

Topic: Should COVID 19 Vaccine be Mandated?

Use example of issues below and assigned articles to write a 700 words MLA essay, please use three of the articles in the essay.

The following articles discuss public concerns surrounding the COVID 19 vaccine. While some people see the vaccine as a welcome remedy to the current pandemic, others are skeptical and unwilling to be vaccinated. These differing views reveal underlying racial and socioeconomic perceptions and tensions regarding belief in science as well as access to healthcare. As you prepare for the final and read the articles below, review the central arguments for and against taking the COVID 19 vaccine. You might also consider the following issues:

- Given that “herd immunity” requires approximately 60% (or more) of the population be vaccinated to contain the spread of an infectious disease, what are the risks involved in reopening public spaces and ending the quarantine once the vaccine becomes widely available?
- Why do some segments of the populations have less trust in vaccines? How would you handle individuals who claim an exemption for a mandated vaccine based on religious freedom or distrust in vaccine science?
- While a nationwide vaccine mandate is unlikely, the mandate can be issued by individual states, businesses, or professions—which could lead to controversy and backlash; however, not mandating vaccines could lead to a failure to contain the coronavirus. Does the greater public good outweigh individual rights in mandating the vaccine?
- Where do you stand? Will you take the vaccine if offered in the next six months—why or why not?
- What other positive or negative impacts need to be considered?

Five Assigned Articles:

“Op-Ed: A COVID 19 vaccine is one thing. Getting Americans to take it is another” by Jiayin Xue and Robert M. Kaplan: <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/story/2020-09-21/covid-vaccine-anti-vaxxers-deniers>

Center for Disease Control (CDC): Benefits of Getting a COVID 19 Vaccine: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/vaccine-benefits.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fvaccines%2Fabout-vaccines%2Fvaccine-benefits.html

“Corona Virus Vaccines Face Trust Gap in Black and Latino Communities, Study Finds,” by William Wan: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2020/11/23/covid-vaccine-hesitancy/>

“Could COVID 19 Vaccines Become Mandatory in the U.S.?” John Hopkins University
<https://hub.jhu.edu/2020/11/20/could-coronavirus-vaccines-become-mandatory/>

“Should a COVID 19 Vaccine be Mandated” by Kristin Samuelson
<https://news.northwestern.edu/stories/2020/11/should-a-covid-19-vaccine-be-mandated/>