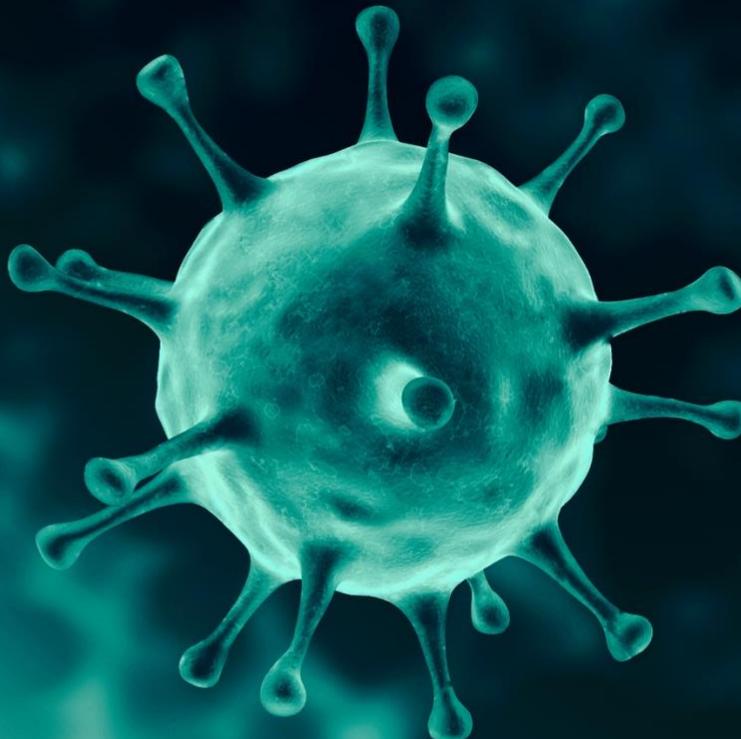


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Apple Podcasts prohibit “harmful and dangerous” content. But the platform is a hub for shows spreading Covid conspiracies—and increasingly, misinformation about monkeypox.

In March 2020, Apple CEO Tim Cook laid out the steps his company was taking to combat the spread of Covid-19. Apple, Cook proclaimed, wanted to “play a role in helping individuals and communities emerge stronger” from the pandemic.¹

Fast forward two-plus years, and one of Apple’s key platforms, Apple Podcasts, hosts a staggering volume of misinformation about the coronavirus—all in direct violation of the company’s own content guidelines, according to a new Tech Transparency Project (TTP) investigation.

Across hundreds of Apple podcast episodes, TTP found that listeners can encounter encouragements to ingest bleach as a Covid treatment, conspiracy theories about the dangers of vaccines, and frequent comparisons of medical professionals to Nazis.

Some episodes have also featured threatening language against doctors treating Covid patients, demanding that they be indicted or executed and disseminating their personal details to facilitate harassment by listeners.

On top of that, many of the serial misinformation spreaders on Apple Podcasts are adapting themselves to new monkeypox outbreak, with hosts calling it a plot planned by “globalists” and a tool for governments to oppress people.

Apple Podcasts guidelines prohibit “content that may lead to harmful or dangerous outcomes.” They also bar “defamatory, discriminatory, or mean-spirited content” that is “likely to humiliate, intimidate, harass, or harm individuals.”²

Apple’s neglectful approach to its podcast platform shows how the company’s lofty talk about corporate responsibility often fails to translate into concrete actions in how it runs its business. In the case of podcasts, Apple is allowing a huge body of misinformation about the coronavirus to reach its listeners, endangering the public at large.

Unlike rival podcast platform Spotify or Google’s YouTube, Apple has shown no apparent inclination to take down the most egregious content. This leaves Apple Podcasts as one of the few mainstream platforms where extremist Covid conspiracist shows can still be accessed.

¹ Tim Cook, “Apple’s COVID-19 response,” 13 March 2020.

² [Apple Podcasts content guidelines](#), §2.2 Harmful or Objectionable Content.

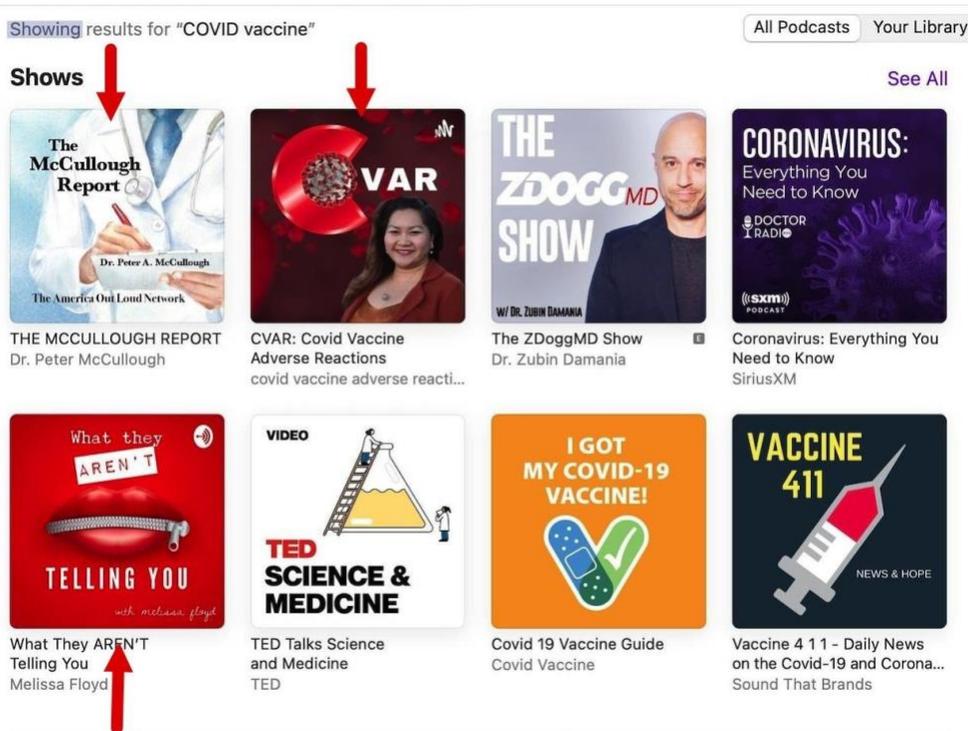
No enforcement of Apple guidelines

Apple’s podcast content guidelines make no specific mention of Covid or medical misinformation, but changes to the guidelines made sometime between May and June 2021 added language prohibiting “content that may lead to harmful or dangerous outcomes,” according to screenshots captured in the Internet Archive.³

Clauses were also added that barred “defamatory, discriminatory, or mean-spirited content ... likely to humiliate, intimidate, harass, or harm individuals or groups” and “specific threats of violence against certain groups or individuals.”

According to the guidelines, Apple reserves the right to label “harmful or objectionable content that is disputed by authoritative sources.” TTP, however, found no labels on the hundreds of podcast episodes examined in this report.

TTP found that Covid-related content in violation of Apple’s guidelines was remarkably easy to find on the platform. Even searches for neutral words like “vaccine” and “COVID vaccine” returned results heavily skewed towards misinformation, placing known conspiracists, disgraced doctors, and other questionable sources above, for example, the podcast of the American Medical Association.



A search for “COVID vaccine” on the Apple Podcasts platform on Aug. 25, 2022, produced three shows that have spread anti-vaccine misinformation.

³ The change occurred at some point between May 13 and June 9, 2021, according to snapshots of the guidelines page on the Internet Archive (May 13 version [here](#), June 9 [here](#)).

TTP identified 401 podcast episodes which promoted Covid misinformation and were uploaded between February 2020 and June 2022. We located the episodes through name searches of known Covid misinformation spreaders as well as from recommendations from Apple Podcasts when viewing these results. A full methodology is detailed later in this report.

A total of 90 of the 401 episodes featured at least one of the “Disinformation Dozen,” the twelve individuals identified by the Center for Countering Digital Hate in March 2021 as the source of roughly two-thirds of all anti-vaccine content on Facebook and Twitter.⁴ Two of the dozen, Dr. Joseph Mercola and Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., maintain their own podcasts, which frequently spread medical misinformation, including about Covid. (Facebook and Instagram recently removed Kennedy’s nonprofit for spreading medical misinformation.)⁵

Below, we break down the different kinds of Covid misinformation and conspiracy theories circulating on Apple podcasts.

⁴ Center for Countering Digital Hate, “[The Disinformation Dozen: Why platforms must act on twelve leading online anti-vaxxers](#),” March 2021.

⁵ Sheera Frenkel, “[Facebook and Instagram Remove Robert Kennedy Jr.’s Nonprofit for Misinformation](#),” *The New York Times*, 18 Aug. 2022.

Crank remedies for Covid-19

Hundreds of episodes analyzed by TTP promoted unproven remedies or prophylactics for Covid. Ranging from turmeric and vitamin C supplements to industrial bleach, these medically misguided “treatments” varied in their potential danger to listeners. Episode descriptions frequently linked to stores selling related medical quackery and often featured advertisements.

Chlorine dioxide

Andreas Kalcker is a notorious advocate for chlorine dioxide as medicine. He is an affiliate of the Genesis II Church of Health and Healing, whose members proselytize “Miracle Mineral Solution,” a mixture containing chlorine dioxide.⁶

Chlorine dioxide is used in a small number of public sanitation facilities to disinfect water. It is safe in very low concentrations, but its gaseous form is toxic when inhaled, and there are no approved medical uses of the compound beyond disinfection of surfaces and equipment.⁷

TTP identified 23 Apple Podcast episodes featuring Kalcker or praising his ideas, totaling more than 17 hours of content in English, German, and Spanish. None of the episodes feature any sort of labeling by Apple Podcasts suggesting that the content may be dangerous or untrue.

Four other episodes were critical of Kalcker, but none of them featured prominently in Apple Podcast search results for “Andreas Kalcker.”

Perhaps the most notable podcast that featured Kalcker is *Evolve with Pete Evans*, hosted by the Australian celebrity chef.⁸ (Evans’ show was removed from Spotify in 2021 for Covid-19 misinformation.)⁹ During a Nov. 2020 interview with Kalcker, Evans “did not tell listeners that the substance his guest was promoting, chlorine dioxide, is a toxic bleach blamed for several deaths, that Kalcker has no medical credentials, or that the research he cited is at best disputed,” according to a report by *Insider*.¹⁰

Ingestion of industrial bleaching agents, particularly chlorine dioxide, has become a popular “treatment” for Covid-19 among some alternative medicine communities and others that reject modern scientific understanding of disease. It’s become especially popular in parts of Latin America, putting a strain on health systems and often pitting elected officials and other authorities who champion the treatment against medical regulators.¹¹

⁶ Tom Porter, “A dangerous movement hyping toxic bleach as a ‘miracle cure’ is more powerful than ever after exploiting the pandemic in Latin America,” *Insider*, 4 June 2021; “Danger. Don’t Drink Miracle Mineral Solution or Similar Products,” U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

⁷ “Chlorine dioxide (Compound),” § 14 Toxicity, *PubChem*, National Institutes of Health, § 7.3 Therapeutic Uses, *PubChem*, National Institutes of Health. Single studies have suggested the compound in solution may be of use in preventing halitosis at low concentrations as a mouthwash or as a disinfectant for surgical wounds. There are no approved medical uses for chlorine dioxide gas or mist.

⁸ *Evolve With Pete Evans*, ep. “Andreas Kalcker,” 3 Nov. 2020. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁹ Todd Spangler, “Spotify Must ‘Take Action’ to Block Joe Rogan’s Podcast COVID Misinformation, Health Professionals Urge,” *Variety*, 13 Jan. 2022.

¹⁰ Tom Porter, “An Australian celebrity lifestyle influencer is hosting some of the world’s most notorious conspiracy theorists on his podcast,” *Insider*, 20 March 2021.

¹¹ In Argentina, a judge reportedly forced a hospital to administer chlorine dioxide to an elderly Covid patient against the advice of medical authorities in the country. “Man dies after judge forces clinic to use unproven COVID treatment,” *Agence France-Presse* via *CBS News*, 12 Jan. 2021; Mohammed A. Mostajo-Radji, “Pseudoscience in the Times of Crisis: How and Why Chlorine Dioxide Consumption Became Popular in Latin America During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” *Frontiers in Political Science*, 12 April 2021; Jonathan Matias Chefjec-Ciociano, et al., “Misinformation About and Interest in Chlorine Dioxide During the COVID-19 Pandemic in Mexico Identified Using Google Trends Data: Infodemiology Study,” *JMIR Infodemiology* 2.1, Jan. 2022; Emily Green, “Doctors Are Injecting Bleach to Treat COVID in Bolivia,” *VICE News*, 7 Oct. 2021.

Argentine authorities charged Kalcker with falsely promoting toxic bleach as a medical cure after a five-year-old boy in the country died of organ failure consistent with chlorine dioxide poisoning, according to a September 2021 *Insider* report, which said the boy's parents, based in part on Kalcker's teachings, believed it would protect him from Covid-19.¹²

Kalcker is not the only member of the Genesis II Church getting airtime on Apple Podcasts. The Stew Peters Show hosted Mark Grenon, a self-styled archbishop of the church, in a March 2022 episode promoting the ingestion of chlorine dioxide solution under the name "Miracle Mineral Solution," or MMS. Peters introduces Grenon by listing the diseases and conditions Grenon claims to be able to cure with MMS (including Covid-19, cancer, autism, and AIDS, among others) before lamenting that "Mark's haters say chlorine dioxide is just bleach and they've been fighting to put him and his family members in prison for promoting it."¹³

The interview was conducted remotely because Grenon was in prison in Colombia awaiting extradition to the United States following his indictment on charges of fraud and criminal contempt related to his sale of MMS.¹⁴

TTP also located a recent Apple Podcast episode featuring Jim Humble, founder of the Genesis II Church who also promotes MMS. Humble briefly recanted his claims on the efficacy of MMS but later returned to promoting it, despite repeated warnings about the substance from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).¹⁵

On a November 2021 episode on the show Extreme Health Radio, the description notes that host Jason Hommel began using tablet forms of the chemical after the smell of the gas became overwhelming. (The substance is toxic in its gaseous form and can cause edema of the lungs and death in high enough concentrations).¹⁶

But that did not deter Hommel from making a wholehearted endorsement:

MMS is a mixture of two substances, citric acid and sodium chlorite, which then creates a solution called chlorine dioxide or stabilized oxygen. According to Mr. Jim Humble, this stabilized oxygen formula in the form of chlorine dioxide doesn't kill any beneficial flora or bacteria in your gut. But it does kill viruses, bacteria, parasites, fungus and gets rid of heavy metals in the body.

¹² Tom Porter, "A leader of a movement touting toxic bleach as a 'miracle' COVID-19 cure has been charged following a 5-year-old boy's death," *Insider*, 4 Sept. 2021.

¹³ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "Ukraine's Secret Pentagon Bioweapon Labs Exposed, Trump HHS Alexander Says Covid is Fake Virus," 11 March 2022, 29:40. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The Apple podcast episode page is archived [here](#). The same episode is also available on [alternative platforms](#).

¹⁴ "Trial postponed for family that sold 'Miracle Mineral' bleach solution as COVID-19 cure," *ABC7*, 2 Sept. 2021. Grenon's interview from Colombia with Stew Peters occurred in early March 2022. He has since been extradited to the U.S. and made an initial appearance in federal court in Miami, Florida, in July 2022. "Leader of 'Genesis II Church of Health and Healing' Who Sold Toxic Bleach as a Fake 'Miracle' Cure for Covid-19 and Other Serious Diseases, Extradited from Colombia to the United States," Department of Justice press release, 28 July 2022.

¹⁵ Kate Holland, "Potentially toxic 'miracle cure' touted by fringe 'church' is back on FDA's radar," *ABC News*, 16 Aug. 2019.

¹⁶ "Chlorine dioxide (Compound)," § 13.7.8 Effects of Short Term Exposure, *PubChem*, National Institutes of Health. "The substance is severely irritating to the eyes, skin and respiratory tract. Inhalation of this gas may cause lung oedema. Exposure far above the OEL [occupational exposure limit] could cause death. The effects may be delayed. Medical observation is indicated."

Can you start to see the problem the FDA would have with MMS? [...] Autism, malaria, hepatitis, herpes, candida, dandruff, cancer, flu, colds, arthritis, topical burns, warts, skin infections, teeth issues and these are just a few health conditions that MMS might be good for.

Now I have to warn you, MMS is VERY powerful stuff. In fact the FDA calls it "industrial bleach" that will kill you. It's my contention that the FDA is simply scared about the word getting out surrounding MMS. Do you really think the FDA really cares about your health or my health? I don't think so.

But the point is that MMS is incredibly strong and smells like you're swimming in a pool or you just breathed in the chlorine tablets we used to put into our backyard pools.

The smell really becomes overwhelming after a while and I started using the capsule method because I couldn't stand the taste or smell. I did notice a herxheimer reaction or what someone might call a healing response. Perhaps I was killing off too many bugs and poisons at one time.¹⁷

Hydrogen peroxide

The idea of hydrogen peroxide as a Covid-19 treatment has spread on social media, and experts trace the origins of the misinformation to Dr. Joseph Mercola, who reportedly posted a video in April 2020 saying the chemical can "successfully treat most viral respiratory illnesses, including coronavirus."¹⁸ He has made the claim repeatedly across many episodes on Apple Podcasts, at one point stating that he has "never seen anything more effective" for the treatment of viral upper respiratory infections.¹⁹ On one alternative health podcast in November 2020, Mercola stated:²⁰

There's many interventions that you can use that will get you through this [Covid]. So there's very little reason to be fearful of this illness because there's so many simple strategies that [unclear]. My favorite is something called nebulized peroxide. So you use a nebulizer and you simply use very low concentrations of hydrogen peroxide... and just breathe it in.

¹⁷ Extreme Health Radio, ep. "Jim Humble – Is MMS (Miracle Mineral Solution) The Answer To All Of Your Health Issues?" 12 Nov. 2021, description text.

¹⁸ Aaron Gregg, "Asthma group warns against social media trend of inhaling hydrogen peroxide to treat coronavirus," *The Washington Post*, 22 Sept. 2021. "When asked where the misinformation appears to be originating, [an Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America] representative cited Joseph Mercola, a businessman and osteopathic physician. In April 2020, Mercola posted a video saying 'hydrogen peroxide treatment can successfully treat most viral respiratory illnesses, including coronavirus,' according to the advocacy group Center for Countering Digital Hate. The video was shared on Facebook 4,600 times, the group said."

¹⁹ Examples discovered by TTP include: Get Yourself Optimized, ep. "Boost Your COVID-19 Resiliency and Immune System with Dr. Joseph Mercola," 19 Nov. 2020, 33:00 to 34:00. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); Dr. Joseph Mercola - Take Control of Your Health, ep. "Nebulized Hydrogen Peroxide - Discussion Between Dr. Thomas Levy & Dr. Mercola," 4 April 2021. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); and Ben Greenfield Life, ep. "This Doctor Has A 'Stealth Strategy To Stop COVID Cold': A Breaking Interview With A Controversial Alternative Health Figure On Vitamin D, COVID-19, Sunshine, Vitamin K2, Magnesium & Much More!" 26 Nov. 2020, from 59:50. Podcast episode page archived [here](#).

²⁰ The Human Upgrade with Dave Asprey—formerly Bulletproof Radio, ep. "The Covid Conversation: Vaccines, Censorship & Making Your Own Decisions – Dr. Joe Mercola with Dave Asprey," 26 April 2021, 26:50. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

The devil's in the details, and I've got videos on my site that tells you how to do that, but it's been so impressive seeing people use it who are very sick, or almost felt like they're ready to die, they had a fever, coughing like crazy, just had no energy, felt miserable — and literally within hours they were pretty much normal. That's a consistent response to this.²¹

Mercola is a major figure in alternative medicine with a long history of anti-vaccine activism along with nutritional supplement sales.²² His frequent misinformation regarding Covid-19 has earned him bans from YouTube and Spotify, but his show remains on Apple Podcasts.²³

Hydrogen peroxide is not as toxic as chlorine dioxide, but ingestion is still dangerous and can cause damage to the lungs.²⁴ The use of a nebulizer with hydrogen peroxide has sparked concern from The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, which has warned that it could be particularly hazardous for people with asthma.²⁵ There are published medical reports of lung disease associated with prolonged inhalation of hydrogen peroxide.²⁶

Other unproven treatments and drugs

Other pseudoscientific cures for Covid abound on Apple Podcasts. Even in cases where they are not likely to be acutely toxic, the promotion of such unsound treatments is still harmful to society.

For example, colloidal silver, popular as a general health-promoting substance in pseudoscientific circles, can be dangerous when used over longer periods of time and lead to serious medical complications.²⁷ In March 2020, Ralph Fucetola appeared on an Apple podcast called Lost Arts Radio to give the “real” history of pandemics, asserting that vaccines have never really been instrumental in ending infectious diseases and that “the most powerful piece of immune system stimulation that you can use is nanosilver.”²⁸ With his business partner Rima Laibow, Fucetola began selling “nanosilver” products as a cure for Covid-19, drawing the attention of the FDA and leading a federal court to permanently enjoin the pair from distributing the drug in 2021.²⁹

²¹ Get Yourself Optimized, ep. “Boost Your COVID-19 Resiliency and Immune System with Dr. Joseph Mercola,” 19 Nov. 2020, 33:00 to 34:00. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

²² Jonathan Jarry, “The Upside-Down Doctor,” McGill Office for Science and Society, 4 June 2021; Neena Satija and Lena H. Sun, “A major funder of the anti-vaccine movement has made millions selling natural health products,” *The Washington Post*, 20 Dec. 2019.

²³ See table on page 16-17.

²⁴ “Fact Check-Inhaling hydrogen peroxide is not a recommended treatment for COVID-19 or other illnesses,” *Reuters*, 29 Sept. 2021.

²⁵ Aaron Gregg, “Asthma group warns against social media trend of inhaling hydrogen peroxide to treat coronavirus,” *The Washington Post*, 22 Sept. 2021.

²⁶ A. Manfra, et al., “Humidified hydrogen peroxide associated pneumonitis: A cautionary tale,” *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* 203.9, 2021; R. M. Kaelin, Y. Kapanci, and J. M. Tschopp, “Diffuse interstitial lung disease associated with hydrogen peroxide inhalation in a dairy worker,” *The American Review of Respiratory Disease* 137.5, May 1988.

²⁷ “Colloidal Silver,” NIH National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, last updated April 2017. Silver is sometimes used for its antimicrobial properties in bandages and dressings for wounds, but it has zero nutritional value in the human body and there is no evidence suggesting it should be ingested, particularly given the risk of developing argyria (blue-grey discoloration of the skin, which can be permanent).

²⁸ Lost Arts Radio, “Ralph Fucetola J.D.: The Real History Of Pandemics - Lost Arts Radio Live,” 7 March 2020, from 8:45. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

²⁹ “District Court Orders New Jersey Defendants to Stop Distributing Unapproved ‘Nano Silver’ Products Touted as COVID Treatment,” DOJ press release, 28 Dec. 2021.

TTP has identified 12 other podcast episodes featuring Laibow, Fucetola, or both since March 2020 on Apple Podcasts spreading misinformation about Covid.

Antiparasitic drugs ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine, which public health authorities have warned against using as treatment of Covid patients, loom large in alternative health and coronavirus conspiracy circles as well.³⁰

The promotion of ivermectin and hydroxychloroquine as functional cures for Covid-19, in the face of strong scientific evidence to the contrary, fuels distrust and anger at the modern medical establishment as patients and their relatives criticize doctors' refusal to use the drugs.

For example, Dr. Simone Gold, a January 6 insurrectionist and founder of the misinformation group America's Frontline Doctors, tells listeners:³¹

*The National Institute[s] of Health right now has as its policy, Recommendation for Patients with Covid-19, stating that unless you're in the hospital requiring oxygen there's no actual treatment available for you. That is a complete falsehood. Completely false. In most of the world, non-first world countries, there's plenty of treatment easily available—hydroxychloroquine, ivermectin. [...] This is a crime against humanity. There's a physician in the Netherlands who's bringing a lawsuit in The Hague, calling it a crime against humanity. There was a lot of information you haven't heard. [...] I start with that because when you understand, you must understand the magnitude of the lie to understand what they're trying to tell you about these experimental vaccines, so we need to just kind of go through that for a little bit.*³²

The two antiparasitics are often recommended as part of a suite of other unproven treatments. For example, in an October 2021 podcast interview, Dr. Pierre Kory, a prominent member of the fringe doctors' group Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance, recommended a litany of prophylactics for Covid including ivermectin along with cumin, honey, curcumin, androgen suppressants, and vitamin D.³³

In that episode, Kory quickly followed up with a disclaimer that "I'm not saying that everyone should take all this. Really, this should be done with the guidance of a physician." Tellingly, though, he continued, "But I also have to be honest, you know, we have to say those disclaimers, but at the same time as a physician, there are people who are not getting the care that they need, they're not getting the expertise," implying that people may need to take matters into their own hands.³⁴

³⁰ [Summary of treatments](#) by the National Institutes of Health COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel, including specific considerations for given compounds and other U.S. regulatory bodies' recommendations.

³¹ Stephanie Mencimer, "Insurrectionist Doctor Simone Gold Pleads Guilty to Jan. 6 Charges," *Mother Jones*, 3 March 2022; "How 'America's Frontline Doctors' Sold Access to Bogus COVID-19 Treatments—and Left Patients in the Lurch," *Time*, 26 Aug. 2021.

³² Ghetto Gospel Podcast, ep. "Is the Covid-19 Vaccine Safe? – Dr. Simone Gold," 21 Jan. 2021, 2:30 to 4:05. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

³³ Christina Szalinski, "E fringe Doctors' Groups Promote Ivermectin for COVID despite a Lack of Evidence," *Scientific American*, 29 Sept. 2021; Fundamental Health with Paul Saladino, MD, "Ivermectin: Horse dewormer or lifesaving intervention for COVID-19, with Pierre Kory, MD," 11 Oct. 2021, 1:14:45. Podcast episode page archived [here](#).

³⁴ Fundamental Health with Paul Saladino, MD, "Ivermectin: Horse dewormer or lifesaving intervention for COVID-19, with Pierre Kory, MD," 11 Oct. 2021, from 1:15:20.

Robert Scott Bell, a homeopath who is banned from Spotify and YouTube but still hosts a podcast on Apple, illustrates this phenomenon in an episode about “pandemic truth”:³⁵

Well, I think everybody should have a nebulizer at home just in case. [...] We have nebulized the silver hydrosol, the argentyn-23, now the copper hydrosol, to oxygenate and heal tissue or address genuine infections, whether it be bacterial, fungal, or viral, we can do that safely.³⁶ [...] Especially if you have kids, we’ve used the nebulizer with kids, and my kids are not chronically ill like my wife and I were growing up. We were heavily vaccinated, my wife even more so as a civilian military brat. The millennials—more vaccinated than any other generation in history—have chronic diseases almost from the get-go, and I did as a child. I was the canary in the coal mine. So I raised my kids differently and I did not vaccinate them, and they’ve never even once had an antibiotic and now at 22 and at 16 they have none of the chronic diseases that my wife and I [had] growing up.³⁷

Bell views mainstream medicine as “overtly evil” and thus believes “the most dangerous thing that you can have in America is really good medical insurance.”³⁸

This skepticism of modern medicine translates for some into a wholesale rejection of hospitals for treatment of Covid. In the words of Nicole Sirotek, a nurse speaking on The Stew Peters Show in January 2022, “How you can avoid literally dying in the hospital is stay out of the hospital to begin with. You just need to avoid the hospital at all costs and the way to do that is to make sure that you’re ready with early intervention,” namely, a litany of unproven treatments that competent medical authorities have warned against using.³⁹

³⁵ See table on page 16-17.

³⁶ None of those substances are approved for medical use via inhalation for any of those purposes. See footnote 27 regarding colloidal silver.

³⁷ The Robert Scott Bell Show, ep. “Dr. David Martin, Pandemic truth, Dr. Mollie James, Hospital ‘jailbreaks,’” 9 Feb. 2022, 1:24:40 to 1:25:50. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

³⁸ The Robert Scott Bell Show, “The RSB Show 4-6-22 - Miste Karlfeldt, Health Freedom Idaho, Shane and Liz Watt, Be Healthy Utah,” 7 April 2022, 40:10 and 43:55. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

³⁹ The Stew Peters Show, ep. “Taxpayer-Funded Pedophilia Pushes Vax on KIDS, Nurses Rise Up Saving THOUSANDS and MORE!” 27 Jan. 2022, 32:10. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The Apple podcast episode page is archived [here](#). The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#).

Vaccine misinformation and conspiracy theories

Apple Podcasts also hosts a vast quantity of misinformation surrounding Covid-19 vaccines, with podcast hosts and guests across numerous episodes repeating false claims about the vaccines, their contents, and their effects.⁴⁰

Among the more bombastic claims: billions will die from the Covid-19 vaccines; people died due to the vaccine in clinical trials; and more will die from the vaccine than from Covid-19 itself.⁴¹ These ideas are frequently paired with general vaccine skepticism.⁴²

The vaccine claims are often part of a paranoid view of the world completely detached from reality. Speaking of doctors, public health officials, regulators, and others involved in implementing what Covid conspiracists consider to be the greatest crime in history, serial misinformation spreader Dr. Sherri Tenpenny informed listeners:

The people that are doing what they're doing, they are Luciferians, which means they love Lucifer, and they're Satanists, meaning they worship Satan and everything that he represents. We know that they are absolutely anti-God [...] And I was listening to a video yesterday of a guy who was saying, y'know, now that we have injected human beings with nanobot—nanotechnology, we've created—we're in the process of creating the Hive Mind, where everybody will be put together through the quantum entanglements of what they have injected in us and us binding up with the quantum computers out there. [...] The whole idea is to become transhumans, to be electronically controlled, externally by 5G and other types of technologies through this quantum entanglement, and when we are entangled, ourselves, our souls [...] our little spark of life that came only from God is completely eliminated.⁴³

Vaccine misinformation is not confined to obscure podcasts. Several anti-vaccine activists and disgraced doctors pushing Covid-19 misinformation have been featured on The Charlie Kirk Show, which currently ranks 24 among all news podcasts on Apple Podcasts (as of Sept. 14, 2022). Kirk, a prominent Republican activist, does not substantively contest any of the claims made by his guests in these episodes.⁴⁴

⁴⁰ In addition to the examples cited later in this subsection, other examples of vaccine misinformation on Apple Podcasts can be found in this selection of episodes: The Highside Chats, ep. “Dr. Christiane Northrup | COVID Shot Concerns, Medical Freedom, & The Long Game,” 18 June 2021. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); What They AREN'T Telling You, ep. “Episode 5: “A Mask Is Not Going to Prevent the Transmission of Covid-19 Particles” - Interview with Senator/Dr. Scott Jensen (Part 1),” 6 July 2020. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); THE MCCULLOUGH REPORT, ep. “Death by COVID-19 Vaccination Could Impact Society on Mass Scale,” 28 Feb. 2022. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); Tin Foil Hat With Sam Tripoli, ep. “#290: The Coronavirus with Eddie Bravo and Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai,” 17 March 2020. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); Mastering Nutrition, “The Hospitals Are Not Full of COVID Patients,” 29 Jan. 2022. Podcast episode page archived [here](#).

⁴¹ The Model Health Show, “Covid-19 Lab Leak Theory, PCR Testing Conflicts, & More - With Dr. Joseph Mercola,” 22 June 2021, from 1:11:30. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); THE MCCULLOUGH REPORT, ep. “Death by COVID-19 Vaccination Could Impact Society on Mass Scale,” 28 Feb. 2022. Podcast episode page archived [here](#).

⁴² Two Mikes with Dr Michael Scheuer and Col Mike, “Attorney Todd Callender: The Vax Genocide Has Likely Killed a Billion People,” 18 Feb. 2022, description text and 4:30 for clinical trial death claim. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁴³ The Midnight Sentinel, ep. “Dr. Sherri Tenpenny Reveals How the Covid Injections Are Key to the Globalist Luciferian's Transhumanist Goals,” 27 Jan. 2022, 9:30 to 11:45. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁴⁴ Kirk is the founder of Turning Point USA, a conservative youth advocacy organization. He started the group with funding from donor-magnate Bill Montgomery in 2012, when Kirk was 18. See Rebecca Nelson, “The 21-Year-Old Becoming a Major Player in Conservative Politics,” *The Atlantic*, 25 March 2015.

Woven through the Apple Podcast episodes analyzed by TTP were baseless conspiracy theories and extremist fantasies regarding Covid-19. This content has been available on Apple Podcasts throughout the pandemic, encouraging listeners to not only take bogus treatments and supplements if they get sick, but to view medical professionals as Nazis, reject public health measures as totalitarianism, and ultimately embrace a belief of nihilistic paranoia about the world around them.

In the early months of 2020, guests on several shows downplayed the seriousness of the emerging pandemic. On March 11, Sayer Ji, a prominent alternative medicine advocate and spiritualist, insisted that fear of the coronavirus was far more potent than the disease itself, “not that different from in the Middle Ages when demons used to plague people.”⁴⁵

In a similar vein, on an anti-vaccine podcast called the Vaccine Conversation with Melissa and Dr. Bob, host Melissa Floyd noted that Americans shouldn’t be too concerned with the virus and questioned whether “the media and government [are] spreading unwarranted fear in order to justify removing personal liberties,” suggesting that’s what happened with the measles. (The hosts also opposed the measles vaccine.)⁴⁶

In a March 26, 2020, interview with fringe documentary maker Maryam Henein on another podcast, Henein insisted that the concern about the coronavirus was just “fear porn” and that PCR tests and fatality counts were completely inaccurate. She also speculated that images of the pandemic coming out of China were actually just staged in Taiwan.⁴⁷ The end goal, she said, was authoritarian classification of humans and to “insert us with vaccines.”⁴⁸

Some podcast episodes are even specifically devoted to undermining public health efforts. For example, a more recent March 2022 podcast episode examined by TTP focuses on helping members of the military to avoid mandatory Covid vaccinations by applying for bogus religious exemptions.⁴⁹

Kevin Jenkins, one of the “Disinformation Dozen,” regularly spreads doubt about public campaigns to encourage Covid vaccination among Black Americans, who have remained disproportionately unvaccinated in many states.⁵⁰ In his words: “The Black bourgeoisie, the Black political class, the Black health professionals, all of them that are promoting [the vaccines] are war criminals and modern-day slavecatchers.”⁵¹

⁴⁵ A New and Ancient Story: The Podcast, ep. “Sayer Ji: Beyond the Coronavirus (E45),” 11 March 2020, 9:20. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁴⁶ The Vaccine Conversation with Melissa and Dr. Bob, “Ep. 91 - Coronavirus: Should We All Be Concerned?,” 25 Feb. 2020, 20:00 to 25:00. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁴⁷ Geopolitics & Empire, ep. “Maryam Henein: Behind the Coronavirus Fear Porn,” 26 March 2020, 2:30 to 6:00. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁴⁸ Geopolitics & Empire, ep. “Maryam Henein: Behind the Coronavirus Fear Porn,” 26 March 2020, 6:25 to 6:40.

⁴⁹ Health Freedom for Humanity Podcast, ep. “61. Thank You for Your Service,” 8 March 2022. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁵⁰ Center for Countering Digital Hate, “The Disinformation Dozen: Why platforms must act on twelve leading online anti-vaxxers,” March 2021. “Half of U.S. States Have Big Racial Vaccine Gaps Heading Into Omicron,” *Bloomberg*, 16 Dec. 2021.

⁵¹ Health Freedom for Humanity Podcast, “Medical Racism with Kevin Jenkins,” 14 May 2021, 47:30. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

So you got celebrities, black celebrities being paid off by Big Pharma and Big Tech, right? And you got the government that has failed all of us, right? You have major corporations that are going to be used as a third party to apply more pressure on us and now they're moving into the vaccine passport, which is slavery at another name, maximum slavery at another level. So as a Black American and who was rooted in its history, I understand what slavery is. And this is a continuation of the Negro Project by Margaret Sanger. This is 3.0 eugenics. This is the final, final solution.⁵²

Some episodes veer into antisemitism, which appears to be prohibited under Apple Podcasts guidelines.⁵³ On the Sean Morgan Report in May 2020, conspiracy theorist Robert David Steele—who has since died of Covid-19—said either “Zionists or some other deep state agent” likely planted the virus as a form of “biological drop.”⁵⁴ He pointed to a “hapless Jewish professor at Harvard, [who] may have been given up by the [Israeli intelligence agency] Mossad in order to create a distraction, kind of like the magician’s assistant saying, ‘Oh, look over here, there’s a Chinese virology lab,’ but in fact, it was a deliberate drop” in Christian cities.⁵⁵

Steele appeared on another podcast later that month, where he continued to spout unhinged theories about global conspiracies and pedophiles in government working to push the pandemic narrative. The episode description links to a free e-book with a foreword by Steele, *Pedophilia & Empire: Satan, Sodomy, & The Deep State*, which contains extensive sections repeating antisemitic blood libel claims.⁵⁶

Other Covid truther and extremist podcasts display a fondness for allusions to Nazi Germany, arguing that temporary mask mandates and social distancing guidelines are somehow comparable to the Holocaust. They frequently say modern doctors and medical authorities are violating the Nuremberg Code, a set of medical ethics principles formulated in response to Nazi medical experimentation.⁵⁷ In the words of Stew Peters:

*Obviously the Holocaust and the betrayal of Christ were some of the worst crimes ever perpetuated in human history, but I genuinely believe that **what we have lived through in the past two years is one of the greatest crimes in human history as well.** [...] And then there’s **what our hospitals are doing, just like the SS guards who went on trial almost 80 years ago.** It’s clear there’s a lot of doctors out there who are actually sadists at heart. They love the rush they get wielding the power of life and death over*

⁵² Health Freedom for Humanity Podcast, “Medical Racism with Kevin Jenkins,” 14 May 2021, 34:55 to 35:30.

⁵³ Specifically, the [guidelines](#) prohibit “Defamatory, discriminatory, or mean-spirited content, including references or commentary about religion, race, sexual orientation, gender, national or ethnic origin, or other targeted groups, particularly if the content is likely to humiliate, intimidate, harass, or harm individuals or groups.”

⁵⁴ Lindsey Ellefson, “Former CIA Officer Who Called COVID a ‘Hoax’ Dies From Virus,” *The Wrap*, 30 Aug. 2021; The Sean Morgan Report, “Robert David Steele: A Traitors Justice Is Coming For CoronaVirus Warfare 3/31/20,” 7 May 2020, 14:00 to 14:15. Podcast episode page archived [here](#).

⁵⁵ The Sean Morgan Report, “Robert David Steele: A Traitors Justice Is Coming For CoronaVirus Warfare 3/31/20,” 7 May 2020, 9:55 to 10:15. The professor Steele is referring to is likely Charles Lieber, convicted in 2021 of tax fraud and making false statements to federal authorities involving research funding in China. “Harvard University Professor Convicted of Making False Statements and Tax Offenses,” DOJ press release, 21 Dec. 2021.

⁵⁶ Truthiverse with Brendan D. Murphy, “Robert David Steele | Ex-CIA Officer Pulls Back the Curtain on COVID-19,” 10 May 2020. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁵⁷ For example: The Health Ranger Report, ep. “[Situation Update, Jan 4, 2022: GLOBAL ALERT as 10 million people PER DAY are set on irreversible countdown to VACCINE DEATH.](#)” 4 Jan. 2022, 2:45. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#): SGT Report’s The Propaganda Antidote, ep. “[NUREMBERG 2.0 - FOR CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY - Attorney Todd Callender.](#)” 20 Feb. 2022. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#).

*people. They get off on the idea of kicking people out of their hospitals for not having the vaccine, and yes, they absolutely enjoy mistreating or ignoring the people in their care to punish them for not doing what they're told to do. I believe that in a just world, when this whole Covid nonsense is said and done, there will be trials for everything that has happened so far. [...] For the people who masterminded lockdowns and mask mandates and maintained them for months for political reasons, and yes, for **all the little Joseph Mengeles in our hospitals who enjoyed inflicting pain and death and people who indulge in their own power trips and collect blood money along the way. Some of these people, like Tony Fauci, they very well deserve the death penalty.***⁵⁸

Listeners immersed in the information flooding from these shows may become increasingly detached from reality. These conspiracy theories can and do kill people who succumb to them, leaving behind estranged, grieving friends and family members.⁵⁹

⁵⁸ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "EXCLUSIVE: Scott Quiner's Texas Doctor, Voting Machines GONE, War With Putin and MORE!" 24 Jan. 2022, 3:40 to 6:30. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#).

⁵⁹ Examples of stories about people losing loved ones to extremist conspiracy theories include: Geoff Brumfiel, "[Their mom died of COVID. They say conspiracy theories are what really killed her.](#)" *NPR*, 24 April 2022; Damon Young, "[How it feels to watch a friend lose themselves to covid conspiracy theories.](#)" *The Washington Post*, 2 Feb. 2022; Louise Nordstrom, "['I feel like I've lost him': The families torn apart by conspiracy theories.](#)" *France 24*, 10 Jan. 2021; and Marianna Spring, "[How should you talk to friends and relatives who believe conspiracy theories?](#)" *BBC*, 21 Dec. 2020.

Rivals beat Apple at fighting misinformation

Apple's podcast rival Spotify came under fire in early 2022 for its contract with Joe Rogan, who has hosted guests who spread demonstrably false and misleading information about Covid-19.⁶⁰ This was not the first time that podcast platforms had come under scrutiny for hosting misinformation; in November 2021, *The New York Times* reported on the problem, naming a handful of concerning podcasts.⁶¹

News reports suggest Spotify has begun to counter some (but not all) of the most egregiously harmful Covid-19 misinformation on its platform in recent months, but TTP's investigation shows that Apple has consistently declined to act.⁶²

The case of David Icke on the London Real show in April 2020 exemplifies Apple's inaction. The show's YouTube channel, which boasts over two million subscribers, aired an episode featuring Icke, a well-known British conspiracy theorist, and also published it as a podcast episode. (Host Brian Rose disclaimed that he did not necessarily agree with everything Icke says, but shortly after praised him for his courage to speak the truth.)⁶³

Over the course of two-and-a-half hours, Icke asserted that there is not really a coronavirus pandemic because viruses do not exist. So-called Covid, he argued, is actually the result of poisoning by 5G waves—a plot by a global cult to engineer the new world order. Rose did not push back against Icke's claims and hosted him again for a three-hour episode the following month.⁶⁴

After inquiries from CNBC, Spotify removed the episode, but Apple did not. (YouTube and Facebook had already removed Icke's accounts.)⁶⁵ TTP has identified an additional 10 episodes featuring Icke discussing Covid on Apple Podcasts.⁶⁶

⁶⁰ Katherine Rosman, Ben Sisario, Mike Isaac, and Adam Satariano, "[Spotify Bet Big on Joe Rogan. It Got More Than It Counted On.](#)" *The New York Times*, 17 Feb. 2022.

⁶¹ Tiffany Hsu and Marc Tracy, "[On Podcasts and Radio, Misleading Covid-19 Talk Goes Unchecked.](#)" *The New York Times*, 12 Nov. 2021.

⁶² As detailed in the body of this report, Spotify has removed several of the more disturbing shows identified by TTP and has taken down individual episodes on the grounds of Covid-19 misinformation. However, Spotify continues to be the exclusive host of Joe Rogan, despite his proclivity towards inviting misinformative guests. See also: Kara Alaimo, "[Spotify's Covid misinformation plan falls short.](#)" *NBC News*, 31 Jan. 2022.

⁶³ As of May 14, 2022, the [channel](#) had 2.07 million subscribers and over 282,000,000 total views; London Real, ep. "[DAVID ICKE - THE CORONAVIRUS CONSPIRACY: HOW COVID-19 WILL SEIZE YOUR RIGHTS & DESTROY OUR ECONOMY.](#)" 7 April 2020, 2:00 to 2:45. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁶⁴ London Real, ep. "[DAVID ICKE - THE CORONAVIRUS CONSPIRACY: HOW COVID-19 WILL SEIZE YOUR RIGHTS & DESTROY OUR ECONOMY.](#)" 7 April 2020, 4:40 (Covid and viruses do not exist), c. 20:00 (global cult conspiracy), and 1:08:00 (5G and Covid); London Real, "[ROSE/ICKE III: The Broadcast They Don't Want You To Hear | David Icke on London Real.](#)" 5 May 2020. Podcast episode page archived [here](#).

⁶⁵ Sam Shead, "[Spotify removes podcast featuring interview with conspiracy theorist David Icke, while Apple stalls.](#)" *CNBC*, 6 May 2020.

⁶⁶ London Real, ep. "[DAVID ICKE - THE TRUTH BEHIND THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: COVID-19 LOCKDOWN & THE ECONOMIC CRASH.](#)" 19 March 2020. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); London Real, ep. "[ROSE/ICKE IV - We Will Not Be Silenced.](#)" 16 June 2020. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); The Life Stylist, ep. "[Universal Love Vs. Lockdown Lunacy: A Worldwide Wake-Up Call W/ David Icke #286.](#)" 16 June 2020. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); London Real, ep. "[David Icke - ROSE/ICKE V: THE ANSWER.](#)" 3 Aug. 2020. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); The Peak Prosperity Podcast, ep. "[It's About Control: An Interview with David Icke.](#)" 9 Feb. 2022. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); London Real, ep. "[DAVID ICKE - THE CORONAVIRUS CONSPIRACY: HOW COVID-19 WILL SEIZE YOUR RIGHTS & DESTROY OUR ECONOMY.](#)" 7 April 2020; Lift the Veil, ep. "[6.17.2020: David Icke - COVID, BLM, Censorship | Midnight in the Desert.](#)" 27 June 2020. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); The Trueman Show, ep. "[The Trueman Show #54 David Icke.](#)" 16 Dec. 2021. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); The Sean Morgan Report, ep. "[David Icke On the Matrix Control System.](#)" 5 Jan. 2022. Podcast episode page archived [here](#); Kyle Kingsbury Podcast, ep. "[#238 David Icke.](#)" 4 Feb. 2022. Podcast episode page is archived [here](#); London Real, "[ROSE/ICKE III: The Broadcast They Don't Want You To Hear | David Icke on London Real.](#)" 5 May 2020.

This proved to be a pattern in Apple’s behavior: When informed of dangerous medical misinformation on its podcasts by the media, the company has declined to comment or take any action.

A QAnon conspiracy theory podcast, SoulWarrior Uncensored, was highlighted in an Associated Press report in January 2021.⁶⁷ The AP article noted that Spotify took it down after inquiries, but Apple and Google left it up.⁶⁸ Then, in November, *The New York Times* detailed several Covid-19 misinformation-heavy shows on Apple Podcasts whose hosts had died of the disease. Apple declined to comment and none of the shows appear to have been removed or labeled.⁶⁹

TTP identified 12 shows that sit on the extreme end of the Covid-19 misinformation spectrum and are banned by YouTube and/or Spotify but still remain on Apple Podcasts and Google Podcasts.⁷⁰ These shows are particularly frequent sources of vaccine misinformation and promotion of bogus Covid treatments. Some contain regular calls for violence against public officials and targeted harassment against hospitals and medical workers.

Podcast	Apple Podcasts	Google Podcasts	YouTube	Spotify
Dr. Joseph Mercola – Take Control of Your Health	Live	Live	Banned	Banned
Evolve with Pete Evans	Live	Live	No videos ⁷¹	Banned
Health Freedom for Humanity Podcast	Live	Live	Banned	Live
RFK Jr The Defender Podcast	Live	Live	Banned	Live
SGT Report’s The Propaganda Antidote	Live	Live	Banned	Banned
The Highwire with Del Bigtree	Live	Live	Banned	Banned ⁷²
The Health Ranger Report	Live	Live	Banned	Unclear ⁷³
THE MCCULLOUGH REPORT	Live	Live	No videos ⁷⁴	Banned ⁷⁵
The Midnight Sentinel/The JD Rucker Show	Live	Live	Banned	Banned ⁷⁶
The Robert Scott Bell Show	Live	Live	Banned	Banned
The Sean Morgan Report	Live	Live	Banned	Banned

⁶⁷ Tali Arbel, “Extremists exploit a loophole in social moderation: Podcasts,” *Associated Press*, 19 Jan. 2021.

⁶⁸ The podcast is now completely gone from all platforms. The SoulWarrior website does not appear to have been updated recently, and links to its other social media — like Rumble — are also gone. Founder Melody Torres’ fitness [YouTube channel](#) is still up but has not been updated since August 2020. It’s not clear if SoulWarrior ceased and took down content on Apple and Google podcasts of its own accord or was subject to a ban.

⁶⁹ Tiffany Hsu and Marc Tracy, “On Podcasts and Radio, Misleading Covid-19 Talk Goes Unchecked,” *The New York Times*, 12 Nov. 2021.

⁷⁰ Neither Spotify nor YouTube necessarily publicize when or for what reason a show is banned. For some, U.S. election misinformation, rather than medical misinformation, may have been the primary factor behind a removal, and some bans occurred before the pandemic (e.g., Health Ranger Report from YouTube in 2018).

⁷¹ The channel was created in 2015, but there were no videos as of May 2022. Total views were given as around 1,400, suggesting at least one video was uploaded before being taken down by the channel owner or removed by YouTube.

⁷² TTP was unable to find any statement by Bigtree or Spotify specifically stating that the platform had removed his show. As of 2022, his show is available on all other major podcast platforms (Apple, Google, iHeart). Spreaker, a podcaster service hosted by iHeart, has a [page](#) for The Highwire with Del Bigtree that includes links to the show on Apple Podcasts, iHeart, Google Podcasts, Spotify, and a host of other minor podcast platforms. All links are live except for the [Spotify link](#), which informs the user that the podcast could not be found. TTP takes this as evidence that the show was banned from Spotify, because it is unlikely Bigtree would remove himself from the market’s largest podcast platform and thereby limit the show’s reach and revenue potential.

⁷³ As with the Highwire with Del Bigtree, this show is on all major platforms except Spotify, but there is no written statement by the host or the platform that the show was removed. TTP was unable to find a definitive Spotify hyperlink on third-party websites, so it is possible that the show was never on Spotify to begin with.

⁷⁴ It is unclear if McCullough has simply never uploaded videos to YouTube, or if videos he did upload were removed.

⁷⁵ The Audacy page includes a [link](#) to the show on Spotify, which is now dead.

⁷⁶ The podcast was previously called The NOQ Report, as the link within the article redirecting to The Midnight Sentinel on Apple Podcasts shows.

The Stew Peters Show	Live	Live	Banned	Banned
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The numbers show that while Spotify and YouTube have moved to limit the reach of some Covid-19 misinformation, Apple Podcasts stands as an increasingly rare mainstream platform that welcomes it.

Next up: monkeypox

In May 2022, the World Health Organization confirmed an outbreak of monkeypox in multiple countries outside of the virus's normal endemic range.⁷⁷ As the outbreak made international headlines, Apple Podcasts became a platform for spreading doubt and mistrust of public health authorities' statements about the disease, mirroring the Covid misinformation documented in this report.

A search for "monkeypox" on June 16, 2022, returned several episodes featuring misinformation content regarding the disease.

One episode was from The Stew Peters Show on May 31. Peters opened his show with a monologue on monkeypox, including homophobic remarks that would appear to be prohibited by Apple Podcast guidelines:

So now the genocidal psychopaths are beginning to panic and the CDC is now raising travel alerts for monkeypox. There have been just about 200 cases in more than 20 countries, most of them concentrated, of course, among homosexuals, who to no surprise have spread the virus through their promiscuous and disgusting sexual depravity. At least, that's the official story. But incredibly enough, globalists were plotting the course of a monkeypox outcome at this exact time a year ago.⁷⁸

Peters was echoing a popular conspiracy theory that has arisen in response to the monkeypox virus; the theory posits that monkeypox (like Covid) is a planned pandemic.⁷⁹ The other Stew Peters episode found in the search featured Jane Ruby, who denied that there were any truly confirmed monkeypox cases.⁸⁰ (The episode also featured a guest who called for Anthony Fauci to be hung for treason, and claimed that LGBTQ people are indoctrinating children like Nazis.⁸¹)

In an episode of The Highwire with Del Bigtree, Bigtree muses about the possibility of monkeypox as a planned pandemic, citing previous out-of-context statements by Bill Gates. Bigtree maintains that Covid was a failed attempt to strip people of their privacy and freedom; monkeypox is "nothing to be afraid of" but may well be a tool by governments to oppress their people, he said.⁸²

⁷⁷ World Health Organization, "[Multi-country monkeypox outbreak in non-endemic countries](#)," 21 May 2022.

⁷⁸ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "[Evidence Monkeypox Fear & Vaxx PLANNED. World Has 10 Weeks of Wheat Left, WHO Seizes Freedom](#)," 31 May 2022. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁷⁹ Rachel Schraer, "[Monkeypox wasn't created in a lab - and other claims debunked](#)," *BBC*, 29 May 2022.

⁸⁰ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "[Global Elites Make Covenant With Demons, Pastor Calls for Fauci Execution, Depop Crisis Inc.](#)," 8 June 2022, 20:10 to 20:45. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

⁸¹ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "[Global Elites Make Covenant With Demons, Pastor Calls for Fauci Execution, Depop Crisis Inc.](#)," 8 June 2022, 31:05; 39:45 to 40:35.

⁸² The Highwire with Del Bigtree, ep. "[DR. MCCULLOUGH ON MONKEYPOX](#)," 3 June 2022, 5:20 to 9:00; 11:00. The podcast episode page is archived [here](#).

A vaccine effective against monkeypox exists, and the virus is unlikely to spread as rapidly as Covid.⁸³ But it's clear that in the absence of Apple enforcement, the company's podcast platform will continue to be a haven for misinformation about disease outbreaks.

⁸³ Unlike Covid, monkeypox does not easily spread through the air. Existing smallpox vaccines are also effective against monkeypox. See the CDC factsheets "[CDC Monkeypox Response: Transmission](#)," 9 June 2022; and "[Monkeypox and Smallpox Vaccine Guidance](#)," 2 June 2022.

Targeting doctors

TTP's investigation shows how Apple is also turning a blind eye to harassment of medical professionals targeted by far-right and extremist podcasts during the pandemic.

TTP tried to reach the doctors targeted by these podcasts via their contact information online, or if that couldn't be located, via their affiliated hospitals. TTP also sought separate comment from the hospitals. None responded to TTP's request for comment, which may not be surprising, given the harassment campaigns described below. TTP is not naming the doctors to protect their safety.

Three of the four harassment campaigns identified by TTP originated with The Stew Peters Show, available on Apple Podcasts. Like many podcasts, the show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. Thus, any harassment campaigns that may have been initiated by Stew Peters before November 2021 were not discoverable in our searches.

Peters' extremist views make him a fringe personality even on the far right. Peters has repeatedly called for the execution of public figures such as Dr. Anthony Fauci, the government's top infectious disease expert, over alleged crimes related to Covid-19, including on at least one episode of his podcast.⁸⁴

Spotify took down Peters' podcast in late 2021, citing company policy against dangerous or deceptive content about Covid-19. As of September 2022, the show remains on Apple Podcasts. In response to his ban from Spotify and iHeart, Peters called the two companies "the propaganda arm of the communist, globalist genocidal machine, hellbent on the destruction of freedom, Christianity, and truth."⁸⁵

On March 21, 2022, Peters alleged that Apple Podcasts did remove his show from the platform without notice, detailing the situation in a post on Gab, the far-right alternative social media site.⁸⁶ (He also claimed that "Millions and millions and millions of people listened to and downloaded the daily show" on Apple's podcast platform.) The ban, if genuine, appears to have been short-lived; TTP was able to access The Stew Peters Show throughout April, and it remains on the platform today, updated several times a week.

⁸⁴ Mikael Thalen, "[A far-right figure is already accusing Trump's Truth Social of censoring him](#)," *Daily Dot*, 22 Feb. 2022. Peters posted on Truth Social, an alt social media startup endorsed by Donald Trump, that "The people in our government responsible for allowing our kids to be killed with these dangerous Covid shows, should be put on trial and executed."

In July 2021, Peters compared Dr. Anthony Fauci to Saddam Hussein, saying it was "a travesty" that Fauci was still a free man. He continued: "What did we do to Saddam Hussein? These people swung from their neck in front of the world for killing far less people. And not only is [Fauci] still killing people, but plans, and telegraphs, and tells the whole world how he's gonna kill more." (Right Wing Watch [tweet](#), 16 July 2021.) On 25 Feb. 2022, Peters attended the America First Political Action Conference (AFPAC). In a speech there, he asked the crowd: "Why is this man still running around free, instead of hanging by the end of a noose somewhere?" The crowd responded with chants of "Hang him up!" (Thomas Lecaque, "[Far-right figures are newly embracing a scary symbol: The gallows](#)," *The Washington Post*, 10 March 2022. The original video clip can be seen in a 26 Feb. 2022 [tweet](#) from The Republican Accountability Project, a moderate GOP activist group.)

The Stew Peters Show, ep. "[10 Month Old Kidnapped, Putin Kneecaps Globalists, Ex-Pfizer Employee Reveals Covid Conspiracy](#)," 15 March 2022, from 43:35: "Russia, Russia, Russia. It's a huge distraction away from the criminal enterprise and the crimes against humanity that these people, these demonic Satanists, have inflicted and been responsible for on the global populace, all of these deaths. That's probably why we don't see Tony Fauci anymore, because he's been disgraced and is running for cover, I would imagine right now. Probably trying to escape the noose that he deserves if he is indicted, tried, and should be fried." Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The Apple podcast episode page is archived [here](#). The same episode is also available on [alternative platforms](#).

⁸⁵ Zachary Petrizzo, "[Spotify Booted Far-Right Podcaster Stew Peters Over COVID Lies](#)," *The Daily Beast*, 3 Feb. 2022.

⁸⁶ March 21 [post](#) by Stew Peters on Gab.

Mercy Hospital and the Scott Quiner case

In January 2022, a Minnesota hospital drew the ire of Peters after moving to end life support on a terminally ill Covid patient. The resulting harassment campaign compromised the ability for the hospital to function properly, Peters boasted. Peters declared that medical professionals needed to “suffer” before being indicted and executed:

*So everybody that's out there that's saying "Stew, please platform this case," we're gonna continue to do that, because **we want these hospitals to fear that they're next and we want them to know that the entire world is watching.** And the bigger the audience gets here at The Stew Peters Show the better because we just weaponize it for good and then these people are flooded. Mercy Hospital said they had 300,000 phone calls, they had to completely shut their switchboard down, **that's excellent because these people need to suffer. And when we indict them and we try them and we fry them, that's gonna be great.**⁸⁷*

The campaign stemmed from the case of Scott Quiner, an unvaccinated man hospitalized for severe Covid in late 2021. He was put on a ventilator and then transferred to the ICU of Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, on Nov. 6.⁸⁸ He remained on the ventilator for over nine weeks.

Mercy Hospital staff informed his wife Anne that they intended to disconnect Scott from the ventilator that week. In a phone call with Anne played on the podcast, a Mercy Hospital doctor stated that “at this point his lungs are so destroyed, unfortunately, from the Covid pneumonia, [that] all of our experts do not believe that there is any chance that you will have any lung recovery.”⁸⁹

In January 2022, Mercy was at 100% ICU bed occupancy, a rate that has remained constant since September 2020.⁹⁰ A local media report on January 12 described the hospital as “overwhelmed” by surging Omicron-variant cases, affecting both staff and patients and, according to the hospital’s emergency medical care director, “crushing ... our ability to take care of patients.”⁹¹

Anne Quiner appeared on The Stew Peters Show to raise awareness of her husband’s case. Peters’ episode, released on January 12, appears to be the first to publicize the case, which was covered in mainstream media in the following days. The Minneapolis *Star Tribune* specifically credits Peters’ show for bringing attention to the Quiners.⁹²

⁸⁷ The Stew Peters Show, ep. “Taxpayer-Funded Pedophilia Pushes Vax on KIDS, Nurses Rise Up Saving THOUSANDS and MORE!” 27 Jan. 2022, from 39:25. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The original podcast episode page is archived [here](#). The same episode is also available on [alternative platforms](#).

⁸⁸ Jennifer Bjorhus, “Minnesota COVID patient at center of lawsuit over his ventilator dies in Texas hospital,” *The Star Tribune*, 22 Jan. 2022.

⁸⁹ The Stew Peters Show, “WOW: DARPA Confirms COVID Bioweapon, Gun Confiscation, COVID Prison Camps, and Hospital MURDER!” 12 Jan. 2022, circa 39:00 to 40:00. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is also available on [alternative platforms](#).

⁹⁰ [Data](#) hosted by the Oregon *Statesman-Journal* for Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids.

⁹¹ “Mercy Hospital Overwhelmed with Patients in ER,” *CTN Coon Rapids*, 12 Jan. 2022.

⁹² Tim Harlow, “Mercy Hospital must keep COVID patient on ventilator, judge rules,” *Star Tribune*, 14 Jan. 2022.

On the show, Anne played recordings of her phone call with Mercy Hospital doctors informing her of the decision to remove Scott from life support, in which she contested the idea that a vaccine would have protected her husband.⁹³ Peters pressed Anne for specific names of the doctors involved.

Peters: Since when did Mercy Hospital become the Gestapo? How can they imprison him? How can they do this? They can't. The answer is that they can't, and we're gonna get an attorney paired up with you right away. Also, in the meantime — Mercy Hospital — who is the doctor whose care is — Scott is under. Who's the doctor that's making this decision to just arbitrarily kill your husband against your wishes? [...]

*These people are cold-hearted. Cold-blooded killers is what they are. And they're doing it for a paycheck because Mercy Hospital, just like all these other care providers, are for-profit businesses. We're not gonna stand for it, you're a fellow Minnesotan, and this audience, by the way, **The Stew Peters Show boasts the best audience — we're a family — of any show out there. And I guarantee you these people at Mercy are gonna hear from them. We're gonna put all their numbers at stewpeters.com as well as on Rumble [an alternative video platform]. It's here right now in the Rumble description, please call them. We're gonna put social pressure on these people and get you teamed up.***⁹⁴

The episode's description on Apple Podcasts provided contact information for the hospital as well as specific employees:

*A Minnesota hospital has told Anne Quiner, wife of Scott Quiner, that they plan to pull the plug on her husband's ventilator life support without her consent due to Scott needed [sic] "excess care" due to his unvaccinated status. Anne Quiner joins us to discuss. Light up the Hospital! Mercy Hospital 4050 Coon Rapids Blvd Coon Rapids MN 55433 Main line [Phone number] Scott Quiner is in the Heart and Vascular Center Their number is [Phone number] [First name] is the Care Coordinator [Phone number].*⁹⁵

Anne sued to stop the hospital, and a day later, a judge issued a temporary restraining order requiring the ventilator be maintained for 30 days. The decision drew criticism from some Minnesota doctors.⁹⁶ Scott Quiner was then transferred to a hospital in Texas, where he remained on a ventilator. He died on January 22.⁹⁷

⁹³ The Stew Peters Show, "WOW: DARPA Confirms COVID Bioweapon, Gun Confiscation, COVID Prison Camps, and Hospital MURDER!" 12 Jan. 2022, circa 40:00 to 41:00. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is also available on [alternative platforms](#).

⁹⁴ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "WOW: DARPA Confirms COVID Bioweapon, Gun Confiscation, COVID Prison Camps, and Hospital MURDER!" 12 Jan. 2022, 47:15 to 49:00.

⁹⁵ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "WOW: DARPA Confirms COVID Bioweapon, Gun Confiscation, COVID Prison Camps, and Hospital MURDER!" 12 Jan. 2022, episode [description text](#).

⁹⁶ John Hick, Michele LeClaire, and Heidi Erickson, "When death is coming, difficult choices are required," *The Star Tribune*, 19 Jan. 2022.

⁹⁷ Brittany Shammass, Paulina Firozi and Hannah Knowles, "Covid patient dies at a hospital weeks after his wife sued another to keep him on a ventilator," *The Washington Post*, 23 Jan. 2022.

Listeners of the show took particular issue with the doctors L.S. and R.E., who, on the original phone call with Anne, informed her of the decision to remove her husband from life support. On his January 17 episode (entitled “Scott Quiner Update: Criminal Investigation Into Doctors, How They’re KILLING, Payoffs for MURDER!”), Peters said:

*The hospital was actually forced to remove Dr. [R.E.] and Dr. [L.S.] from their website due to an explosion of traffic and emails sent through the Allina Healthcare website. And the switchboard phone answering method had to be altered completely. **The hospital even got the local sheriff involved, saying that they were being harassed. Local news media desks were asking people calling them to stop calling the hospital because they — quote, “because they couldn’t get any work done with all of the calls.” — Couldn’t get any work done? Good! That may have inadvertently saved many other lives. Because we know what their “work” is.***⁹⁸

TTP could not independently verify the extent of harassment. Mercy Hospital did not return TTP requests for comment on the controversy.

Regardless, the episodes detailing the Scott Quiner case on The Stew Peters Show constitute “content is likely to humiliate, intimidate, harass, or harm individuals or groups,” which is forbidden by Apple Podcast guidelines.⁹⁹

Dr. K. W.

On January 24, 2022, The Stew Peters Show hosted Shamgar Connors, a man suffering from acute kidney failure who refused vaccination for Covid-19. Connors was removed from the active kidney transplant recipient list by the University of Virginia University Hospital due to this refusal.¹⁰⁰ Similar policies regarding Covid vaccinations and transplant eligibility are used at some health systems in the United States and Canada.¹⁰¹

Connors was thus placed on the inactive kidney transplant list. Patients on the inactive list still accrue wait-time that advances them further on the active list but cannot undergo transplant surgery until they are placed on the active list.¹⁰²

Stew Peters introduced Connors’ case with a characteristic dose of anti-vaccine sentiment:

⁹⁸ The Stew Peters Show, ep. “[Scott Quiner Update: Criminal Investigation Into Doctors, How They’re KILLING, Payoffs for MURDER!](#),” 17 Jan. 2022, from 2:30. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is also available on [alternative platforms](#).

⁹⁹ [Apple Podcasts content guidelines](#), §2.2 Harmful or Objectionable Content.

¹⁰⁰ Timothy H. J. Nerozzi, “[Virginia hospital denies unvaccinated patient spot on ‘active’ kidney transplant list](#),” *Fox News*, 25 Jan. 2022.

¹⁰¹ Examples include the University Health Network in Toronto, the largest transplant center in Canada (Avis Favaro, Elizabeth St. Philip, and Nicole Bogart, “[Toronto hospital network to require organ transplant patients to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19](#),” *CTV News*, 8 Oct. 2021), UCHealth in Colorado, and the University of Washington Medicine system (JoNel Aleccia, “[Organ centers to transplant patients: Get a Covid vaccine or move down on waitlist](#),” *NBC*, 8 Oct. 2021).

¹⁰² [Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network Policies](#), §3.6.A, updated April 2022. The OPTN is the sole national transplant list in the United States, managed jointly by the Department of Health and Human Services and the nonprofit United Network for Organ Sharing.

*Shamgar is obviously a leading candidate for a kidney transplant, which could allow him to live a longer and more normal life again. But Shamgar was just informed that he has been taken off of the active transplant list and put on the inactive list because, yes, you guessed it, **he refuses to be jabbed with the dangerous and deadly Covid-19 clot shots being falsely referred to as an approved, safe and effective vaccine — none of that is true.***¹⁰³

Peters then continued to press for details and encourages listeners to contact the hospital:

- *PETERS: What specifically are you going to do to combat this? What is the name of these people that are denying you this transplant? I wanna know, who are these people?*
- *CONNORS: The University, uh, UVA Hospital, they are the ones doing this, and [K.W.] is the name of the doctor I spoke to on the phone. [...]*
- *PETERS: Alright, [K.W.] is the doctor. Now is she making this decision? Is [K.W.] at the University of Virginia Medical Center, is —*
- *CONNORS: Sounds like she was just following policy because the way that she spoke to me on the phone, if anyone wants to listen they can hear the whole recording, and sounds like she was just saying that's what the policy was —*
- *PETERS: Yeah, she's just following orders! [...]*
- *CONNORS: And she did that because [I] won't get an experimental drug that's dangerous.*
- *PETERS: Exactly. That's what this is. **This is the death panel by the coronavirus death cult that wants to shame you and then put you on display: Look, here's another unvaccinated patient dead! No, here's somebody who was denied life-saving medical attention, whose life was then put in risk by you, and that's what the fact is. Shamgar Connors, I'm out of time, I gotta go. We're gonna flood these phone lines — by the way, do you have some sort of a way that people can come and find you and follow your story?***¹⁰⁴

When asked by the doctor if he would consider receiving a Covid vaccine, Connors replied, “I’d rather die of kidney failure.”¹⁰⁵ Connors later received multiple donation offers from private citizens, all of which he refused, citing his belief that no one should ever be required to receive the Covid vaccination as a condition of transplant.¹⁰⁶

¹⁰³ The Stew Peters Show, ep. “EXCLUSIVE: Scott Quiner’s Texas Doctor, Voting Machines GONE, War With Putin and MORE!” 24 Jan. 2022, from 17:10. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#).

¹⁰⁴ The Stew Peters Show, ep. “EXCLUSIVE: Scott Quiner’s Texas Doctor, Voting Machines GONE, War With Putin and MORE!” 24 Jan. 2022, 26:45 to 29:00.

¹⁰⁵ Timothy H. J. Nerozzi, “Virginia hospital denies unvaccinated patient spot on 'active' kidney transplant list,” *Fox News*, 25 Jan. 2022.

¹⁰⁶ Timothy H. J. Nerozzi, “Virginia hospital denies unvaccinated patient spot on 'active' kidney transplant list,” *Fox News*, 25 Jan. 2022.

Dr. J.F.

One Missouri pediatrician, Dr. J.F., presented at a Covid taskforce at her hospital, and in so doing drew the ire of extremists in January 2022. The specific hearing mentioned in these podcasts and social media posts is unclear; the relevant materials are not on the hospital's website.

According to the Stew Peters Show, J.F. discussed her care for children with severe Covid, done in accordance with CDC guidelines—an unforgiveable crime in the eyes of extreme conspiracy theorists, tantamount to murdering children. The Stew Peters Show drew attention to J.F. through guest Jane Ruby, who has a track record of spreading dangerous misinformation about Covid vaccines, which she maintains are filled with chemicals.¹⁰⁷ Ruby explained:

I wanna to call particular attention on your show today to a pediatrician in Missouri... her name is Dr. [J.F.], she recently presented as part of a Covid task force to a local hospital where she is acting as an advisor, and she advised everyone that she is apparently putting children on remdesivir. I don't even know if there's a pediatric dosing because it is under emergency use authorization, which means it's experimental and hasn't been—hasn't completed its studies, so what is the dose adjustment? We don't know for children.¹⁰⁸ But she's apparently putting them on remdesivir, which we know for a fact damages, permanently in some cases, renal function, kidney function, and she told them that part of—the other thing she's doing, is that she is moving them on to ventilators.¹⁰⁹ [...] Dr. [J.F.] admitted that even though she continues to use this protocol, children are dying on it, and her response was, "I'm just following the CDC's recommendations for pediatrics on their website."¹¹⁰

Ruby also named two specific hospitals that were treating critically ill patients. She first mentioned the case of a ventilated patient at Torrance Memorial Medical Center in Torrance, California, which she alleges held the patient against the family's will.¹¹¹ (Removing a patient from a ventilator prematurely could be extremely dangerous.)

¹⁰⁷ "Fact Check-Video does not prove COVID-19 vaccines cause blood anomalies," *Reuters*, 26 August 2021.

¹⁰⁸ This is false. FDA guidelines from Oct. 2020, when emergency use authorization was granted, gave specific pediatric dosing recommendations. "FACT SHEET FOR HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS EMERGENCY USE AUTHORIZATION (EUA) OF VEKLURY® (remdesivir)," Food and Drug Administration fact sheet, 22 Oct. 2020 (superseded), p. 2. "The recommended dosage for pediatric patients weighing 3.5 kg to less than 40 kg is a single loading dose of VEKLURY 5 mg/kg on Day 1 followed by VEKLURY 2.5 mg/kg once daily from Day 2 [see Full EUA Prescribing Information, Recommended Dosage in Pediatric Patients (2.3)]."

¹⁰⁹ Conspiracists generally view ventilators as dangerous and likely to cause death, confusing cause and effect—ventilators are used in serious illnesses, and thus those on ventilators are more likely to die. For information on death rates among ventilated patients, see Zheng Jie Lim, et al., "Case Fatality Rates for Patients with COVID-19 Requiring Invasive Mechanical Ventilation. A Meta-analysis," *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine* 203.1, 1 Jan. 2021.

¹¹⁰ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "We are NAMING NAMES! The KILLER Doctors on Display! UK is FREE While U.S. Doctors Rounded Up and Doctor Says Organ Harvesting is Legit Threat," 21 Jan. 2022, 23:35 to 26:00. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. Archived [Google search results](#) show the podcast episode on Apple. The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#).

¹¹¹ The Stew Peters Show, ep. "We are NAMING NAMES! The KILLER Doctors on Display! UK is FREE While U.S. Doctors Rounded Up and Doctor Says Organ Harvesting is Legit Threat," 21 Jan. 2022, from 21:55.

She also names Mt. Sinai West Hospital in New York City, providing its address and a phone number and urging listeners to “to call and encourage the hospital to give him the proper treatment with Ivermectin and HCQ and to stop using protocols that just result in death.”¹¹²

Later in the episode, Peters returns to J.F.:

- *PETERS: I'm disgusted by this pediatric — what's her name here? Let's put her up on the screen again here. What's her name again? Who is this?*
- *RUBY: Dr. [J.F.] She is at — this hospital is—*
- *PETERS: I don't like her. I really don't like her.
[Ruby gives the name and location of the hospital]*
- *PETERS: **But this lady here, I can't stand her. She's disgusting, this woman. Look at her. She's just a tyrant. She's a murderous tyrant. And she's doing it knowingly. It's disgusting. [...] People should let her know how they feel, that's my opinion.***¹¹³

The show then cut to an advertisement for a “Z-Stack Protocol” multivitamin sold by Dr. Vladimir Zelenko, promising to protect against “the jab that becomes self-spreading bioweapons, threatening the purebloods.”

Sean Turnbull and Dr. E.C.

“SGT Report’s The Propaganda Antidote,” a far-right conspiracy theory show hosted by a Minnesota man named Sean Turnbull, has targeted Dr. E.C., a pediatrician in the state, for months. Turnbull has mentioned her in at least 13 episodes since first drawing attention to her on January 4, 2022.¹¹⁴

E.C. has appeared in local T.V. ads encouraging people to vaccinate their children, drawing the ire of anti-vaccine extremists. In that sense, E.C. could be considered a minor public figure, but the contempt Turnbull displays for her is nonetheless disturbing.

SGT Report has been barred from numerous social media platforms, including Twitter, Vimeo, and YouTube, but it remains on Apple and Google Podcasts.¹¹⁵

Turnbull solicited input on E.C. from Dr. Vladimir “Zev” Zelenko, who proceeded to compare her to a Nazi:

¹¹² The Stew Peters Show, ep. “We are NAMING NAMES! The KILLER Doctors on Display! UK is FREE While U.S. Doctors Rounded Up and Doctor Says Organ Harvesting is Legit Threat,” 21 Jan. 2022, from 22:50.

¹¹³ The Stew Peters Show, ep. “We are NAMING NAMES! The KILLER Doctors on Display! UK is FREE While U.S. Doctors Rounded Up and Doctor Says Organ Harvesting is Legit Threat,” 21 Jan. 2022, 31:55 to 32:50.

¹¹⁴ Initial mention: SGT Report’s The Propaganda Antidote, ep. “VAXXED: SHOCKING NEW EVIDENCE OF PREMEDITATED MASS MURDER,” 4 Jan. 2022, from 9:25. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. Archived [Google search results](#) show the podcast episode on Apple. The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#).

¹¹⁵ Shawn Boburg, “From corporate America to conspiracy theory promotion: How a Minnesota man made a career out of anonymously amplifying dark plots,” *The Washington Post*, 7 July 2021.

- *TURNBULL* When I asked Dr. Zev Zelenko about what should happen to doctors like [E.C.], here's what he said:
- *ZELENKO*: I hope you'd [be] brought justice at the national tribunal, because your advice is akin to what the medical establishment did in Nazi Germany that led to the massacre of millions of people. And so, there's no indication — zero indication — to give healthy children this vaccine because children, according to the CDC, have a 99.998% recovery rate from Covid with no treatment. And Dr. Michael Yeadon, who you mentioned earlier, says these vaccines are 100 times more lethal than the actual virus.
- *TURNBULL*: Before we move on, just a quick final word to [E.C.]: **Repent. You are on the wrong side of history and there is blood on your hands.**¹¹⁶

Turnbull accuses E.C. of collusion with “Big pharma, big media, and big government” in hiding the effects of Covid-19 vaccines on pregnancies. In his telling, E.C. is a part of the wider Covid-19 conspiracy, which is “absolutely evil, from-the-pits-of-Hell diabolical.”¹¹⁷

SGT Report does not appear to reveal E.C.’s details beyond her name and profession in the podcast episodes, but on a livestream recorded on its website, Turnbull showed a picture of her along with information about her place of work, including its address and phone numbers. In the same video, Turnbull shows a one-star Google review he left of E.C.¹¹⁸

¹¹⁶ SGT Report's The Propaganda Antidote, ep. “[THE MASS MURDER AGENDA -- DEBORAH TAVARES](#),” 20 Feb. 2022, 4:45 to 5:50. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#).

¹¹⁷ SGT Report's The Propaganda Antidote, “[RED ALERT: IT'S NOT 'COVID'. IT'S 5G. -- Hope & Tivon](#),” 5 Feb. 2022, from 55:20. Like many podcasts, this show appears to remove older episodes as newer ones are added. The same episode is available on [alternative platforms](#).

¹¹⁸ The Feb. 6, 2022, blog post, “[Despicable Doctor](#),” contains an embedded video. Her information is displayed at 1:35; the Google Review is at 4:05.

Methodology

The content in this report is based on a collection of 401 episodes gathered in March 2022, and supplemented in the following months by subsequent research.

TTP gathered an initial sample of 374 podcast episodes based on name searches of known purveyors of Covid misinformation. TTP only included episodes from February 2020 or later in English, in which Covid was a major topic of discussion. A total of 38 episodes were removed from the list because they did not meet such criteria. Two additional episodes in which the hosts substantively challenged untrue claims made by guests were removed as well.

Another 67 episodes featuring Covid misinformation and other relevant content were added as they were encountered in the course of TTP's investigation, sometimes via Apple recommendations for similar podcasts.

For the vast majority of Apple podcast episodes, reading the descriptions confirmed that the content was misinformative. In some cases, TTP researchers listened to or read machine-generated transcripts of episodes, to determine if the content was misinformative or to examine the content more closely. In total, TTP researchers examined over 70 hours of content via listening or transcript.

The final list of 401 episodes is not necessarily a comprehensive sample of Covid misinformation on Apple Podcasts. TTP largely focused on episodes that included evidence of misinformation in their title or description; podcasts that spread Covid misinformation but did not describe it in their title or description may have been left out. In addition, some podcasts appear to take down older episodes after a period of weeks or months, likely as a way to keep them exclusive to subscribers on another platform, meaning some misinformation-spreading episodes that reached an audience on Apple Podcasts are no longer available to count.

For the purposes of this report, "Covid misinformation" refers to information that is clearly false and misleading related to the novel coronavirus disease. Examples include assertions that the virus is not real, that masking is harmful to wearers, and that approved vaccines are exceptionally hazardous to recipients.

We did not include opinions about the social implications of some policy decisions, such as the argument that lockdowns were on balance bad for the public, nor did we include false statements about the disease that were the result of contemporary misunderstanding of the virus (e.g., a statement in February 2020 questioning whether Covid was airborne).