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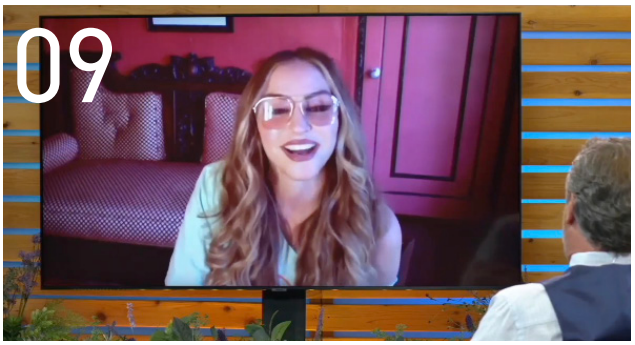
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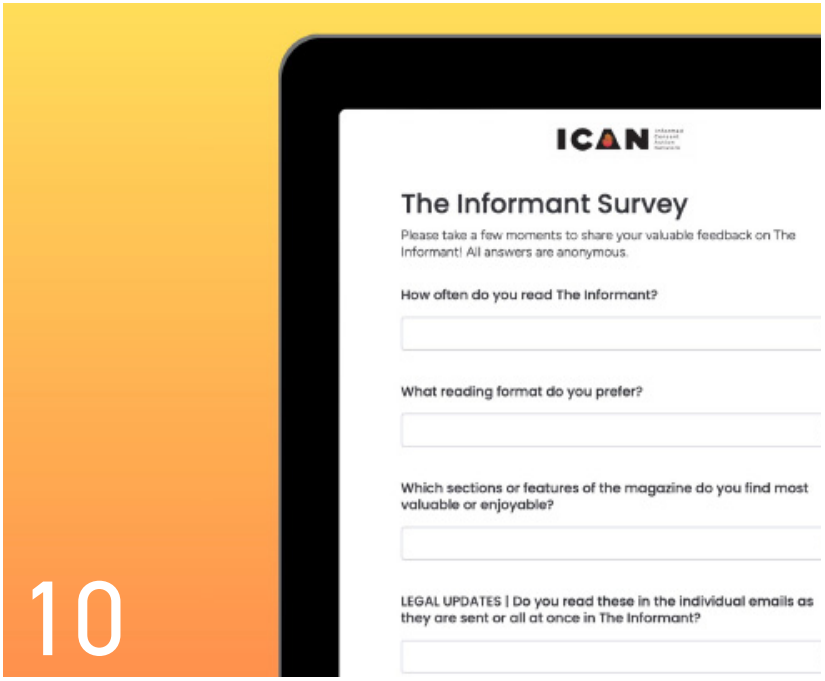
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Welcome to *The Informant,* our new monthly magazine offering curated news and exclusive content to supporters of the Informed Consent Action Network. We really wanted to provide something more to those supporters who give something more. *The Informant* features exclusive interviews, articles, and a breakdown of our most impactful work over the past month.

When *The HighWire* premiered in 2017, we imagined a news program where we could report on the important news ICAN was making, but we hadn't considered at the time that there would be too much news for us to cover in our weekly show. During production meetings, we are often faced with the difficult decision of cutting important stories simply because there is not enough time to cover every breaking story, and every action ICAN is taking. *The Informant* provides a platform to bring you those important stories, highlight ICAN's most significant actions, and direct your eye to informative content you may have missed in the previous month.

ICAN's legal footprint is vast, spanning thousands of FOIA requests, numerous lawsuits & petitions to regulatory agencies, in-depth investigations of important health issues facing the public, publication of white papers, and more.

Also, expect to find behind-the-scenes interviews with our CEO, Del Bigtree, a breakdown of things we aren't able to cover extensively on *The HighWire,* and other articles only available here, for you.

Part of what I think makes ICAN unique is our relationship with our supporters, who make all that we do possible. Our team really has a passion for providing information directly to the public, so they can make truly informed decisions for themselves and their families. We have all been on a journey together since our founding in 2016, and *The Informant* is another exciting path along that journey. I hope that you find it insightful, interesting and informative.

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ICAN'S ATTORNEYS FILE A SECOND CICP LAWSUIT TO DEMAND JUSTICE FOR COVID-19 VACCINE INJURED

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- ICAN supports a new lawsuit in Texas challenging the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP), adding to a similar case in Louisiana
- The PREP Act shields COVID-19 vaccine manufacturers from liability, forcing those injured to seek compensation through the underfunded and unjust CICP
- To date, only 12 out of 13,116 COVID-19 claims have been compensated by CICP
- If successful, the lawsuit could benefit all COVID-19 vaccine-injured individuals in the U.S.

ICAN is thrilled to announce its support of another lawsuit challenging the Countermeasures Injury Compensation Program (CICP), filed this week in Texas. As supporters may remember, ICAN is also supporting a similar case in Louisiana.

The PREP Act provides near-universal immunity from liability to manufacturers of all COVID-19 vaccines (and to others). Instead of being able to sue Pfizer, Moderna, or J&J, those injured must file a claim through CICP.

This farce of a program is unjust, underfunded, and unconstitutional. To date, it has only compensated 12 individuals out of 13,116 COVID-19 claims.

The Texas case is being filed on behalf of four individuals:

- A minor who was rushed to the emergency room when blood vessels began to burst all over his body shortly after receiving his shot and who was eventually diagnosed with **immune thrombocytopenia purpura;**
- A mother of twins who suffered **vaccine-induced dysautonomia** and was forced to resign from her job;
- An orthopedic surgeon who suffered **rapid onset of transverse myelitis** (inflammation of the spinal cord that extends horizontally across the vertebrae) who can no longer practice medicine. He is on permanent disability, yet he was denied compensation by CICP; and
- A pediatric neurologist and professor of neurology at Harvard Medical School, who suffered a **Shoulder Injury Related to Vaccine Administration** (SIRVA) but missed the extremely short one-year statute of limitations to file a CICP claim. Due to her injury, she now has great difficulty practicing medicine the way she used to.

The plaintiffs demand, among other things, the right to due process protections such as the right to see any evidence used against them, the ability to present expert witnesses, and the right to appeal an adverse decision—basic hallmarks of the American justice system.

Best of all, if this suit is successful, the relief sought may apply to **all** COVID-19 vaccine injured individuals in the U.S.

ICAN continues to be grateful to its generous supporters who make ground-breaking lawsuits like this possible.

See below for more instances where ICAN has confronted health agencies over public safety:

DOCUMENTS REVEAL CDC WAS QUIETLY GIVING ADVICE ON HOW TO HANDLE BREAKTHROUGH INFECTIONS IN MARCH 2021

ICAN'S ATTORNEYS FILE MAJOR LAWSUIT TO STRIKE DOWN PORTIONS OF THE PREP ACT

LATEST PFIZER DOCUMENTS REVEAL HIGHLY SUSPICIOUS DEATHS AND HOSPITALIZATIONS IN THE CLINICAL TRIAL DATA

CDC HAS NO DATA TO SUPPORT ITS TWEET TELLING AMERICA THAT IT IS SAFE TO GIVE THE MONKEYPOX, FLU, AND COVID SHOTS TOGETHER

ICAN DEMANDS ANSWERS ABOUT DEATH DISCREPANCIES IN PFIZER'S CLINICAL TRIAL

CDC ADMITS ONCE AND FOR ALL IT HAS NO BASIS FOR ITS CLAIM THAT COVID-19 VACCINES DO NOT CAUSE VARIANTS

DISTURBING FDA LOOPHOLE ALLOWS SCIENTISTS TO DO EXPERIMENTS ON HUMANS WITHOUT INFORMED CONSENT

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- In Dec 2023, the FDA issued a rule allowing human experiments without informed consent if the research poses "minimal risk"
- Informed consent, a core human right, requires being fully informed of risks and benefits and consenting without coercion
- ICAN's investigation revealed efforts to undermine informed consent since 1962, prompting a FOIA request for more information
- ICAN is actively monitoring to ensure these provisions are not misused to test novel products on the public

An FDA rule change published on December 21, 2023 solidifies that scientists are allowed to conduct human experiments without informed consent, as long as the research poses "minimal risk" and includes "appropriate safeguards to protect the rights, safety, and welfare of human subjects." Investigation by ICAN's legal team revealed that efforts to undermine informed consent protections have long been in the works, going back to at least 1962. ICAN has filed a FOIA request to dig deeper into this violation of one of our most basic human rights.

Informed consent is one of the bedrocks of human rights. It requires that (1) you be fully informed of the risks and benefits of any intervention or procedure and (2) that you consent to participate without coercion of any kind. Unfortunately, it turns out that Congress and our federal health authorities have been working to weaken informed consent protections for over 60 years!

On the heels of FDA's new draft guidance which further weakens the already paltry clinical trial requirements for vaccine approval, FDA is once again implementing rules that take aim at informed consent protections. On December 21, 2023, FDA issued a final rule that "allows an exception from the requirement to obtain informed consent when a clinical investigation poses no more than minimal risk to the human subject and includes appropriate safeguards to protect the rights, safety, and welfare of human subjects."

In 1962, Congress passed an amendment to the Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Act which directed HHS to create regulations that required researchers to *"obtain the consent of such human beings or their representatives, except where they deem it not feasible or, in their professional judgment, contrary to the best interests of such human beings."*

In 1981, both the FDA and HHS issued updated federal regulations regarding "The Protection of Human Subjects." HHS's regulations for example "exempt[ed] broad categories of research which normally present little or no risk of harm to subjects," such as "study of data, documents, records and specimens."

In 1991, the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects (also known as the Common Rule) was passed and adopted by HHS, along with 14 other federal departments—but not FDA. These regulations once again allowed informed consent exceptions when the research was deemed to be of "minimal" risk and met other criteria. Subsequent rule updates since 1991 have preserved these exceptions.

Now, with this latest rule, FDA claims that it is simply "harmoniz[ing]" its regulations with HHS and Common Rule language. That may be so, but unfortunately the new rule continues to perpetuate the practice of allowing researchers to waive some or all informed consent requirements, including when the following criteria are met:

- The clinical investigation involves no more than minimal risk to the subjects;
- The clinical investigation could not practicably be carried out without the requested waiver or alteration;
- If the clinical investigation involves using identifiable private information or identifiable biospecimens, the clinical investigation could not practicably be carried out without using such information or biospecimens in an identifiable format;
- The waiver or alteration will not adversely affect the rights and welfare of the subjects; and
- Whenever appropriate, the subjects or legally authorized representatives will be provided with additional pertinent information after participation.

Just how concerning is this? What about potential inhalable vaccines—the ones that are designed to spread from person-to-person? It certainly seems like if they can justify these types of products as "minimal risk" as they have in the past, this sort of rule could be used to shield researchers who wish to test transmissible products that may escape (or be intentionally released) in real world settings.

CONCERNING REPORTS OF SHINGLES AFTER COVID-19 VACCINATION FOUND IN V-SAFE FREE-TEXT ENTRIES

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- Nearly 2500 V-safe text entries have reported shingles (herpes zoster) following COVID-19 vaccination
- Multiple studies have linked shingles outbreaks to mRNA vaccines
- It's theorized that COVID-19 vaccines may temporarily suppress the ability to control latent zoster viral infections, potentially reactivating shingles
- Despite this data, U.S. health authorities have not recognized a causal relationship between the vaccines and shingles

In April, CDC released the third batch of V-safe free-text entries. As readers may remember, it took an order from a federal judge for the American public to get access to these entries from CDC's COVID-19 vaccine safety monitoring system.

Nearly 2500 text entries have mentioned shingles

(herpes zoster) in the data received so far. Multiple studies have linked shingles outbreaks to mRNA vaccines, including this 2023 meta-analysis and this 2024 literature review.

While the mechanism isn't clear, it is theorized that the vaccines may cause a temporary inability to suppress a latent zoster viral infection, allowing for its reactivation. But in spite of this data, U.S. health authorities have adamantly refused to recognize any causal relationship between the COVID-19 vaccines and this extremely painful condition.

Below are some examples of V-safe entries that mention shingles:

"45 minutes after receiving the vaccine I had a flareup of shingles on my leg."

"I had an outbreak of shingles. I havent [sic] had it for around 20 years until now."

"Shingles flare up on face and scalp. Symptoms started approximately two hours after my shot, and the rash appeared yesterday. I also had shingles approximately one month before the covid vaccine, in a different location."

"Jan 18 or 19 had pain in back and front on left side along waist and some rash on back still bothering me on 25th so went to Primary care and was diagnosed with shingles. Prescribed Famciclovir for 14 days."

"I have shingles now. Im [sic] not sure if its [sic] a result from the vaccine or something else. I have extreme pain, stabbing, and burning pain."

As we reported last time, a full accounting of the data won't be possible until we have all 7.8 million entries. Rest assured that ICAN will do a full analysis at that time to determine just how many safety signals CDC blatantly ignored.

In the meantime, we continue to encourage those interested to download the data and review it yourselves.

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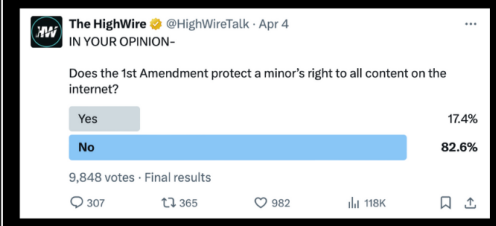

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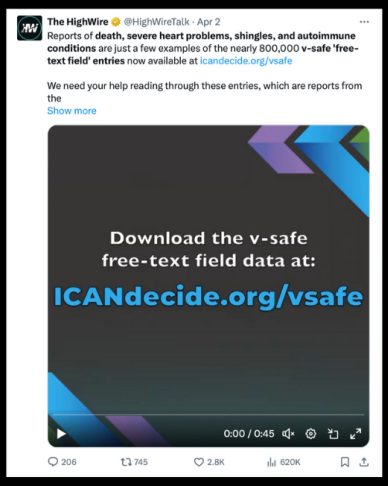

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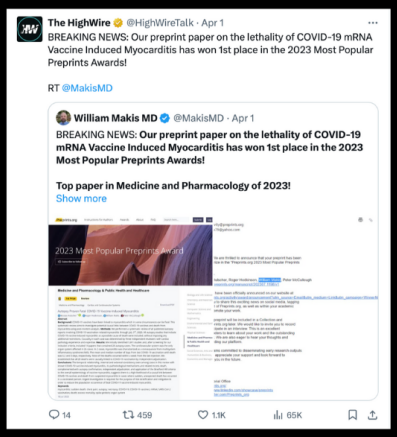

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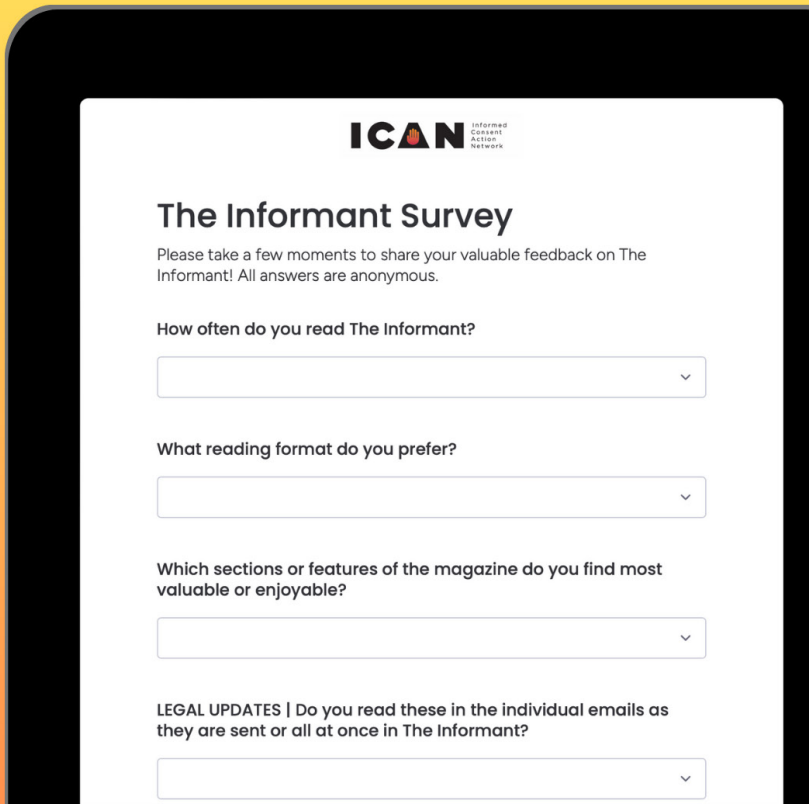

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SHAWN **BUCKLEY** | EP 366

Constitutional Attorney & President of the Natural Health Products Protection Association, Shawn Buckley, LLB, warns Del of the Canadian government's war on vitamins and supplements by introducing extreme regulations designed to restrict access and raise the cost of natural products.

WHAT TO KNOW

- Canada faces regulatory changes that could limit access to natural health products, including vitamins and dietary supplements.
- Even traditional products like ginger tea would require clinical trials, which could be challenging due to intellectual property rights issues.
- Health Canada justifies these changes based on safety concerns; critics argue that the risks associated with natural health products are minimal, and the change only benefits pharmaceutical companies.
- Change may restrict off-label use, common with natural health products, thereby limiting treatment options for both practitioners and patients.
- Shawn Buckley's Natural Health Products Protection Association advocates for defending consumer rights and access to natural health products.

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TRACY **BEANZ** | EP 367

Editor-in-Chief of *UncoverDC.com* and *HighWire* editorial contributor, Tracy Beanz, discusses a new investigation exposing an uptick in gender reassignment surgeries funded by the US Military, and the potential threat it poses to our defense readiness.

WHAT TO KNOW

- The U.S. military allows gender reassignment surgeries for service members, funded by taxpayers.
- New policies require serving for 180 days before qualifying for gender transition surgeries.
- Gender dysphoria diagnoses enable access to extensive medical procedures, including surgeries typically considered elective and not covered for non-transgender service members (e.g., facelifts, breast augmentation).
- Concerns arise about military readiness and medical care requirements post-surgery.

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SHANNON **JOY** | EP 368

Journalist and show host Shannon Joy made waves in 2021 when she was arrested at her child's school board meeting in Rochester, NY, for "improper masking" and charged with trespassing. Hear how she went from a local activist to a freedom-fighting podcast sensation in an ocean of deceptive mainstream news.

WHAT TO KNOW

- Shannon has a daily broadcast, *The Shannon Joy Show*, which addresses various political issues and emphasizes the importance of grassroots organizing.
- After her arrest, the case was dismissed. She continued to engage with teachers, administrators, and parents, promoting dialogue and understanding while speaking out against oppressive policies.
- Shannon uses her platform to advocate for parental rights, free speech, and medical freedom.

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DREA DE **MATTEO** | EP 369

Emmy award winning actress, Drea de Matteo, shares how she became an unemployable actress in Hollywood over her vaccination status, being an outsider in the predominantly woke industry, and the unconventional ways she has kept her career alive. She also discusses her new clothing line, UltraFree, that celebrates freedom.

WHAT TO KNOW

- By refusing the COVID vaccine, Drea lost opportunities and connections within the entertainment industry, nearly losing her home to foreclosure.
- Her experience pushed her out of her comfort zone to speak publicly on important issues, despite her natural shyness.
- She credits Del and *The HighWire* for providing insight, inspiration, and a sense of community, helping her find a new sense of purpose and courage.
- Drea launched a clothing line called *UltraFree* as a platform to continue discussing important topics.

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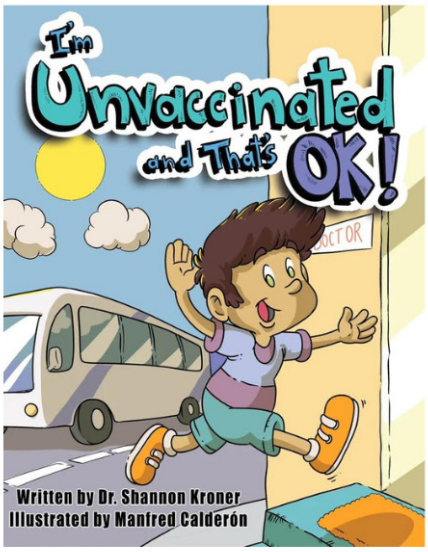

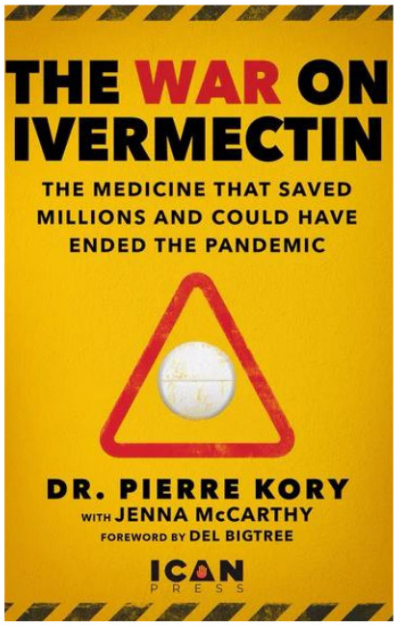

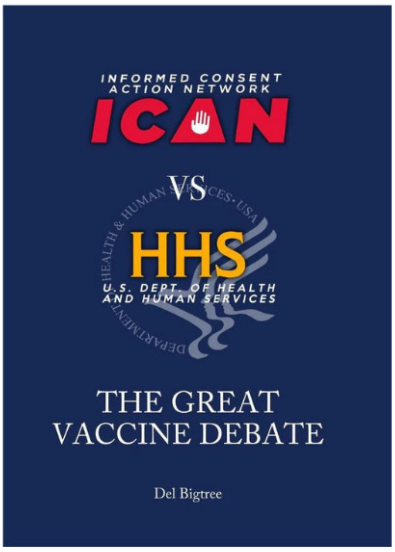

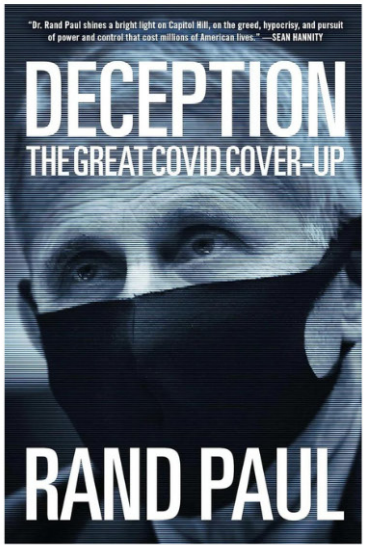

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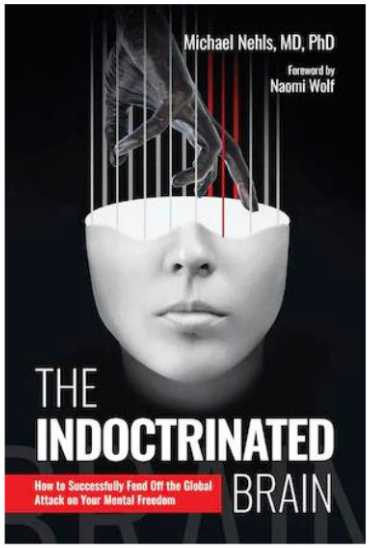

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