

COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy begins to fade, but stubborn resistance remains among evangelicals | San Bernardino Sun

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He has been pushed off Facebook and banned from Twitter, but Larry Cook battles on at StopMandatoryVaccination.com, where the Los Angeles man tries to explain why COVID-19 vaccines are evil and why President Donald Trump — who he insists will return to power — got one anyway.

Some evangelical Christians tie the vaccines to Satan, the Mark of the Beast and an impending apocalypse.

And in sunny Surf City, Huntington Beach Mayor Pro Tem Tito Ortiz refuses to wear a mask and defiantly declares, “I ain’t taking that vaccine — hell no!”

As tens of millions of people rush to get vaccinated and squash the pandemic, hesitancy is actually fading in the hardest-hit communities. A recent poll by the nonprofit Kaiser Family Foundation found that 55% of Black adults said they had been vaccinated or planned to be soon, up 14 percentage points from February. Sixty-one percent of Latinos and 64% of Whites said the same.

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