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New Study Finds Trump Tweets May Increase Anti-Vaxx Attitudes | Psychology Today

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The only true and permanent solution to the pandemic is a vaccine, but a vaccine is only effective if the majority of the country actually goes ahead and gets it. We have seen deadly epidemics from standard flu outbreaks in communities where conspiracy thinking and anti-vaccination attitudes are trendy.

A 2020 study published in the Journal of Experimental Social Psychology titled "Donald Trump and vaccination: The effect of political identity, conspiracist ideation and presidential tweets on vaccine hesitancy" found that the president's anti-vaccination tweets significantly increased distrust of vaccines among his supporters. This suggests that COVID-19 may be with us a lot longer than expected.

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