



Topic: The United States should require vaccinations for all children  
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**Affirmative Case (Pro side):**

1) Introduction (30 seconds): Requiring vaccinations to all children will benefit the children, parents and community as a whole. According to Centers for disease control and prevention in May of 2017, "Vaccines help develop immunity by imitating an infection, but this "imitation" infection does not cause illness. It does, however, cause the immune system to develop the same response as it does to a real infection so the body can recognize and fight the vaccine-preventable disease in the future".

2) Resolution Analysis (20 seconds if needed): The United States should require vaccinations for all children because they help save children's lives by protecting them against the spread of a disease and save both the child and parent money and time.

3) Aff Issue 1: A vaccines purpose is to save a child's life and protects against the spread of diseases; therefore, it should be required. According to The American Academy of Pediatrics states that in 2016 " [vaccinations] have kept children healthy and have saved millions of lives for more than 50 years. Most childhood vaccines are 90% to 99% effective in preventing disease. And if a vaccinated child does get the disease, the symptoms are usually less serious than in a child who hasn't been vaccinated".

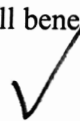
Harm: If children do not get vaccinated, their health and life could be at risk. According to The American Academy of Pediatrics in 2015, "when children are not immunized, the results can be devastating. Each year, thousands of children in the United States become seriously ill with diseases that could have been prevented with proper immunizations".

Solve: The United States should require vaccination for children as it benefits children and saves their life if they were to be exposed to a disease that might be surrounding them.

4) Aff Issue 2: Requiring all children to be vaccinated will save both the child and the parent time and money. According to Vaccines Today in 2016, "A new study says every dollar spent on vaccination saves up to \$44 dollars by reducing healthcare spending and productivity loss, and curbing the broader economic impact of illness".

Harm: If vaccinations do not become required, the amount of vaccinated children will drop which could mainly affect the child's health. Along with the child's health, financial loss can occur due to lost time at work or a long term disability which could have been easily prevented in the first place.

Solve: Requiring children to be vaccinated is a good policy as it will benefit the child, parent, and even the community significantly.



5) Conclusion (10 seconds): Due to these reasons, The United States should require vaccinations for all children. I would like to conclude with what I had read in The New York Times magazine as stated in 2015, "Vaccines work by protecting individuals, but their strength really lies in the ability to protect one's neighbors. When there are not enough people within a community who are immunized, we are all at risk... Vaccines aren't the only situation in which we are asked to care about our neighbors. Following traffic laws, drug tests at work, paying taxes -- these may go against our beliefs and make us bristle, but we ascribe to them because without this shared responsibility, civil society doesn't work".

### **Negative Case (Con Side):**

1) Introduction (30 seconds): The United States should not require all children to be vaccinated but rather provide them with an option whether they would like to or not.

2) Neg Issue 1: The government has no right to make decisions for our bodies on our behalf.

Link: According to the Washington Post in 2015, Senator Rand Paul stated that "The state doesn't own your children". He went on to praise vaccines for their health benefits while insisting that the government should not mandate their use in most cases. "Parents own the children. And it is an issue of freedom and public health".

Impact: If the government does require children to be vaccinated and society accepts it, we are giving up the choice to make our own personal medical choices and are allowing the government to make these choices for us as if the government owns our bodies.

3) Neg Issue 2: By making a law to require ALL children to be vaccinated, the government is abusing the first amendment.

Link: The first amendment states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof" according to the US constitution accessed July 26 2017.

Impact: According to Slate magazine in 2015 that the two religions that have any possible negative stance on vaccination are Christian Scientists and the Dutch Reformed Church. For whatever reason they are against vaccinations by creating a law to force all children to be vaccinated, the government is abusing their religious rights.

4) Refute Aff Issue 1:

5) Refute Aff Issue 2:

6) Conclusion: Due to these two reasons, the fact that the government does not own our bodies nor does it have the right to abuse religion practices, the United States should not require vaccination to all children but rather provide children and parents with the option if they would like to or not.

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