

Judge inserts coronavirus vaccine misinformation in gun ruling | The Washington Post

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The true extent of coronavirus vaccine misinformation is something that, like all misinformation, is difficult to gauge. Many Americans — particularly Republicans — are declining vaccination, but plenty of them are doing so because of a perceived lack of necessity. From there, various theories abound, including about what's in the vaccines and potential side effects.

But when it comes to epitomizing how much such misinformation has penetrated our society, it's difficult to do better than this: a federal judge inserting a baseless claim about vaccine deaths in a completely unrelated opinion.

U.S. District Judge Roger T. Benitez's ruling striking down an assault-weapons ban in California is a momentous one that, as The Washington Post's Timothy Bella and Rachel Siegel write, could reverberate. Such rulings cue up the possibility that the newly conservative-dominated Supreme Court might eventually decide to take up the case — a possibility that could bear on future gun rights cases.

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