

Probing Vaccine Passports

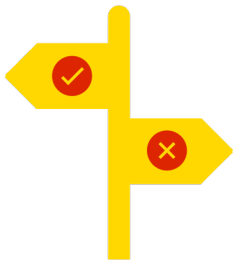
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Do you remember hearing about ‘Vaccine passports’, which many countries used to encourage vaccination?



Researchers at Imperial who are specialists in the **psychology of decision-making**, investigated if and how vaccine passports influence willingness to get vaccinated.

They asked over 1300 people in the UK and Israel about their views on getting the COVID-19 vaccine as well as their psychological needs around:



- Free will (autonomy),
- Capacity to achieve their goals (competence),
- Being cared for, trusted, and understood by others.

They found that vaccine passports may actually make some people less likely to get vaccinated: People who felt frustrations about their free will were less likely to get vaccinated.



This research showed that governments need communications and policies that build trust and consider people’s psychological needs around autonomy and free will.

How do you think these experts contribute to this work?

Public health experts

Psychologists

Policy makers

Behaviour experts

Statisticians

Social scientists