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Vaccine infertility claims on YouTube sweep across fringe platforms | First Draft

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In December 2020, a 4chan user joined a heated discussion around the newly rolled-out Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 vaccine, warning that international health organizations "sneaked a little bit of sterilization into vaccines." A few lines later, a different user reiterated the falsehood and linked out to a YouTube video from The Corbett Report channel, well-known for spreading misinformation, pushing the wider conspiracy theory of Bill Gates' plan of population control in the Third World.

False claims about Covid-19 vaccines as vehicles for sterilization as well as claims that the vaccines are abortion drugs have been widely shared among conspiracy theory and anti-vaccination communities since the rollout of the vaccines.

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