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Trace Amounts: Robert F Kennedy Jr No Anti-Vaccers

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Robert Kennedy Jr. was here in Sacramento last Tuesday evening April 7th, 2015 to address a sold out screening of “[Trace Amounts](#)” and a signing of his most recent book “[Let the Science Speak](#)” at the [Crest Theatre](#) sponsored by the [California Grange](#). The event took place on the eve of the introduction of [SB 277](#), State Senator Pan’s controversial vaccination bill that would eliminate the exemption from immunization based upon personal beliefs. [Laura Hayes](#) co-founder of the UC Davis Mind Institute in Sacramento spoke out against the bill as an active member on behalf of [Families for Early Autism Treatment](#) the next day referring to the intent of the bill [here](#) as playing medical Russian roulette.

Pan’s [SB 277](#) just passed the house committee yesterday April 10, 2015. Pan rebuked Kennedy over twitter and face book accounts, “It’s sad to see Robert F. Kennedy Jr. attach his great name to dangerous nonsense.” Yet both Kennedy and Gladen make it clear neither are anti-vaccine. Kennedy has said that, “Although I am fiercely pro-vaccine, and had all six of my children vaccinated, I oppose current efforts to remove or restrict existing exemptions. We can’t solve a credibility problem by forcing immunizations without informed consent.” Gladen’s [documentary](#) reiterates the same upon opening, “It is important to emphasize the focus of the film is not on vaccines.....it is focused on the mercury-based antiseptic preservative thimerosal which plays no role in making vaccines effective....and contrary to popular belief it remains in vaccines given to children and pregnant women.”



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Vaccines can be made without thimerosal as Republican Robert Burton determined from congressional hearings for single vial shots and as San Jose Family Examiner Kellie Tunbridge has documented. Democrat Henry Waxman has also held hearings.

As for Pan's position stated in an interview with the Bee that autism rates have continued to rise even though we are not using thymiserol in vaccines for children, Gladen documents that the Denmark Study Pan may have been referring to did show an increase in autism rates after thimerosal was taken out of their vaccines, but only because the authors changed their diagnosis methods to now include those diagnosed outside of the hospitals and over time the count of autism victims has gone down.

Per the [Crest event](#) as uploaded [here](#), Kennedy points out there are details and counter arguments the mainstream media will not report most likely because of the large percentage of advertising revenues the pharmaceutical companies pay to advertise on major network news he says.

Both Kennedy and Gladden announced their plans to attend meetings while in town and also to speak at a [rally](#) at the Capitol protesting Pan's [SB 277](#) the next day. They noted that autism jumped significantly in 1989 when the CDC changed the number of immunizations on the vaccination schedule for infants.

Prior to this date, the frequencies of autism were one in ten thousand until after the year "Rain Man" was created in 1988. The statistics laid out at the beginning of the documentary were as follows:

1930 -1989 1 in 10,000

1998 1 in 500

2000 1 in 250

2004 1 in 166

2007 1 in 150

2009 1 in 110

2012 1 in 88

2014 1 in 68 This is one million 1,000000 children in the US diagnosed with autism.

"[Trace Amounts](#)" provides a detailed time line of cover-ups, conflicts of interests, pay offs and depositions from whistleblowers inside Eli Lilly, the American Pediatric Institute (APA), Federal Drug Administration (FDA), and Center for disease control (CDC). Gladen proposes for example that the CDC has known well since 1999 from their own studies that thimerosal causes autism. Another example of included how in 1948 there were so many complaints

that the AMA put together a Blue Ribbon panel with Dr. Frank Engley on the committee in 1940s-1950's whose studies concluded thimerosal is not effective as a preservative and extremely neurotoxic, yet Eli Lilly did nothing.

“ Interviewed for *Trace Amounts*, Engley said the findings of the panel were that “thimerosal was toxic down to nannograms, or ppm -which was unbelievable, and published in the *American Journal Medical Society* and *New York Academy of Sciences*, and *Journal of Manufacturing Society* but the study did not make a wave, but that no one seemed to care.”

The EPA classifies mercury at 200 parts per billion in drinking water as hazardous waste, yet the concentration of mercury in most vaccines containing thimerosal is 50,000 ppb. An extensive overview on this topic alone features an Italian 2012 study showing the mercury form ethylmercury found in thimerosal was 50 times more toxic than methyl mercury- from eating fish. The body does not absorb all of organic mercury- when you eat fish, however when you receive an injection, its 100 times the absorption.

Researchers interviewed say there are over 100s of thousands of published papers showing direct links between thimerosal and autism. Those who refute the findings say there are simply more autism diagnoses while opponents ask if that is true, where are all the 30 year old autistic patients?

Before dismissing these allegations, the documentary also pin points the federal guidelines for mercury toxicity thresholds while having performed the calculations showing how when the CDC changed the vaccination schedules in 1989 clearly overrode these limits. Kennedy counseled the Crest attendees these meetings the CDC were having wasn't like they really

cared about the efficacy of their purpose and cause as healers but that it was all business and sales known as agency capture (34 minutes in).

As an environmentalist, Kennedy reminded the audience that mercury is the second most lethal toxic element next to lead. Scientists in the documentary too noted that ethyl mercury is 50 more times more potent than methyl mercury, the organic form found in fish. These scientists balk at this CDC directive as they note while the government agency tells pregnant women not to eat fish due to mercury poisoning, then do recommend getting a flu shot with ethyl mercury in it that travels much more quickly to the brain where it lodges with 50 times faster toxicity. Thirty minutes into the documentary Dr. Stephanie Cave shows how the symptoms caused from mercury poisoning can be matched almost line by line to those with the symptoms of autism.

Gladden concludes that thimerosal is simply the least expensive way to manufacture vaccines and that there may be a susceptible subgroup as former NIH direct Dr. Bernadine Healy is on record as the Former Director of the National Institutes of Health as saying, " I think public health officials may have been too quick to discuss the hypothesis as irrational. There may be the susceptible group."

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