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Even those who might seem to fit the stereotype at first glance may have more to their story. Steward, for example, is a Christian pastor living in rural South Carolina who leans conservative. But his hesitancy wasn't because of his religion or politics; it was because he was trying to understand the FDA's approval process and how the vaccine would affect his health.

People are complicated, and their reasons for not getting the vaccine are personal. Respect those reasons and you might have a more productive conversation.

See if the person is open to the conversation. Steward confesses that he questioned whether covid was real, whether vaccines actually made sense, and whether he had options besides the vaccine. But he was always open to having a conversation. "If I wanted to make the right decision, I needed to hear some opposing viewpoints," he says.

A person within the 14% of Americans who have decided they will definitely not get the vaccine probably won't be open to anything you say. It might be a better use of your time and energy to simply back away.

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