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## A Dr. I think you will like.

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Hello Harold,

In looking into Dr. Nancy Turner Banks, she reiterates anti-vaccine propaganda that I've heard from many other charlatans in this space. They make outrageous statements based on very flimsy or nonexistent evidence – usually suggesting causality without sufficient evidence or claiming insufficient evidence when there is scientific consensus and overwhelming evidence. Unsurprisingly, she also believes that AIDS is not caused by HIV, when there has been overwhelming evidence that HIV causes AIDS –thousands or tens of thousands of studies. People like her are hired on by AIDS denial and vaccine denial organizations. This works well if she has a degree from a place like Harvard medical school, so people don't question her and believe her without looking into what she is saying.

Important to note that she does not have infectious disease training and it sounds like she has basic molecular biology knowledge which one would expect from a one to two years of undergraduate school in molecular biology or chemistry nowadays. She even spreads misinformation about mercury in vaccines. This is very common talking point that anti-vaxxers use to shock listeners who don't understand the pharmacology. The studies that she pulls from are old, error ridden, or have been refuted. I've included sources below to resolve some of those false claims.

I think she genuinely believes this nonsense is the problem. Climate change-denialists use or the tobacco industry use similar tactics. She even pushed anti-LGBTQ sentiments by writing off pro-LGBTQ messaging and representation as social engineering on our children. She goes in a hundred different directions in the video and makes plenty of logical leaps. She reminds me of some of my friends who share similar beliefs, yet don't have any scientific training. Unfortunate, that this industry has started recruiting people with medical training to spread misunderstanding for their own gains. It's awful because she may convince some HIV patients who are actually living with the disease of such claims and lead them to get off ART, lead them to refuse important vaccines, or lead them to distrust the medical establishment as a whole – leading to poorer health outcomes. Very saddening, yet we must persevere.

Here are some relevant sources that clear up some of the misinformation she spread:

- HIV risk of transmission by exposure act based on a systematic review from 15 articles (including 3 other meta-analyses): <https://www.cdc.gov/hiv/risk/estimates/riskbehaviors.html>
- Blog post that breaks down her absurd 'AIDS, Opioid, Diamonds, and Empire' book: <http://denyingaids.blogspot.com/2013/03/conspiracy-theories-aids-denialism.html>
- On truth of mercury in vaccines: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccinesafety/concerns/thimerosal/index.html>
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/patient-ed/conversations/downloads/vacsafe-thimerosal-color-office.pdf>
- On vaccine myths:

- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5789217/>
- Impact that vaccines have had on the world:
  - [https://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/infographics/immunization/global\\_impact\\_of\\_vaccines.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/globalhealth/infographics/immunization/global_impact_of_vaccines.htm)
- On the prevalence and effects of AIDS denial beliefs:
  - <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/pmid/20571892/>

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