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From Uncontrollable Impulse to Criminal Spin?**

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"I was impressed frankly with the obsession of your prime minister, he called me thirty times, thirty times. He would call me at 3:00 o'clock in the morning and he would ask me what about the variants, what data we have, and I said, "Prime minister it's three o'clock...". He said, "No, no! don't worry, tell me." Or he would call me to ask about children, "I need to vaccinate the schools," or to ask about pregnant women. So, he convinced me frankly that he will be on top of it." (Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla, interview on Israeli TV, March 2021)

ABSTRACT: The Israeli People's Committee has uncovered a multitude of malfunctions and failures at the administrative, ethical and legal levels during the COVID-19 vaccination campaign at the beginning of 2021 in Israel. In this document, we aim at presenting and elaborating the main features of these malfunctions, which have led to severe damages in many Israelis in the short term, and sadly to possible future damages. It seems that the entire country got caught up in a medical-social chaos, where the leadership has enabled a situation of fear and uncertainty to run its course out of control, and even contributed to its further enhancement. But most of all, we cannot ignore severe suspicions shared by all the committee members, that the fundamental sin, which led to the chaos and its casualties, is the way in which two very powerful personages, prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Pfizer CEO Dr. Albert Bourla, agreed upon a massive vaccination campaign in Israel that is unprecedented in scale and nature. A vaccination campaign that lacks effective safeguards for public

safety, that is devoid of any concern for people who may be harmed by the vaccine, and that has allegedly guaranteed to encompass populations, for which the safety of the vaccine has not been tested (pregnant women and their fetuses), and later also children, for whom the need to be vaccinated is totally unclear, while pushing aside any safety considerations. From this exact episode, where both parties came to an agreement regarding the vaccination campaign, which involved a wide variety of ethical and safety violations, an unrestrained drama was initiated that has revealed itself to be impulsive, neglectful and reckless. The agreed upon vaccination campaign concerns matters of life and death, yet is being conducted in an amateurish, irresponsible and aggressive manner, and it led to the political arena taking over the medical arena and bending it to its needs, while paralyzing all alarm systems, monitoring measures and open scientific discussion. Unfortunately, most of the medical system collaborated with this unsupervised process, starting with the higher ranks, and ending with field doctors – some actively, some by keeping quiet from fear of reprisal.

PROLOGUE

The Israeli People's Committee is an independent and apolitical group of Israeli citizens, who vary in their worldviews and areas of expertise. Among us there are physicians, lawyers, scientists and researchers from a wide range of academic disciplines. The glue that binds us together is our deep concern with respect to the safety of the Israeli people and the fate of our country in view of the chaotic vortex, which was orchestrated by the Israeli leadership during the last year in the shadow of the corona crisis, and which the Israeli public finds itself trapped in. In the vacuum that was created due to the disintegration of all the systems of our country, we arrive at the understanding that the cure for all the (health, moral, social, economic) ills, which were brought by the spin of the irresponsible government's management of the corona crisis, must come from the people. We therefore banded together a few weeks ago and established The Israeli People's Committee in an attempt to initiate a process of investigation, exposure, change, correction and recovery, and with the hope to encourage many other Israeli citizens to follow us and join our self-healing journey.

It is only recently that our investigation has been underway, and we are interested here in reporting the public our initial findings and insights. Given the multitude of harms caused to the public during the COVID crisis, we had to prioritize the investigation topics and chose to focus first on the wrongs emerged during the COVID vaccination campaign in Israel that were piled on top of the already

painful distress that the Israeli population has suffered due to the policy of repeated lockdowns. This is based on our perception that taking care of these wrongs is top urgency. Our report is addressed not only to the Israeli public, but also to people all over the world. This is because of our impression that the whole world is looking at the Israeli vaccination campaign in envy. Since things seen from here are not seen from there, we find it important to explain to the people from around the world that there is no reason at all to envy us and also to warn them from similar events and their harmful consequences that may happen in their own countries. It should be noted that we don't take or present any stand regarding the COVID vaccine itself (as long as it is being distributed to the adult population). Rather, we raise many questions and concerns regarding the manner in which the vaccination campaign was conducted in Israel. Regarding the recent intent to vaccinate children, we do hold a strong clear opinion that will be presented later in this report.

Based on the information we have gathered from the public and many other sources, we were exposed to a wide range of severe wrongs caused to the public since the COVID vaccination campaign in Israel began. These wrongs are spread across all areas of life and are characterized, among other things, by total disregard for ethical codes and proper governance rules, ruining the foundation of democracy, and delivering a fatal blow to the Israeli social fabric. After analyzing the preliminary findings, as will be explained below, we believe there is reason for concern that the multitude of wrongs brought upon the Israeli public during the COVID vaccination campaign may be the consequence of a disorder known in psychology as "impulse control disorder."¹ In psychology, an impulse control disorder is defined as an unstoppable inner need of a person to perform a certain action even knowing it may harm oneself or others. Whilst impulses themselves are natural and even essential to human behavior, surely the absence of ability to control impulses makes it dangerous for the individual and his or her surroundings. This is because such uncontrollable impulses become the obsessive objective of a blind decision making process that lacks any reference to its potential negative implications. We wonder if all the decisions and procedures associated with the Israeli COVID vaccination campaign, including those that encompassed intrinsic disruption of acceptable (locally and globally) course of treatment and research, derive from an uncontrollable impulse to

¹ American Psychiatric Association. (2013). Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders (5th ed.). Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Publishing.

vaccinate the entire population of Israel overwhelmingly – an impulse shared by two entities, the Israeli leadership on one hand and the pharmaceutical industry on the other.

Is it possible that the state leaders of Israel suffer from an uncontrollable impulse to vaccinate the entire Israeli population, which arises from their need to be portrayed as the saviors of the people, in light of the accumulated stress from the ongoing erratic lockdown policy that was embraced as a failed attempt to deal with the COVID crisis?

Is it possible that also the pharmaceutical industry suffers a similar uncontrollable impulse, which stems from its need to accelerate the spread of its scientific development all over the globe, while using the Israeli population as the science lab of the world?

Is it possible that the convergence of the uncontrollable impulses of the two main players, who enabled the Israeli vaccination campaign, is the one that led to the spin of explicit violations of civil rights that we were exposed to during our investigation?

We believe that a positive answer to all these questions is not groundless. Furthermore, we are having trouble finding another satisfactory explanation to the irresponsible manner that the COVID vaccination campaign was performed in Israel, while exposing the Israeli public to many risks and in the process harming its fundamental human rights, as elaborated hereinafter.

VIOLATION OF MEDICAL ETHICS

IN SHORT: We find that the ethical defense systems, which were built in the medical world over hundreds of years, were dismantled in order to execute one and only impulse – to vaccinate the entire Israeli population as fast as possible.

The innovative Pfizer COVID vaccine was given to the Israeli citizens without receiving their informed consent and without giving them information about the vaccine's safety, potential risks, possible side effects, expected efficiency, and medical alternatives, whether conventional or otherwise. This is unlike the common practice in many other countries. Even in Italy, which was severely harmed by the COVID-19 virus, citizens who wish to be vaccinated are required to sign an informed consent form.² They sign it in front of two medical personnel after reading a document that is 14 pages long

² <https://cdn.onb.it/2020/12/all-1-Consenso.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2lE04ZjBHOiIOW5s0aBPEBAiYTPuoqbZq8x00Q0Y5kCq4enOaWy8GLxvM>

and receiving a detailed and clear explanation in simple language, which presents them with what is known about the vaccine and what is still unknown, the benefits, and the short-term and long-term risks, even though this procedure slows down the vaccination pace of the population. The same is true in the U.S. where citizens, who come to get vaccinated, receive four detailed forms loaded with information about the vaccine and its possible risks,³ and they are given a free choice without pressure or coercion to decide based on the information received whether to vaccinate or not, in accordance with the standard procedure in the medical world ever since. We cannot but wonder why this important procedure was waived in Israel, especially regarding an experimental vaccine that has not yet been approved or licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and has only been authorized for emergency use. It is hard to understand the impulse to urgently vaccinate the Israeli population without taking the necessary precautions while distributing a new medical treatment for extensive use in the population.

Review of the contract between Israel and Pfizer enhances our doubts. As part of the general lack of transparency that has characterized the government's handling of the COVID crisis, as reflected in the fact that all transcripts and records of government discussions on the COVID crisis are sealed for thirty years, the Israel-Pfizer contract regarding the vaccine presented to the public was also heavily redacted (including the contract's signature date and also page numbers). Yet, those parts of the contract, which were revealed to the public, indicate that the vaccination campaign is designed to provide Pfizer with data regarding the vaccine's efficiency. This is also implied by the words of both Israeli prime minister and Pfizer's CEO, according to which the state of Israel is the international testing lab for the experimental Pfizer vaccine towards its approval and for the sake of the world. This extensive medical experiment is being performed through violation of the Nuremberg Code, the Patient's Rights Law, the ministry of health's protocol for medical experiments in human subjects (protocol 14), and especially the protocol of informed consent for experiments in human subjects, and without pre-approval of the national Helsinki Committee on Human Rights.

Medical ethics are at the core of the medical profession, maintaining its trustworthiness, its commitment to the civil service, its lack of ulterior motives, and its reliance on universal principals designed to benefit human beings as safely as possible with transparency and out of responsibility to

³ <https://labeling.pfizer.com/ShowLabeling.aspx?id=14472>

the methodical use of knowledge and research tools. Most doctors adhere to medical ethics, which keeps them from losing their way, acting out of hubris, and involving ulterior motives in their work. Then, what is the explanation of the willingness of the heads of the health care system in Israel to give up these fundamental ethics and lead the Israeli population to an experimental medical intervention while ignoring the rules that are supposed to protect both the public and doctors? Were they defeated by a tremendous pressure that instilled them with confusion and recklessness and thus led them to make unethical decisions? Did the prime minister's uncontrollable impulse to present achievements in the eradication of the pandemic find a partner in the form of a weak health care system, which finds it difficult to steer the ship in rough waters and is in a desperate need of a lifeline, and for that is ready to agree to a hasty vaccination campaign that has dismantled all precautions and medical considerations related to such a procedure?

Whilst writing this report, the Israeli media announced the resignation of professor Eran Dolev, a member of the committee in charge of Israeli vaccination policy, who previously served as IDF chief medical officer and chair of the Ethics Bureau of the Medical Association. He resigned in protest after the rejection of his view regarding the necessity of informing pregnant women before vaccinating them that pregnant women were not enrolled in Pfizer's trial. The deeply troubling aspect of this news item is the fact that professor Dolev's insistence was not merely academic – it was an attempt to keep medical practice in the framework of ethics and law. We hereby ask professor Dolev to approach the public and add information regarding the decision-making processes and all the facts involved.

MISLEADING PROPAGANDA

IN SHORT: We shed light on an intensive communication campaign, which includes manipulative tools that influence human consciousness in an attempt to make people decide to vaccinate without thinking or hesitating, while generating panic and anxiety on one hand, alongside far-reaching promises on the other hand. All this in order to satisfy and execute the impulse to vaccinate the entire Israeli population, at any cost.

The way the Israeli vaccination campaign is being promoted raises our concern that it is contaminated from its outset and every step of the way with misleading the public and even deception with alleged criminal suspicion. The misleading began with the declaration of government officials and senior

officials of the ministry of health that the Pfizer COVID vaccine, being aggressively and coercively marketed to the Israeli citizens, was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The institutional system hides from the Israeli public the fact that the FDA authorized this product only for emergency use and it is not approved or licensed,⁴ and that the clinical trial process required to approve (or reject) the product is only expected to end in two years, February 2023.⁵ Time and time again, government officials and senior officials of the ministry of health repeat unequivocally and unhesitatingly the misleading declaration that the Pfizer COVID vaccine was authorized by the FDA, it is written as part of the official information presented by the ministry of health to the public in its website^{6,7,8,9} and also proudly written on the government propaganda signs to encourage vaccination against the coronavirus.^{10,11}

Furthermore, as part of the aggressive propaganda to encourage the Israeli public to vaccinate against the coronavirus, senior officials of the ministry of health declare firmly that the vaccine is safe and risk free, while knowing it is impossible to evaluate its safety before all clinical trial phases are completed. Some make these declarations while being in clear conflict of interest due to their financial ties with Pfizer and without proper disclosure to the public of these ties. And as if it is not enough, the ministry of health rushes pregnant women to vaccinate when declaring the vaccine is safe for them and their fetuses, although pregnant women were not enrolled in the Pfizer trial, and while health organizations all over the world are reluctant to recommend all pregnant women to

⁴ FDA. (2020). Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Letter of Authorization.
<https://www.fda.gov/media/144412/download>

⁵ Study to Describe the Safety, Tolerability, Immunogenicity, and Efficacy of RNA Vaccine Candidates Against COVID-19 in Healthy Individuals.
<https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04368728>

⁶ <https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/covid19-vaccine/covid19-vaccine-fqa/>

⁷ <https://corona.health.gov.il/directives/vaccine-for-covid/>

⁸ <https://www.gov.il/he/departments/news/fake-vaccine-approval>

⁹ <https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/covid19-vaccine/en-covid19-vaccine-faqs/>

¹⁰ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCXLYx5t00g&ab_channel=%D7%9C%D7%A4%D7%9E-%D7%9C%D7%A9%D7%9B%D7%AA%D7%94%D7%A4%D7%A8%D7%A1%D7%95%D7%9D%D7%94%D7%9E%D7%9E%D7%A9%D7%9C%D7%AA%D7%99%D7%AA

¹¹ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uTeuWf93A60&ab_channel=%D7%9E%D7%A9%D7%A8%D7%93%D7%94%D7%91%D7%A8%D7%99%D7%90%D7%95%D7%AA-MinistryofhealthIsrael

vaccinate^{12,13,14,15}. Considering the extreme uncertainties regarding the nature of the new virus and the new vaccine, which attempts to protect from it and was just recently developed and still was not gathered enough data about and is based on new technology never experimented on human, it is beyond our comprehension how our ministry of health can be so full of confidence about the vaccine's safety.

In their propaganda to encourage vaccination, the health system officials in charge of the public safety sadly have appeared more than once as salespeople trying their best to pitch their products, while exaggerating their advantages and intentionally hiding their downsides, and using any possible manipulation to influence the potential clients regardless of their true needs. The aggressive propaganda that the Israeli government chose to use to market an experimental vaccine, as if it was goods in the marketplace, raises vast concern in us. We fear that the opaque propaganda saturated with deception was designed to brainwash and form misperception among the public with the single purpose of getting all to vaccinate, since they might have not done so were it not for being subject to all these psychological manipulations.

Not only are the messages of the ministry of health during the vaccination campaign misleading and biased, but they also seem to suffer from inconsistencies and internal contradictions. Repeatedly, senior health officials are instilling false hopes in the citizens and urging them to hurry up and get vaccinated so that we can all return to a normal life. But, in practice, they continue to enforce mask wearing and social distancing and do not guarantee that immunization will prevent contagion – this

¹² World Health Organization policy recommendations for Pfizer vaccine:
<https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/who-can-take-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine?fbclid=IwAR2rZxflrkSMF0tJHE-h6ZWG9NvOiNSJSyXNgOoPZ7tXepcifSjEI9pONwY>

¹³ CDC recommendation regarding the vaccination of pregnant women:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/pregnancy.html?fbclid=IwAR2rZxflrkSMF0tJHE-h6ZWG9NvOiNSJSyXNgOoPZ7tXepcifSjEI9pONwY>

¹⁴ The recommendation of the UK ministry of health regarding the vaccination of pregnant women:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safety-of-covid-19-vaccines-when-given-in-pregnancy/the-safety-of-covid-19-vaccines-when-given-in-pregnancy?fbclid=IwAR0sKQAmZJuwHczzubvdilVrInAe3D2RvTYrJPpAjXwSGBmRZx1Brws17iM#:~:text=There%20is%20no%20known%20risk,not%20routinely%20have%20these%20vaccines>

¹⁵ Consent form of the Italian ministry of health stating not to vaccinate pregnant and breastfeeding women:
<https://cdn.onb.it/2020/12/all-1-Consenso.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2hUY6xmxTS35zPiCP-3HjxfjR2TmiodDvmUoJav1eZEXrzbVp996tQiwM>

on the pretext that there is not enough information as we are still in the course of study. However, if research is still ongoing and there is insufficient information on the safety and efficacy of the vaccine, then the vaccine cannot be promoted as safe and effective, and certainly citizens of the country cannot be forced to be vaccinated by threatening their fundamental rights and violating basic laws, using intimidation campaigns. Alternatively, if the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine are clear, then we wonder why the social distance policy continues, why all life systems do not return to full activity, and why it is necessary to adopt a policy of separation that means apartheid against the unvaccinated people. It is unclear to us why there are no clear reassuring messages from the government that those who have been vaccinated are indeed protected. Is it because the information about it is unknown? And if it is not known, how can one explain the great urgency of vaccinating the entire population in such a hasty and uncontrolled manner? Are the vaccine campaign leaders themselves confused and driven by motives that do not befit their historical role and its implications?

We should add that the campaign to encourage vaccination is based, to a large extent, on what is known in the public as "consciousness engineering". This includes the use of manipulative tools purport to brainwash and form misperception among the citizens in order to push them all to vaccinate. The manipulative tools in use are designed, on the one hand, to cause the people an extreme anxiety and a sensation that they have no choice, if they want to save their life, but to get vaccinated. On the other hand, they are directed to spread messages of blaming those who choose not to get vaccinated, as if they are traitors or egoists who harm the national effort to get out of the crisis. These manipulative messages, which are delivered by public figures as well as the vast majority of the media, permeated well the Israeli public and caused massive social, family and organizational pressure on people to be vaccinated, even against their will. We continuously receive reports of disputes in families, in workplaces and recreational places that derive directly from this misleading psychological messages.

It was particularly surprising and worrisome to find that doctors in the health care system, from the field level to the top of the pyramid, almost all without exception, also took part in the same misleading propaganda, without themselves being equipped with the medical knowledge necessary to recommend one treatment or another. There have been many reports of doctors encouraging, and even pressuring citizens to get vaccinated, and it seems they are guided by a systemic instruction that this is how every patient should be treated, regardless of almost any detail in his or her medical

history. There is no need to elaborate on how confusing such conduct is, dismantling public trust and crumbling very thinly the power of the medical system to operate among citizens. Here, too, we can recognize how an uncontrollable urge, in conjunction with systems that succumb to it overwhelmingly, can undo basic norms of public medical administration, lead to sweeping deception bordering on criminal behavior and lead an entire medical system to treat its patients compulsively and manipulatively, while significantly weakening the judgment and decision-making authority of doctors.

PERSECUTION, EXCLUSION, COERCION

IN SHORT: We point to the unrestrained use of a very "effective" means of increasing the response to the vaccination campaign – massive pressure that includes violating civil rights and denying freedom of expression, employment, recreation, motion and more. Allegedly this is an attempt to protect the vaccinated population, but in fact this is a tool with a fascist tone to weaken resistance and to push the entire Israeli population to be vaccinated, at any cost, even at the cost of destructing the democracy foundations and the social fabric in Israel.

The corona vaccine campaign in Israel, which has succeeded overwhelmingly due to the authorities' ongoing campaign of intimidation, quickly slipped from the use of solicitation and seduction to using a disproportionate steam roller and a variety of sanctions imposed on the public who chose not to be vaccinated. The sanctions imposed on the public that is not interested in the vaccine are manipulatively presented as incentives for the vaccinated public, as if a sanction imposed on one segment of the population is not the exact mirror image of an incentive given to the other segment of the population. The vaccination campaign is accompanied by unethical, and probably even illegal, restriction of the movement of people who do not want to be vaccinated and discrimination against them by promoting the controversial idea of the green passport. The sharp shift from the purple label policy (i.e., social distancing, limitation of number of people gather in close places, masks wearing) to the green label policy (i.e., selection between the vaccinated population and the unvaccinated population), which in one flick of the switch turned the entire unvaccinated population into a danger, without any substantiated medical justification for it and only because the others were vaccinated, was done under the guise of a concern for public health, but it gives the impression that it is a means to pressure citizens who do not wish to be vaccinated and a tool to force the vaccine on them,

unwillingly. The vaccination campaign seems to have become a kind of public relations campaign aimed at using a steam roller to vaccinate the general public, even populations that are not in risk groups, allegedly with the goal of protecting the at-risk population, even though most of it has been already vaccinated.

This steam roller is leveraged through the media, which seems to have forgotten its role as an important mechanism for inspecting and criticizing the government and as a platform for presenting a variety of opinions. With regard to the vaccination campaign, one gets the impression that the media has forsaken its role and acted to suppress any opinion that does not reconcile with the governmental narrative, and this in ways of silencing and even ridiculing, while becoming in fact the mouthpiece of the government. Voices that dare to claim the potential risks of such a vaccine, which has not yet been approved but only allowed for emergency use and is from a new technology that has not been adequately tested on humans, do not get media coverage or alternatively are defamed in the media and their arguments are categorized as false information (or “fake news”). People who choose not to get vaccinated are labeled in the media, with the encouragement of the authorities, as science deniers, gullible people who are fed on conspiracy theories, selfish vaccine refusers, disease spreaders, ticking bombs, and other such derogatory and pejorative labels. This incitement, which is based on an immoral stance that treats human beings as risk factors for their environment, has led to unethical and unconstitutional selection of people based on their vaccinated status, persecution and exclusion of the population segment that is not interested in getting the vaccine, and deepening division and schism among the people. All that, with the encouragement of the media and with the tacit support of the authorities.

The thunderous silence of the Israeli government officials is a fertile ground for various parties to take the law into their own hands and establish a medical apartheid regime in their private territory, without any constitutional grip, in complete contrast to all moral and human values, and without clear epidemiological or medical justification. In the Wild West atmosphere that has developed in Israel, there are reports of many thousands of employers firing workers, who have chosen not to be vaccinated, or making them pass through a gauntlet of humiliations, causing them shame and embarrassing them in front of other workers. Lawyers' hands are full to the brim with a huge amount of complaints about workers' rights violations popping up like mushrooms after the rain in almost every corner of the country. As a continuation of the same phenomenon spreading like wildfire,

businesses do not allow consumers who are not interested in the vaccine to enter their shops, cultural institutions prevent the entry of the unvaccinated, academic institutions exclude unvaccinated students from classes and campuses, local authorities ban educators from attending kindergartens and schools just because they choose not to be vaccinated, clinics and hospitals refuse to provide medical care to patients who are not vaccinated, and kibbutzim are fencing various territories within the kibbutz (including the kibbutz dining room) forbidding the kibbutz members who have not been vaccinated to enter. Even in the country's most symbolic melting pot – in the Israel Defense Forces – soldiers are discriminated against because of their vaccination status, to the point of separation and exclusion in the dining room, preventing them from continuing to serve in certain units and positions, and marking the uniforms of soldiers according to vaccination status. Moreover, organizations designed for protecting all this large public that suffers from illegal and unethical selection, such as workers' committees, consumer organizations, student unions and so on, do not fulfill their role and in many cases even cooperate with the civil wrongs. The split and polarization that pervaded the nation created rifts even within the family cell. As a result of the public mindset, many people are forced to be vaccinated not by their free choice but by coercion, which is a consequence of the fear of job loss, violation of freedom of movement and freedom to live a normal life, and social banishment.

We are troubled by the unbearable ease with which the initial processes of the formation of a discriminatory, fascist and violent society are taking place in our country these days, reminiscent of the social experiment described in the well-known book "The Wave" by Morton Rhue. This disturbing situation, to which an entire country finds itself, sounds taken from dystopian literature such as George Orwell's novel, 1984, or a reflection of the reality of life in totalitarian countries. It is hard not to be surprised that all this is happening here, in the State of Israel, that on the foundations of the painful history of the Jewish people etched in its flag ironclad rules to prevent such phenomena and protect individual liberties, as established both in statutory legislation and in the Declaration of Independence. There is no other country in the world that takes such improper coercive steps to accelerate the immunization of the population against the coronavirus, so we again wonder what is the meaning of this unusual and extreme conduct of the State of Israel in forcing vaccines and what is the hidden uncontrollable impulse behind it. As a post-traumatic nation, are we citizens also

complicit in putting ourselves in the role of the victim who recreates the trauma? And perhaps this is already our uncontrollable impulse as a nation?

SCIENTIFIC DISCOURSE CONTROL

IN SHORT: Our findings indicate that, for the purpose of realizing the compulsion to vaccinate the Israeli population at any cost, one of the most important systems in any country was sacrificed – the medical system. Like a virus that takes over a cell and makes it as its own until completely destroying it, so politics invaded the sanctity of the medical system and infiltrated it with a means of intimidation, paralysis of medical discretion, and silencing scientific discourse.

We are experiencing a growing phenomenon of active repression of doctors who express critical views regarding the vaccination campaign or show a reluctance to vaccinate themselves with the vaccine proposed by the Israeli government. This phenomenon, which in itself is a blunt violation of basic individual rights and the Patients' Rights Act, is accompanied by a demand for doctors and medical staff to be vaccinated, a requirement that goes as far as forcing vaccines on them, invading their privacy, and requiring them to report their vaccinated status. Some of the doctors and medical staff, who refused to be vaccinated, were fired, forced to take an unpaid leave, or removed from their positions. It should be noted that these actions are not taken only against doctors, but against all employees who come into contact with the general public, ostensibly in the name of protecting the general public. Doctors, who expressed a critical stance regarding the vaccine and / or the coercion policy and the green passport outline, received warning letters from the ministry of health and some were even targets of defamation campaigns in the media. This phenomenon of suppressing and silencing of doctors, whose positions are contrary to those of the establishment, is not new, though there is no doubt that it is gaining momentum and worsening today, with the entry of Pfizer vaccines into Israel.

A recent study by a team of researchers from Israel, which interviewed researchers (many of whom are well-known in their field) and doctors from various countries around the world, shows that they were subjected to efforts of repression, silencing and censorship.¹⁶ The repression tactics described

¹⁶ Elisha , E., Guetzkow , J., Shir-Raz , Y., & Ronel, N. (in process). Silencing the Scientific Discourse on Vaccines: Self-perceptions of Researchers and Practitioners Subjected to Censorship and Suppression of Dissent. Social Science and Medicine

by the study participants were similar, despite coming from different countries. Tactics described include negative publicity in the media, amounting to personal defamation against them, retraction of their scientific paper – that pointed to safety issues with a particular vaccine – after the paper was published in a medical journal, calls for dismissal (usually through anonymous letters sent to their employers), withholding funding for future research, detriment to their career and promotion, and in some cases a summons to a hearing by the health authorities, and even revocation / suspension of their medical license. This is despite the fact that they rely on established information about the conflicts of interest, manipulations, biases and deceptions of certain pharmaceutical companies, which led to many bodily and mental injuries, and their only sin was that they chose to act according to their conscience and bring the information to the public. These silencing and repression moves have many partners, and are driven by powerful groups with economic and political interests, which support each other in order to continue to control the current agenda – that is, governments, health authorities, pharmaceutical companies, and the mainstream media, with the latter now serving as spokespersons for these interested parties without examining things in depth as is required of journalists in democratic and free countries. This is a dangerous phenomenon that is a slippery slope towards harming the legitimacy of the world of science and medicine, public health, and public trust in science and medicine.

One of the measures taken by the authorities since the beginning of the corona crisis is a sweeping takeover of public discourse and the creation of a false representation of a scientific consensus. This, using the improper means mentioned above of ridiculing, silencing, and suppressing any attempt to express an opposing opinion or one that casts doubt on the official position. The vast majority of the media channels abandoned their traditional role defending democracy and even aligned themselves with the pseudo-consensus dictated from above, which is unscientific by virtue of being dictated. Many professionals and researchers have also joined this fictitious consensus, gaining the status of the beloved government officials, and turning them into celebrities, whose messages, even those that are clearly baseless, are frequently amplified by the various media channels. The authorities have created a system of rewards for the opinions desired by them, and on the other hand also a kind of modern inquisition that silences any opinion that is undesirable in their eyes, and which endangers the ruling consensus, which is not based at all on evidence. Moreover, as described above, the authorities even prevent obtaining scientific evidence that could jeopardize the consensus and

take measures to trample on anyone who dares to bring such evidence and argue scientifically against the pseudo-scientific consensus.

The powerful ability of the media to create a simulated dictated consensus has been well described in the theory of the spiral of silence,¹⁷ known in the academic literature in the field of communication. The mass media is the main source of reference for information about the distribution of opinions in society, and therefore about the climate of support or alternatively non-support for a particular position. According to the theory, which has been demonstrated in many studies, most people are anxious about a state of social and ideological isolation and are afraid to express themselves in an ideologically hostile environment. In light of these natural concerns, people activate a kind of semi-statistical sense, through which they subconsciously survey public opinion and the mood in society. Their assessment of the level of support for a particular opinion determines their degree of willingness to express their personal opinion openly. The prevailing tendency of most people is to match their expressed opinions to what they perceived as acceptable and agreed upon by the public. Individuals, who estimate that their opinion is different from the majority opinion, will usually refrain from expressing it in public. Since most persons do not want to be an exception, they will choose to remain silent or straighten a line and express an opinion that is consistent with what they perceive as the majority opinion. However, when the media aligns with the fictitious consensus dictated to them and also speaks in unison, this leads to a distortion of the distribution of opinions in society, and so the number of those who refrain from supporting an incompatible opinion increases and a spiral of ever-expanding silence is created. This phenomenon, researchers warn, poses a real danger to society and democracy, as the suppression of other voices, whether of the general public or of scientists, could make the distorted and invented or fabricated reality into a real reality. In the history of medicine, there are quite a few disasters that originated with good intentions.^{18,19} We citizens should therefore be wary of the consensus and its mouthpieces, especially when we see them coming

¹⁷ Noelle-Neumann, E. (1974). The Spiral of Silence: A Theory of Public Opinion. *Journal of Communication* 24(2): 43-51.

¹⁸ Gary W. Jay, Howard A. Heit & Douglas L. Gourlay (2019). When the Best of Intentions Leads to Bad Outcomes. *Pain and Therapy*, 8, 1–4(2019).

¹⁹ Ridings, J.E. (2013). The thalidomide disaster, lessons from the past. *Methods in Molecular Biology*, 947:575-86. doi: 10.1007/978-1-62703-131-8_36.

in bundles. Then, we must also use a degree of skepticism. After all, it is the public that will bear the health, social and economic burden.

Processes of suppressing academic deliberation, eliminating all disagreements, doubts, and scientific controversy, such as those we are witnessing are taking place around us these days, are typical of dark regimes and power-to-fascist tendencies that can in no way be related to genuine human welfare. The aggressive attempt to take over scientific-medical thinking and turn it into a kind of religion, which persecutes those who deny it, can only be explained by a situation where influential individuals and entities, local as well as external, which possess power and hold political and economic interests, are driven by an uncontrollable impulse to achieve certain results, at any cost and in any way that seems to fit. However, it is difficult not to wonder at the surrender of the medical system, with its guiding principles of ethics and academic freedom, to the compulsive desires of politicians and stakeholders in the pharmaceutical industry. It is sad to see how the medical system has bowed its head and allowed powerful entities to force it to relinquish its autonomy, violate ethical and moral codes, and serve as a tool in their hands. But once the medical system has agreed to this, it is not surprising that out of severe dissonance, and having given up its basic principles, it becomes a full collaborator of the one who raped it, and in terms of the victim who became an abuser, it chooses to abuse its employees and those unwilling to cooperate with this rape. It seems that an external uncontrollable impulse has taken over the medical system, and now it too, with an uncontrollable internal impulse of its own, seeks to subdue and alienate those who still remain firm in their free spirit and independent mind.

PARALYSIS OF MONITORING AND WARNING SYSTEMS

IN SHORT: We highlight one of the most disturbing manifestations of the uncontrollable urge to vaccinate an entire population at any cost – the paralysis of monitoring and warnings systems, which neutralizes the ability of the Israeli public (and the world) to get a true picture of the side effects of Pfizer' chemical preparation, unlike anything done worldwide. Or in other words, there is an ongoing attempt to massively disrupt the flow of factual information about adverse events following vaccination, without any considering of the heavy, local and global, price paid as a result.

While the prime minister of Israel and senior officials of the ministry of health are proud that Israel serves as a global model for the vaccination of an entire country and that Pfizer chose us to be the

experimental country thanks to the advanced technological systems of our HMOs (health maintenance organizations), the country systematically paralyzes and shuts off all alert systems that can identify adverse events that occur in close proximity to vaccinations and to warn about them. Systems for monitoring and warning of side effects and risks are a basic and critical condition for granting permission for mass use of any new medical preparation. Let alone the fact that such systems are necessary as part of a mass operation to provide treatment that is defined as experimental to millions of people, and even more so when this treatment is given to an entire country, while exerting heavy pressure and threatening the livelihoods and basic rights of citizens.

The paralysis of alarm systems is manifested primarily in the absence of a transparent system for reporting side effects. There are such reporting systems in the world, like the American system Vaccine Adverse Effect Reporting System (VAERS)²⁰ that is open to the general public to report any side effects that the patients themselves or their relatives have experienced shortly after using the medical preparation, and also allows them to read about the adverse events reported by others, in their own words. This, without any mediation by the health authority, so that all the reports are published, without the authority deciding what it considers to be related to the medical treatment and what is not. These systems also provide the public with various analyses of the reported data. In contrast to the practice in well administrated and managed Western countries, Israel does not have such a transparent system for reporting side effects, and therefore there is no orderly monitoring of side effects from the COVID vaccine, despite the choice to make the State of Israel a "laboratory of the world." The lack of information on possible side effects prevents the taking of appropriate measures to identify people at higher risk of developing such symptoms and to apply recommended risk reduction procedures.

With the start of the corona vaccine campaign in Israel, an online form was set up on the ministry of health's website, which allows the public to report side effects after the vaccine.²¹ However, the form is wholly insufficient, as it only allows selection from a closed and incomplete list that contains a small

²⁰ Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS).

<https://vaers.hhs.gov/esub/index.jsp>

<https://wonder.cdc.gov/controller/datarequest/D8;jsessionid=10F9DD130D183F4BEE1ECE0C4711>

²¹ Ministry of health (2021). Reporting of side effects that manifested soon after a corona vaccine.

<https://govextra.gov.il/ministry-of-health/care-covid19/daily-reports/>

number of superficial side effects, while description of any other side effect not included in the list is limited to 25 characters only. The form does not allow for the reporter to leave their name and contact information for any potential follow-up by the ministry. Not only does the poor structure of the form make the report useless, but the report from this form reaches the ministry of health solely and is not as transparently publicized as in the US VAERS system. In other words, the reports are poured into a black hole, where no one but the ministry of health officials know what is in it, and the ministry of health alone can decide which of these reports the public will get to see and which not. The ministry of health's reporting form appears to be a throwing sand in the eyes of the public, in order to deceive the citizens, making them believe there is a reporting system, when in practice it is only an apparent reporting system that does not allow effective follow-up and monitoring of vaccine side effects.

Moreover, there seems to be no monitoring and tracking of even the most vulnerable populations, such as pregnant women and the elderly. While in the US, a CDC position paper makes it clear that the CDC and the FDA have initiated specific systems for tracking and monitoring pregnant women who end up receiving the vaccine,²² in stark contrast it turns out that in Israel, even for this sensitive population, there is no monitoring system that will make it possible to track side effects, pregnancy status, fetal status, and the baby's condition after birth. According to the ministry of health's response to a question sent to it by the Freedom of Information Movement, the ministry does not have data on the number of pregnant women who received the Pfizer vaccine.²³ If the ministry does not even have data on the number of pregnant women who have been vaccinated, then it is quite clear that it does not have any data on their condition. This is despite the fact that Israel is the only country in the world that proactively and comprehensively recommends that all pregnant women be vaccinated, and even pressures them to do so by applying the green passport policy. And of course, since the HMO's medical and COVID vaccination records are digitized, the tracking of the health of

²² Information about COVID-19 Vaccines for People who Are Pregnant or Breastfeeding.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/pregnancy.html?fbclid=IwAR1zV8likSeCyMxhrE5vCaqrmULeV_1LWZ_Wq8OAGyzAg_rhuRUm_1yTnGW4

²³ The Freedom of Information Movement. (2021). Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act - Vaccination of pregnant women against the corona virus.

https://www.meida.org.il/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Pregnant-women-with-corona-converted1.pdf?fbclid=IwAR17sPgM7XJfpQRDIoHKvhRuuHg8ufznE-Sj851mpDLZ3hrcF5n6_VyL6k

pregnant women who were vaccinated is well within the capabilities of the health authorities. As for the elderly, the situation is even worse. As part of the national "Shield of Fathers and Mothers" (in Hebrew – "Magen Avot Ve Imahot") program, an official reporting system was activated beginning in April 2020, which published detailed reports on an almost daily basis on cases of corona outbreaks in nursing homes, hospitalizations and mortality. Surprisingly, on December 29, 2020, of all days, the day the vaccination campaign began in nursing homes, the publication of the detailed reports was halted abruptly, and in fact since then no more reports have been made public regarding outbreaks, hospitalizations or deaths in the nursing homes. Although the "Shield of Fathers and Mothers" website publishes a presentation every few days, which ostensibly purports to present the current situation, it does not contain any data on outbreaks, hospitalizations and mortality in nursing homes.²⁴

Many people report to us that doctors rule out, in one fell swoop, the possibility that various side effects are related to the vaccine. We have received reports of hundreds of vaccine victims coming to hospitals since vaccinations began, many of them with severe side effects, but hospitals refuse to recognize the link between vaccinations and side effects, although most applicants experienced the side effects in close proximity to the first or second vaccine, and most experienced new side effects that were not known before. In addition, from many reports we have received, in some cases the ministry of health itself has contacted families, whose loved ones have died in close proximity after the vaccine, and urged them not to report it. Statements that no person in Israel dies from the vaccine, but only with the vaccine, are heard from senior health officials (Prof. Galia Rahav, March 2021),²⁵ while there is information about hundreds of people in Israel who died very soon after receiving the vaccine, and also in the world there are reports of approximately 1:30,000-40,000 deaths after the vaccine. This conduct of the ministry of health stands in stark contrast to the accepted medical codes according to which, unless proven otherwise, deaths and serious illness caused after receiving any medical treatment should be attributed to the treatment itself.

²⁴ Magen Avot Ve Imahot - Current situation
<https://govextra.gov.il/minis.../care-covid19/daily-reports/>

²⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/1154000821406625/videos/456037805598468>

Physicians' helplessness in treating side effects from the vaccine is probably due to a complete lack of appropriate guidelines on the part of senior health care administrators, which is negligent at best or intentional at worst. In particular, we were informed of a document²⁶ published by the ministry of health to the district physicians on February 2, 2021, which details a long list of 29 serious diagnoses (including antibody-dependent enhancement (ADE), stroke, acute myocardial infarction, acute encephalitis, meningitis, pericarditis, myelitis, coagulopathy, acute kidney injury, acute liver injury, acute respiratory distress syndrome, multisystem inflammatory syndrome in children, and so on and so forth more severe diagnoses) for the purpose of reporting symptoms close to the COVID vaccine. However, surprisingly this important document was not distributed to field doctors. Testimonies from doctors, which have been brought to us, indicate that there is no directive from the ministry of health for doctors to check the connection between the vaccine and side effects that appear close in proximity to vaccination. The impression obtained from the evidence is that doctors do not have an orderly system for monitoring and reporting side effects due to the vaccine. The reporting process is not simple, and many doctors do not know how to report at all. Therefore, the reporting rates by physicians are low, and they tend to report only in exceptional cases. Moreover, even when physicians report the side effect they encounter through the online form, these reports are not made publicly transparent or even accessible to the physicians themselves. Not only does the ministry of health not instruct doctors to monitor and report the side effects from the vaccine, we have heard from several doctors' testimonies that the ministry of health forbids them from recommending or giving approval not to vaccinate or to postpone the vaccine. They are obliged to recommend the vaccine in all cases, regardless of the medical situation or history of their patients.

The ministry of health has never launched an orderly campaign that encourages the public to report and update on side effects of the vaccine. The lack of such a campaign is especially noticeable in the context of the intense campaign regarding the need to get vaccinated, which includes intimidation on the one hand, alongside far-reaching promises on the other. Thus a culture of fear was built among the public not only around the virus itself but also around the permission and the right to find out and report side effects from the vaccine. This has led to an unprecedented flood of many thousands of reports through social media, which seem to be the only platform where people are still allowed

²⁶ Reference 113342221.

to tell what really happened to them. We wonder how such a widespread phenomenon does not receive any media coverage or any reference from public figures. And just to give a simple and clear illustration, one example of many thousands, of a message published on social media: "I heard about a woman in a kibbutz ... who was taken really by force, against her will, to get vaccinated. Four days later she started crashing. She is hospitalized in Soroka [hospital]. Not able to talk or move, receiving an infusion...monstrous headaches, they found two narrowing blood vessels ... vomiting a lot ... sweating a lot ... shaking ... Before the vaccination she was a very energetic and very happy woman." And here is another example of many kinds, and this time it is a transcript of a recorded message from an employee at the Maccabi HMO emergency center: "I am joining the list of atrocities. I myself work at the Maccabi emergency center. Hundreds, hundreds of patients arrive after the first or second vaccination with arrhythmias, with terrible pain in the chest, with pulses reaching the sky, and many other "blessings", and everything-everything is from the vaccine. The doctors no longer relate to it. They say it is a side effect, it will pass, it is only a side effect. I myself observed a 32 years old woman who came to the emergency center with a kind of a mini-heart attack. She was sent to the E.R. for inquiry. Her ECG was not in order. Another one, a 17-year-old boy who arrived with palpitations, two days after the vaccination. He was sent to the E.R. Nobody talks about it. The media is all about mobilizing the masses to get vaccinated." Needless to say, we assume, how much the tendency to deny, hide and ignore the plight of people, who are caught up in side effects statistics, intensifies human distress and their sense of chaos and anxiety, and certainly does not assist in the recovery process from the crisis (but perhaps quite the opposite).

We publish our interim conclusions report with the ministry of health data in the background, according to which there has been a sharp increase in overall mortality data in Israel since the start of the vaccination with Pfizer. This unfortunate fact is not enough for the ministry of health to stop the vaccination move immediately and perform an in-depth examination, as required, or at least bring things to an open public discussion. Examining mortality data released by the ministry of health in January-February 2021 compared to January-February 2020 raised the committee's suspicion that the lack of proper reporting keeps secret "under the radar" the true data that could thwart Pfizer's research. According to the overall mortality data in Israel, in January-February 2020 there were 8540 deaths recorded, while in the corresponding months in 2021 there were 9813 deaths recorded – an increase of 15%. A comparison of the number of deaths recorded in January-February 2021 to the bi-

monthly average number of 8120 deaths recorded in 2020 reflects an even steeper increase of 21%. In the absence of an examination of the connection between the deaths and the vaccine, can it be ruled out that it was the vaccine that led to the excess deaths of 1,693 people?

We cannot help but ask ourselves whether executing a mass vaccination operation defined as experimental in an entire country, in the complete absence of professional and acceptable infrastructure for monitoring and reporting side effects, is an extreme systemic negligence of the ministry of health or worse – an act of deliberate concealment, whose aim is to actually assist Pfizer in avoiding the obligation to report to the FDA any unusual reactions within a month of the vaccine, whether or not it is ascribed to the vaccine. One way or another, such moves have crucial implications for the place and form of medical ethics, apparently sacrificed on the altar of the vaccination campaign, and they might lead to an irreparable disintegration of public confidence in medicine. Worst of all, allegedly there is a suspicion of criminal activity in these processes, as well as – in a much more far-reaching way – a major concern over a blatant bias in the results of the vaccine study, which is currently taking place in Israel, and may soon provide the whole world with a dilapidated and misleading information base regarding the vaccine's efficacy and, especially, safety.

WHY SHOULD CHILDREN BE VACCINATED?

A VERY GOOD AND FRIGHTENING QUESTION. WE ARE ASKING TOO.

IN SHORT: Under an uncontrollable and unbridled urge, which loses any logical consideration and connection with the public, which completely ignores the overt and known dangers, some people seek to sacrifice children on the altar of an unsubstantiated scientific idea, and inject them with an experimental vaccine for a phenomenon from which they are virtually unharmed. We believe that this is perhaps the most prominent and difficult-to-digest evidence to what an uncontrollable impulse can lead to if there are no proper means of control to inhibit it, systemically and publicly.

At the time of writing, senior Israeli health officials are voicing their intention to extend the vaccination campaign to children, despite recent statements about curbing the epidemic due to what the government calls the "success of the vaccination campaign." Contrary to our neutral position regarding the corona vaccine in the adult population, when it comes to the child population, we present a clear position that strongly opposes the course of giving corona vaccines to children. Even before we justify our position and delve deeper into the question of the feasibility and safety of such

a move, which is completely unprecedented from a global point of view and from a historical perspective, we note that the announcements of the authorities, with respect to the expansion of the corona vaccine campaign for children, join a long line of messages to the public that provoke mainly anxiety, confusion, uncertainty, and even damage to the trust that citizens have towards the ministry of health.

It is incomprehensible how the ministry of health conceives the possibility of vaccinating the child population in Israel against COVID-19, when no study has ever been done examining the safety of the vaccine in children and the appropriate doses of vaccine to be given to children, and while all health organizations around the world are reluctant to recommend vaccinating children.^{27,28} What's more, the need to give corona vaccine to children is not at all understandable, since children are not affected significantly by the coronavirus according to all the information published in the world in the past year. They are not at risk from this virus, and if they are infected then in the vast majority of cases it is an asymptomatic course or a mild illness from which recovery is full and speedy. The heads of the health system do not deny these data, but claim that the achievement of "herd immunity" in Israel requires vaccinating 90% of the population, and therefore there is no way to avoid vaccinating children.²⁹

The approach presented by the ministry of health, regarding the need to provide corona vaccines to children, tries to turn an exceptional and controversial medical conception into a policy. This approach, which is rooted in the unprecedented notion of trying to achieve herd immunity via vaccination, completely ignores the fact that herd immunity is usually achieved due to natural infection of a sufficient number of people, and by the subsequent immune system's reaction against it, which increases the level of immunity in the public above the threshold needed to prevent the virus from further spreading in the population. This idea of a "medical herd immunity" is an

²⁷ FDA. (2020). Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine. Letter of Authorization.
<https://www.fda.gov/media/144412/download>

²⁸ World Health Organization policy recommendations regarding the Pfizer vaccine:
<https://www.who.int/news-room/feature-stories/detail/who-can-take-the-pfizer-biontech-covid-19-vaccine?fbclid=IwAR2rZxflrkSMF0tJHE-h6ZWG9NvOiNSJSyxNgOoPZ7tXepcifSJEI9pONwY>

²⁹ Efrati, I. (2021). Israel Faces Next Major COVI Challenge: Vaccinating 600,000 Teens Under 16.
<https://www.haaretz.com/israel-news/israel-faces-its-next-major-covid-challenge-vaccinating-600-000-teens-1.9629261>

expression of a worldview, according to which the natural immune system must be equipped with external technological tools, on a regular basis, in order for it to be able to deal with the virus in question. This is a controversial idea, which has prompted scientific critiques, and in particular we have received opinions from experts who claim that such a medical intervention may actually weaken the natural immune system on the long run and make it less effective.

Moreover, and as noted above, the evidence in Israel and around the world points to a long list of adverse events, some of which are even life-threatening or cause significant morbidity, which appeared soon after receiving the vaccine, including in healthy young adults and adolescents. So the idea of vaccinating children against a disease that does not endanger them at all, bypasses natural herd immunity mechanisms, at the cost of taking the terrible and inconceivable risk of exposing children to mild to severe side effects that may even endanger their lives, is both unnecessary and unacceptable. If we extrapolate from global post-vaccination mortality data among the adult population to children in Israel, then we are talking about approximately one hundred children who – God forbid – are likely to die as a result of the vaccine and thousands of children who are going to suffer from side effects that will severely harm their health and quality of life.

The mind cannot tolerate the possibility that this is the kind of move that seeks, from a scientific model whose evidentiary ground is unclear, to sacrifice children on the altar of a moot idea of herd immunity achieved through medical means, without which we would seemingly never exit from the corona crisis. We are astonished by the manipulative messages of the ministry of health, which instill in parents in the State of Israel the sensation that they are allegedly compelled to vaccinate their children, otherwise the journey of isolations and restrictions will never end, irresponsibly ignoring the enormous risks to the safety of children. At the same time, many other countries, with a lower immunization rate than in Israel, have already emerged from the perception of the pandemic or from the need for heavy restrictions and prohibitions. We see in recent messages from the “breeding ground” of the Israeli health system, such as the ministry of health's advertisement that your sweet child might kill a neighbor or statements by medical experts that unvaccinated children are a ticking time bomb (Prof. Yehuda Adler, March 2021),³⁰ wild incitement against children that the mind cannot bear. In every society in the world, from the enlightened to the most tribal, except in exceptional and

³⁰ <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7YmsuaRlfw>

esoteric cases, the natural rule of life and evolution is that everything must be done to protect children first and foremost and ensure their safety, sometimes protecting children at the expense of putting the adult population at risk, if necessary, and never vice versa. We ask ourselves how it is that we have reached a point where the idea of evolutionary reversal is perceived as legitimate.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY OF A FAMILY PHYSICIAN – DR. GALIT ZAPLER NAOR (COMMITTEE MEMBER)

IN SHORT: Things seen from here are not seen from there...

For about a year now I have been trying to understand the new reality created here in the wake of the corona crisis. I research, read and try to understand the motives and considerations behind the leadership's decisions. Over and over, I am surprised by the guidelines that I perceive as lacking any medical or epidemiological logic.

The whole Crisis Management Guidelines for dealing with a pandemic in Israel were completely abandoned, and have been replaced by frantic and irresponsible conduct, ostensibly in the name of protecting the elderly population. During the year, guidelines were received to reduce medical visits to monitor the elderly population, to keep the grandchildren away from grandmothers and grandfathers, to cancel seniors' stay in day clubs and for seniors to avoid leaving home, which caused many to deteriorate into heavy feelings of despair and depression, with severe damage to their vitality, cognitive ability, functional and emotional state. In hospitals, there was a greater tendency to release patients to their homes from the emergency room and from the hospitals, even before the completion of their recovery process and before family members and the medical community system could organize or prepare for their return. The burden on the family members increased, as some of the caregivers were forbidden to enter the elderly homes. Expensive manpower and enormous financial resources have been diverted from treating patients to dealing with tens of thousands of asymptomatic corona-verified, who do not need treatment at all.

The guidelines we as physicians receive with respect to the criteria for performing corona tests and regarding the treatment of corona patients are confusing, full of contradictions, and mostly are changed every now and then, and there is no way to follow them. It is not clear to me what has been done with my reports of significant medical events after the vaccine. For sure, they do not appear in the reports of side effects at the ministry of health website. In the resulting vacuum, the knowledge about the side effects of the vaccine is spread by word of mouth on social media instead of reaching

the medical community in an orderly manner. We doctors are not instructed to report side effects from the vaccine and neither are we getting updates on possible side effects. There is no simple system for reporting side effects from the vaccine, and many doctors and patients do not know how to report them. As far as I'm concerned, the ministry of health, which is in charge of maintaining public health, does not perform its role of protecting the public and controlling medical preparations and balancing all the necessary components of health and well-being in the broadest and holistic sense.

Having said all this, it is important for me to mention the medical caregivers in the field – the doctors, nurses, social workers, physical therapists, occupational therapists, nutritionists, communication clinicians, and the clerical staff. All of them did their best and beyond to provide the patients with answers and access to medical service, equipment and medicines. My direct medical managers have devoted a lot of time and thought to keep an eye on the medical staff, thinking of solutions and providing a response for patients and medical staff alike, amid this difficult storm.

EPILOGUE

In light of all the data and evidence we have been exposed to, so far, as detailed above, we have arrived at the conclusion that the uncontrollable impulse of the state leadership, on the one hand, and the pharmaceutical industry, on the other, to vaccinate the entire Israeli population, led to a process of spin, which might be criminal and is certainly unethical. This is a spin that has exposed Israeli citizens to significant risks, imposed civil wrongs that have affected all spheres of life, and also substantially damaged the foundations of democracy and the social texture of Israel.

The term "criminal spin," which in our opinion best describes the storm in which we have found ourselves in Israel in the shadow of the corona crisis, is drawn from the literature in criminology.^{31,32} It is a term that describes the process of development of a behavior that is considered criminal. The spin process begins with all those marginal behaviors that are commonly seen as innocent, not too harmful, lacking malice aforethought. But as time passes, little by little, one behavior leads to another, one crisis chases another crisis, a reaction produces a counter-reaction, and another one,

³¹ Bensimo, M., and Ronel, N. (2012). The flywheel effect of intimate partner violence: A victim – perpetrator interactive spin. *Aggression and Violent Behavior* 17: 423-429.

³² Ronel, N. (2010) From a criminal spin unto positive criminology. *Galileo* 140:44-49.

so that a process of erosion and escalation is generated, culminating in a spin of ever-intensifying criminal behavior. At its peak, the split gets to the point of loss of control, both of the one, who is at the center of the spin and responsible for its occurrence, and of those around him. Many times the sense of capability of the one, who generated the criminal spin, gets amplified over time, growing from one action to the next, until it crystallizes into an omnipotent feeling, leading to unbridled and unstoppable behavior that considers all means as fit for achieving the goal. At the same time, the creator of the spin gradually loses the ability to see the other, to take care of the other, and to experience empathy. As the criminal spin process progresses, the feelings of threat and danger intensify in the person, who is responsible for its occurrence, and these in turn create a sense of existential necessity to carry out actions that harm the surroundings out of self-defense. Sadly, it is not only the perpetrator who drives the criminal spinning process, but the victims too often make a crucial contribution to enhancing the criminal spinning, as the victims tend to be blown away by the erroneous illusion that they can free themselves from the perpetrator's control if only they satisfy the perpetrator's desires and yearnings. Thereby, the victims assist the perpetrator, in a paradoxical way, to tighten even more the control over them. The phenomenon of criminal spin exists also among groups, organizations, society or even the entire culture. A criminal spin among an entire society is sometimes exacerbated by the creation of a false, pseudo-scientific, consensus that drags into the spin individuals in society who do not have access to other evidence and information sources. Criminologists argue that spin elements, such as those described above, can be found in the vast majority of criminal behaviors.

Already in our initial stages of inquiry, and with the assistance of criminology experts who are members of our committee, we have had the fear that the chaotic and gloomy turmoil we encountered in Israel with the background of the corona crisis, is characterized, unfortunately, by many similarities to the phenomena of criminal spin. This initial apprehension has been intensified as our investigative processes deepened. We get the sad impression that perhaps the citizens of Israel were trapped as victims in a whirlwind that can be viewed as an allegorical representation of a criminal spin triggered by the uncontrollable impulse to vaccinate them, an impulse that is shared by the Israeli government and the pharmaceutical industry. If our hypothesis is true about the resemblance of contemporary reality in the State of Israel to the phenomenon of criminal spin, then the citizens of the country regretfully and sadly have been contributing their share to intensifying the

spin, in which they were caught through no fault of their own. In false hope of escaping the whirlwind, their submissive behavior ironically accelerates the intensity of the whirlwind and leverages it, as it allows the government to increase its grip and control over the citizens and degrade their situation to a new low again and again. This spin, into which the Israeli public finds itself caught up in, is accelerated even more and becomes a real vortex through the spiral of silence created by the media's collaboration with the dictated pseudo-consensus – a vortex that feeds itself and intensifies, swallowing all the criticisms and warnings of professionals, doctors, scientists, lawyers and concerned citizens.

The spin, in which we – the people of Israel – are trapped in, has led to the disintegration of all the systems of the country, whose role is to protect and serve the citizens. In the resulting vacuum, in which the citizens of the country are forced to work out for themselves, slowly began to seep into the public the understanding that the cure for all the (health, moral, social, economic) ills, which were brought by the spin of the corona, must arrive from the people. It is therefore not surprising that more and more initiatives have begun appearing all of a sudden, developed by the public and aimed at helping the public.

As part of our investigation, we have sought to uncover the reasons for the spin we encountered, with the intention of initiating a process of exposure, change, correction and recovery. All the findings that have accumulated so far from our investigative processes indicate the urgency, not to mention the immediacy, of our public struggle, and that of other groups coming from the Israeli public, to stop the spin and return the lives of the people of Israel to sanity. We are working to deepen the processes of investigation and exposure, while continuing a determined struggle on all fronts. We promise to update you regularly on all our findings and the fruits of our activity.

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