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Anti-vaccine chiropractors capitalizing on Covid and sowing misinformation | The Guardian

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The flashy postcard, covered with images of syringes, beckoned people to attend Vax-Con '21 to learn "the uncensored truth" about Covid-19 vaccines.

Participants traveled from around the country to a Wisconsin Dells resort for a sold-out convention that was, in fact, a sea of misinformation and conspiracy theories about vaccines and the pandemic.

The featured speaker was the anti-vaccine activist who appeared in the 2020 movie Plandemic, which pushed false Covid-19 stories into the mainstream. One session after another discussed bogus claims about the "dangers" of mask-wearing and vaccines.

The convention was organized by members of a profession in which a vocal minority seek disproportionate influence on Covid: chiropractors.

At a time when the US surgeon general says misinformation has become an urgent threat to public health, an investigation by the Associated Press found group of chiropractors capitalizing on the pandemic by sowing fear and mistrust of vaccines.

They have touted their supplements as alternatives to vaccines, written doctor's notes to allow patients to get out of mask and immunization mandates, donated large sums of money to anti-vaccine organizations and sold anti-vaccine ads on Facebook and Instagram, the AP discovered.

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