam.

Interviewee: Oh yes, he's just fighting off this virus everyone's talking about. He'll be fine in a few days, we're all skulling essential oils.

Jessica: But he's chewing on your leg!

Interviewee, choking: At least I'm fighting it off the natural way!

Jessica: Unfortunately, that woman and her dog passed away minutes after the interview. We cross to another man, who had some interesting ideas on the effects of vaccines.

Interviewee 3: The problem is, we just don't know what vaccines do. There've been countless, fully legitimate studies that have linked them to infertility, autism, cancer, climate change, the inevitable heat death of the universe... the list goes on. I've Googled it.

Jessica: So how do you respond to allegations that those studies are unreliable; that many are funded by anti-vaccine organisations?

Interviewee: I say that's complete rubbish! My shares in multinational alternative medicine companies have nothing to do with my dislike of vaccines!

Jessica: What?

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Jessica: Finally, we hear from a man who has unconventional ideas about not only vaccines but the diseases they counter.

Interviewee 4: Personally, I prefer the medieval approach. Vaccines were banned in most countries back then, because people understood that diseases are a punishment given by God, to sinners. You just watch, it'll be the gays and Muslims that are the first to go in this epidemic.

Jessica: But they only believed that because viruses hadn't yet been discovered!

Interviewee, scoffing: You believe in viruses? But you can't see them!

Jessica: Fortunately, that man died suddenly in front of me at the end of the interview, and we had to flee the scene. Back to you, Jeremy.