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Vaccination is regarded as “the greatest achievement of medicine”. The legitimization, legalization and implementation of vaccination are based primarily on the following claims:

- » *Vaccines are safe and efficient.*
- » *Adverse effects are rare, mild and temporary.*
- » *Vaccines do not cause illnesses and long-term damage to the body.*
- » *A child can get any number of doses without any harm.*
- » *Adjuvants are safe and harmless.*
- » *Vaccination has considerably reduced mortality from contagious diseases.*
- » *Vaccines provide herd immunity.*
- » *Vaccination is the best protection against infections.*
- » *Doctors know the properties of vaccines very well.*
- » *Adverse effects are meticulously monitored and recorded.*
- » *Vaccines are thoroughly tested in rigorous scientific studies.*
- » *Regulatory authorities keep a vigilant eye on the safety and adequacy of vaccines.*
- » *Etc.*

However, a detailed and systematic analysis of these statements reveals that these are ideological constructs, which have been gaining recognition due to the enormous social, political and economic power of the promoters of vaccination. The book addresses, in evidence-based detail, their shakiness, dubiousness, often even falseness, thus depicting a disturbing image of states’ and scientific institutions’ operation.

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The decision whether to vaccinate their children or not is one of the most important decisions parents make in connection to their children’s health and life. Therefore, it should never be taken in haste, without consideration, but rather after a thorough examination of the issue.

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