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Measles: low uptake blamed on “incredulity and hostility” towards doctors

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Doublespeak is not 'post truth': It is Orwellian

F. Scott Fitzgerald is quoted to have said “The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function.” I got a glimpse of this while reading the response of Jonathan J Kennedy.

Kennedy has agreed with everything the earlier correspondents Allan Cunningham, Elizabeth Hart, John Stone, Noel Thomas and JK Anand have written but contradicts them all by stating that as far as he understands, “the jury is in and the evidence overwhelmingly supports the position that the benefits of vaccines far outweigh the risks”. That jury has decreed this for all time into the future, with no nuances. If it is a vaccine, it must be good and so it must be mandated for all. Children who have not received a vaccine must be prohibited from entering the public space, like we don’t allow drunken drivers on the motorways. Questioning this wisdom is being antivaxx and “an assault on medical science.” Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of the party.

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