



**NEWS**

# 'Let them die': Canada's largest newspaper promotes hostility toward the unvaccinated

'I have no empathy left for the wilfully unvaccinated. Let them die,' read a statement printed in large, bolded text on the front page of last Thursday's edition of the Toronto Star



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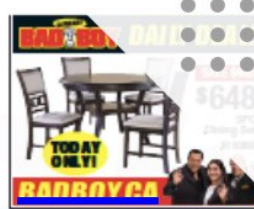
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## ANALYSIS

TORONTO, Ontario ([LifeSiteNews](#)) – On August 26, the *Toronto Star*, Canada's largest newspaper, filled its front page with vitriolic and mocking comments collected from social media toward people who have not taken an experimental coronavirus vaccine.

### Canadians get the podium party started

Cyclist Keely Shaw captures country's first medal of the Paralympics with a bronze in pursuit race and swimstar Aurélie Rivard follows with another in 50-metre freestyle. **A20**



# TORONTO STAR

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## If an unvaccinated person catches it from someone who is vaccinated, boohoo, too bad. I have no empathy left for the wilfully unvaccinated. Let them die. I honestly don't care

### Simmering divide over who isn't vaccinated

It's a polarizing debate, but patience and understanding for those not getting shots is in short supply as we all look to heal from pandemic **Story: A2**

## if they die from COVID. Not even a little bit. Unvaccinated patients do not deserve ICU beds. At this point, who cares. Stick the

## unvaccinated in a tent outside and tend to them when the staff has time.

SELECTION OF RECENT POSTS ON TWITTER

- Should the vaccine be mandatory for Ontario cops? Police chiefs and officer unions take sides, **A14**
- Vaccination requirement to see live sports or shows will survive any court challenge, expert says, **B1**

### No job could mean no job for Air Canada employees

Workers without valid reason for an exemption have until Oct. 30 to be vaccinated

KARON LIU AND SIMRAN SINGH **TOP PHOTO**

Air Canada announced Wednesday that it is mandating COVID-19 vaccines for all of its employees, following other airlines that have announced vaccine policies for their workers. The airline also announced that those who fail to comply or qualify for valid medical reasons may be terminated.

In a press release, it stated that all employees have to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by Oct. 30. It will also be a requirement for prospective employees of the company.

"Under the mandatory vaccination policy, testing will not be offered as an alternative. While Air Canada will fulfill its duties to accommodate employees who for valid reasons, such as medical conditions, cannot be vaccinated, failure to be fully vaccinated by October 30, 2021 will have consequences up to and including unpaid leave or termination, except for those who qualify for accommodation," the release states.

"Air Canada's policy is also in accord with a recent announcement by the Government of Canada requiring employees in the federally regulated air, rail, and marine transportation sectors to be vaccinated by the end of October 2021."

### Partisan jousting means little to struggling workers



Heather Scofield

We were supposed to come "staring back" from the pandemic, the politicians have said so often, but that's not Scarborough's experience — at least not yet.

Nabila Chowdhury is taking a few breaks at a Tim Hortons near the factory where she works on Warden Avenue. A block away is a long-term-care home that was ravaged by the pandemic, an early sign of things to come in low-income neighbourhoods in the York region.

And across the street is a community centre where, just a few weeks ago, the lineup for COVID-19 vaccines snaked all around the block and extended all the way to where she is sitting now, making national headlines.

Vaccination means, of course, that the 37-year-old can go back to work these days.

But Chowdhury is working five-hour shifts instead of eight, and she is nervous — despite having been vaccinated — about COVID-19 spreading among her co-workers.

"This is impacting our lives," she says. "We are getting laid off from work. We are not getting enough hours." Despite the lunch-hour line at a corner deli, drive-through coffee shops and cafes, the coffee shops waiting area is mostly empty.

#### THE SIGNAL

Federal election is recast from Vox Pop Labs, with projected share of popular vote and number of seats (170 needed for majority):

Conservatives	34.5%	131
Liberals	33.5%	149
NDP	19.8%	35
bloc: Quebecois	6.8%	22
Green	4.5%	1
Other	0.6%	0

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### Leaders on attack as race tightens

Analysis shows Liberals stuck in minority territory with a slight edge in seats, but falling behind in the popular vote. **A10**

### Business as usual on election trail

Is there still a pandemic? Campaigning politicians don't seem to have noticed. **B1**

### It's been mayhem — and Afghans are running out of time



Rosie Dhillon

In the garden of the Ramon Hotel near Kabul airport, a Canadian flag is flying. This is the rendezvous point for at-risk Afghans frantically trying to flee the country in the few remaining days of evacuation flights.

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Except these desperate Afghans — interpreters, Canadian soldiers, civilian staff, contractors — we worked with our annual forces and on infrastructure projects — can't get those firms anywhere. The Ramon is ringed by Taliban-ensnared checkpoints blocking access, raising previous exit documents and presenting a reckoning threat to those attempting escape. "I have been unable to get through," Ajmal Joya tells the Star over the phone. "There is nobody to help bring us and my family to the hotel. Why can't Canadian soldiers come and get us from the safe houses where we're hiding? Why can't they send thousands of troops to the top? I don't see other countries have done that."

On each of the last five days, Joya — with his wife and three young children, including an newborn — has made the perilous drive, both attempting to approach the hotel and the gates of Hamid Karzai International Airport.

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Canada's last military flight out of Kabul could be Tuesday. Liberal cabinet ministers face criticism over Taliban comment. **B1**

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“If an unvaccinated person catches it [COVID] from someone who is vaccinated, boohoo, too bad,” the front page of the *Toronto Star* read, in extremely large text.

“I have no empathy left for the wilfully unvaccinated. Let them die,” the second statement blared, this time bolded.

These inflammatory comments were accompanied by an [article](#) written about the purported growing disdain for the unvaccinated.

After receiving immense backlash, the *Star* changed the incendiary front-page and issued a statement addressing the retraction.

## **Article accompanying controversial front-page arguably bolstered the incendiary statements**

The article accompanying the dehumanizing statements was not an exposé on such opinions, but instead appeared to affirm the comments.

The article referenced survey results and quoted from “professionals” indicating a widespread hostility towards the “unvaccinated” throughout Canadian society.

“According to a recent [Angus Reid poll](#) most vaccinated Canadians are indifferent to the unvaccinated getting sick with the virus, with 83 per cent saying they have no sympathy for those who choose not to get the COVID-19 vaccine and then fall ill. Anecdotally, patience is even wearing thin among health-care professionals,” wrote the *Star*.

Entirely absent from the report was any recognition that much of the skepticism of the so-called “vaccine hesitant” towards the push to vaccinate the majority of the world’s population is due to the fact that the vast majority of people are not at risk of serious disease to begin with – the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports an infection survival rate of greater than 99.95% for those under age 50. Meanwhile, the list of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-recognized adverse events to the injections has grown from severe anaphylactic reactions to include fatal thrombotic events, the inflammatory heart condition myocarditis, and neurologically disabling disease like Guillain Barré Syndrome.

Instead, the article persisted in emphasizing the opinions of those hostile towards “the unvaccinated.” Dr. Anita Sircar, an infectious-disease physician, was quoted as saying: “Last year, a case like this [a person seriously ill from COVID-19] would have flattened me,” but “this year, I [have] struggled to find sympathy.”

A Canadian social psychologist, Sarah Konrath, was quoted seemingly to excuse the apparent widespread hostility towards the unvaccinated. “People are exhausted at this point,” Konrath said. “At the best times, empathy takes effort... It’s been a year and a half of very challenging stress, financial stress, homeschooling, worries about jobs, worries about health, social isolation.”

“People don’t have the psychological resources that we would have had otherwise to invest in people different from us,” she continued.

The phrase “different from us” seems to fit with a warning made by Constitutional rights lawyer Rocco Galati, who has said the vaccine measures are leading to a growing divide within Canadian society.

## **Demonizing the ‘unvaccinated’**

This divide is creating a “class of Canadians” – the unvaccinated – that is being actively demonized and “discriminated” against. Such discrimination, according to Galati, is illegal under Section 15 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

Grouping Canadians into the “vaccinated” versus “unvaccinated” is “inviting violence between one class of Canadians [vaccinated] against another class of Canadians [unvaccinated],” added Galati in a press conference.

The *Star* article also quoted clinical pharmacist Amir Imani, who when trying to explain the logic behind the hostility to the unvaccinated, compared dying without having received an experimental COVID jab to a smoker getting lung cancer.

However, the article accidentally showed Imani’s analogy to be fallacious by highlighting that the group most hesitant to receive the vaccine are 18–29-year olds – there is a distinct difference between jeopardizing health via smoking, and making the choice as a young person to avoid the shot, which the evidence shows is more likely to cause serious adverse effects for the young.

According to the CDC, those aged 18 to 29 years old are the most likely group to develop serious and life-threatening heart inflammation conditions such as myocarditis and pericarditis from the jab. Additionally, the data show the group only has a 0.003-0.013% chance of dying from COVID. Unlike smoking cigarettes, apprehension to the shot appears to be in accordance with the scientific research for this most hesitant group.

Furthermore, many concerned about vaccine coercion have pointed out that if doctors were to refuse to treat patients or offer them substandard care based on the patients’ choices, that would impact not just smokers but also anyone who had engaged in risky or unhealthy behavior. This would include the obese, promiscuous people, drunk drivers, and many HIV/AIDS patients.

Imani, instead of identifying the thousands of deaths and serious adverse reactions reported by after individuals receive one of the experimental jabs, went on to claim that “conspiracy theories” are the reason why many people are not being vaccinated. Some people are “victims of misinformation” and others face “systemic barriers, like not having access to a family doctor to answer questions about the safety of the vaccine,” the article said.

Absent from the article is reference to the many doctors who have spoken publicly about the risks associated with receiving these experimental, abortion-tainted vaccines.



Dr. Mark Trozzi, a Canadian medical doctor who has been outspoken about vaccine injury, said, “It is tragic that the *Toronto Star* is so involved in spreading COVID propaganda, that they perform no real investigative journalism. If they did, they would know that the so-called ‘vaccines’ are ineffective, and actually stimulate the evolution of variants. These variants are dangerous to the naïve victims of the COVID injections, but of little concern to people with natural immunity. Also, these so called ‘vaccines’ produce antibody dependent enhancement and may render their victims very vulnerable to coronaviruses in the future with increased disease severity and death.”

“*Toronto Star*: No facts required, just spread hate,” said Dr. Trozzi.

“Stay safe, natural, and healthy,” he concluded.

Dr. Peter McCullough has said the COVID-19 “mass vaccination program will go down as one of the most deadly, one of the most injurious and costly in human history.” Dr. McCullough is an internist and cardiologist, along with being a professor of medicine at Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center. He is distinguished as the most published person in history in his field and is an editor of two major medical journals.

Additionally, Dr. Vladimir Zelenko – a Nobel Prize nominated doctor and leader in hydroxychloroquine treatment for COVID-19 – has also stated, “There is NO medical necessity for any [coronavirus] vaccines,” especially for an “mRNA injection that has shown to have many dangerous side effects.”

## **An unconvincing ‘apology’**

Two days after the publication of the article the *Toronto Star* conceded that “[g]reater care should have been taken” and that their front page had “exacerbated division between readers.”

The *Star*’s concession nevertheless attempted to deflect some of the criticism they received, stating: “It’s apparent, too, that many had not read the accompanying article. But there were plenty of subscribers who took offence at the front-page display they considered overly provocative and hateful.”

One angry reader told the *Star*, “Your front page says, ‘Simmering divide.’ Clearly you are trying to make it boil over.”

“It looks like you are trying to incite people against the unvaccinated,” said another reader, “not everyone in the unvaccinated group is an idiot or an ass.”

One *Toronto Star* editor, Anne Marie Owens, called the design “clumsy, poorly executed and open to misinterpretation.”

The *Star*’s “apology” article blames the “misinterpretation” of their article on the fact that “There were no quotation marks to clearly signify that these [the vicious comments of apathy] were the comments of others,” and therefore “Many readers thought the statements were the *Star*’s view.”

The “apology” does not include the *Star* saying that it regrets publishing the statements, but rather that it regrets the provocative manner in which they were published.

“No doubt the article would have stirred reaction even without the front-page presentation,” but “such reactions cannot deter the *Star* from writing such stories,” the paper stated.

“In this case though, the poor execution of the front-page design unfortunately exacerbated that reaction,” the statement continued.

The *Toronto Star* lists a set of editorial principles under which they purportedly operate called the “Atkinson principles,” named after their 1892 founder Joseph E. Atkinson.

By not rebuking the comments they featured on their front-page, but instead providing quotations and survey results to affirm hostility against the unvaccinated, the news outlet arguably violated their own founding principles.

These principles include, among others:

- A strong, united and independent Canada
- Individual and civil liberties
- The rights of working people

The *Star*'s apology failed to explain how the paper reconciles its foundational principles of “Individual and civil liberties” and “a strong, united and independent Canada” while promoting opinions that divide and discriminate based on medical classification.

Vaccine Choice Canada (VCC), a non-profit organization that advocates for informed decisions about vaccines, has published a statement on its website outlining key reasons why every Canadian should oppose vaccine coercion and the implementation of what they call a “medical apartheid.”

According to VCC:

- Canadians are being coerced to accept an experimental medical device. This is an egregious violation of medical ethics and our fundamental and inherent rights and freedoms.
- There is no ethical, medical, or legal justification to discriminate against those who choose not to partake in this human experiment.
- Exemptions are not a viable recourse to avoid mandates, coercion, and medical tyranny.
- Canadians already have the inherent right, which is constitutionally protected in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, to refuse any unwanted medical intervention. We do not require an exemption or any other documentation to exercise this right.
- It is the duty of all Canadians to stand up and stand strong to defend our inherent rights and freedoms.

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