

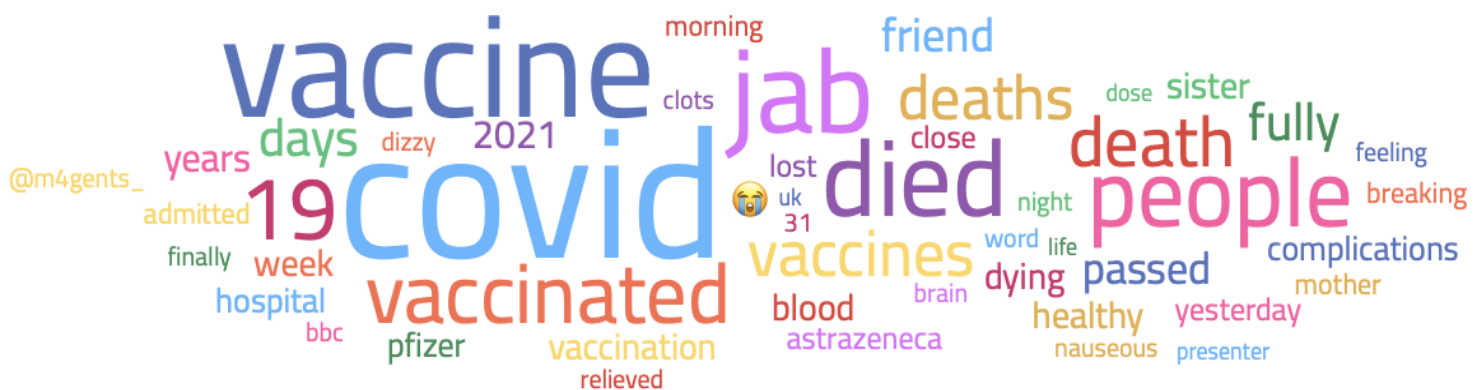
VACCINE MIS/DISINFORMATION

WEEKLY REPORT

This week's Vaccine Mis/Disinformation report focuses on the social media conversations driven largely by fringe conspiracy theories.

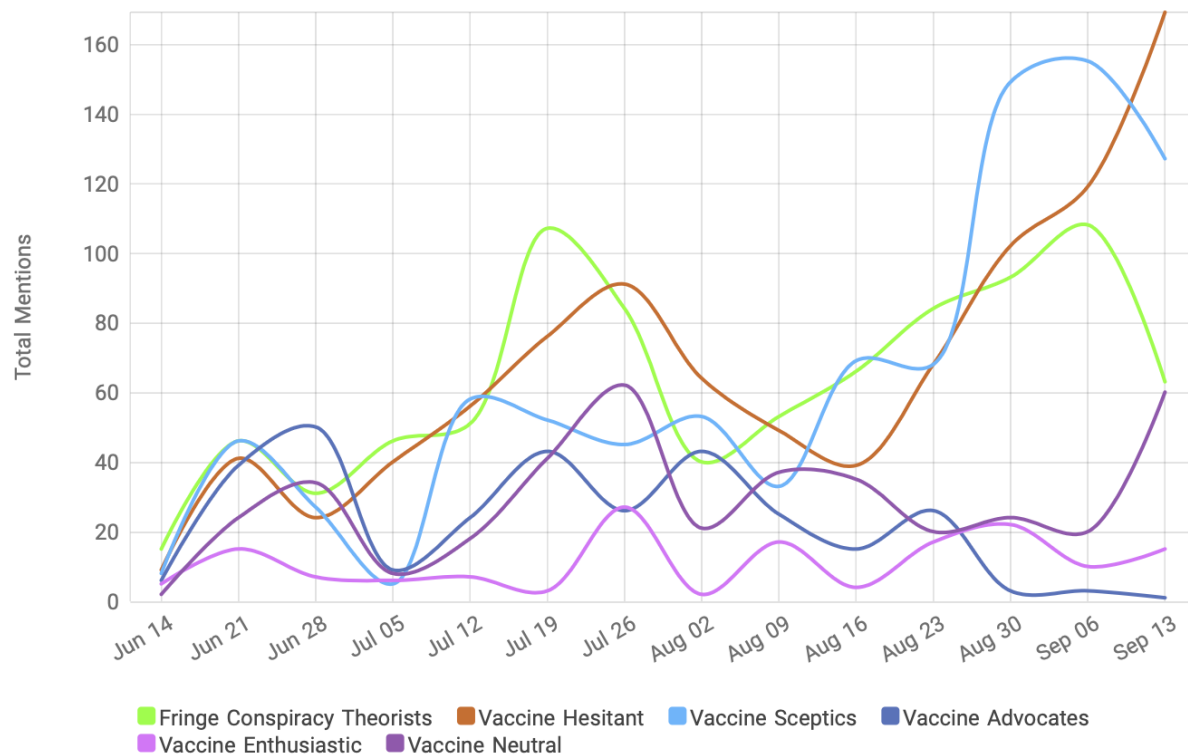
07 October Summary:

- **Claims regarding vaccine injuries and death**
- **Dangerous conspiracy theories**
- **Manipulation/violence by government (and similar institutions)**



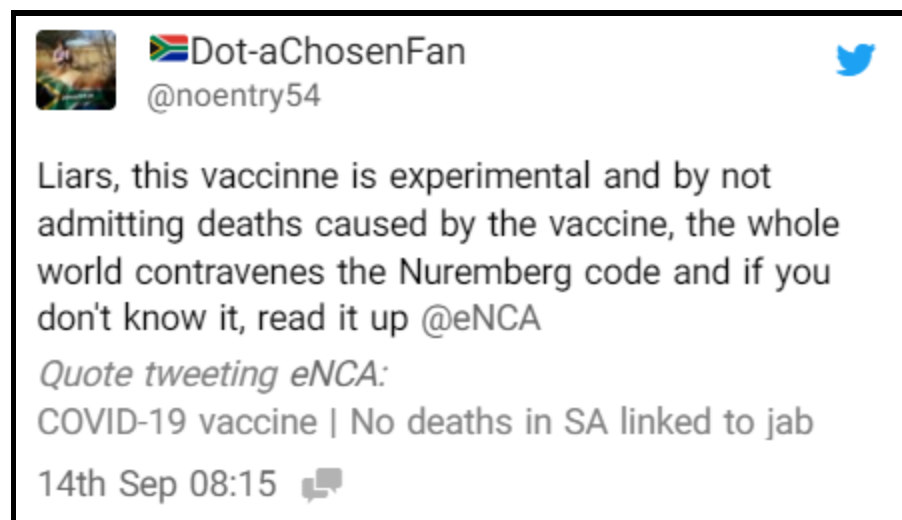
Mention Volume

While online conversations driven by fringe conspiracy theorists show a slight decline when compared to vaccines hesitancy and vaccine skepticism, this group still continues to drive a significant amount of anti-vaccination rhetoric. The analysis demonstrates that unsubstantiated claims about vaccine injuries and death, government/institutional manipulation, conspiracy theories and similar mis/disinformation remain prevalent. Amongst thousands of tweets related to COVID-19 vaccinations, our data showed that fringe conspiracy theorists continue to be an integral part of vaccine resistance. See below:

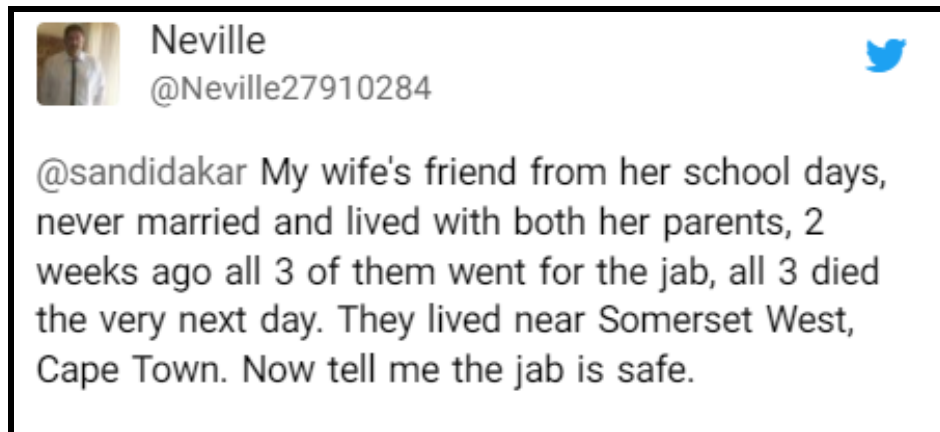


Claims regarding vaccine injuries and death

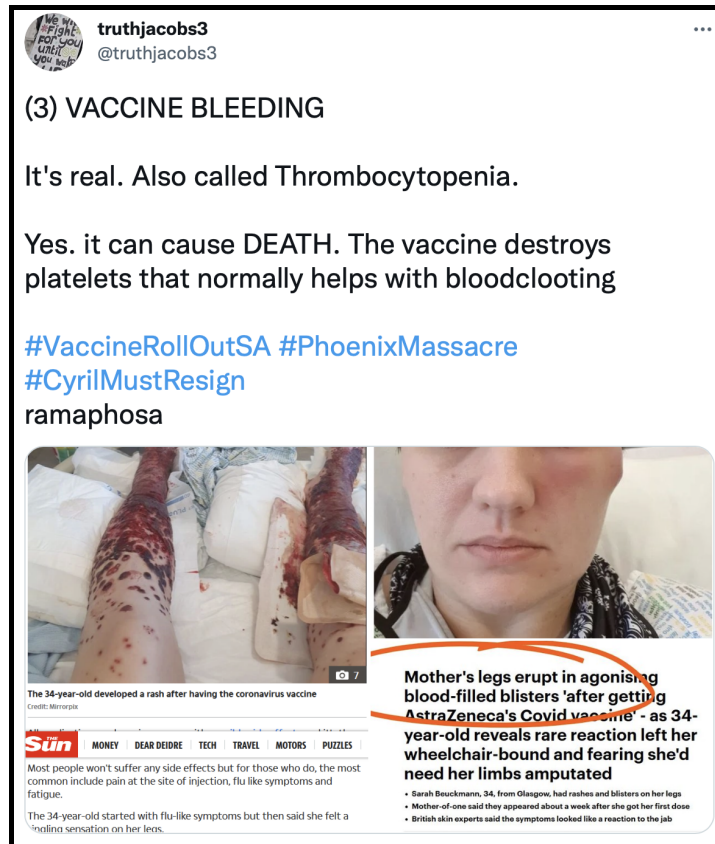
Renowned news outlet eNCA [shared](#) a link to an article titled “COVID-19 vaccine | No deaths in SA linked to jab”. This received some traction with nearly 500 retweets and almost 800 likes. Many rejected this by responding to the post citing claims of severe vaccine injuries and even death. One such example can be seen in the [post](#) below:



Our researchers found numerous posts containing anecdotal claims of people who have died from the vaccine. For instance, @Neville27910284, a South African account which frequently shares anti-vaccination content posted a [tweet](#) claiming to personally know of three deaths caused by the vaccine in the Western Cape:

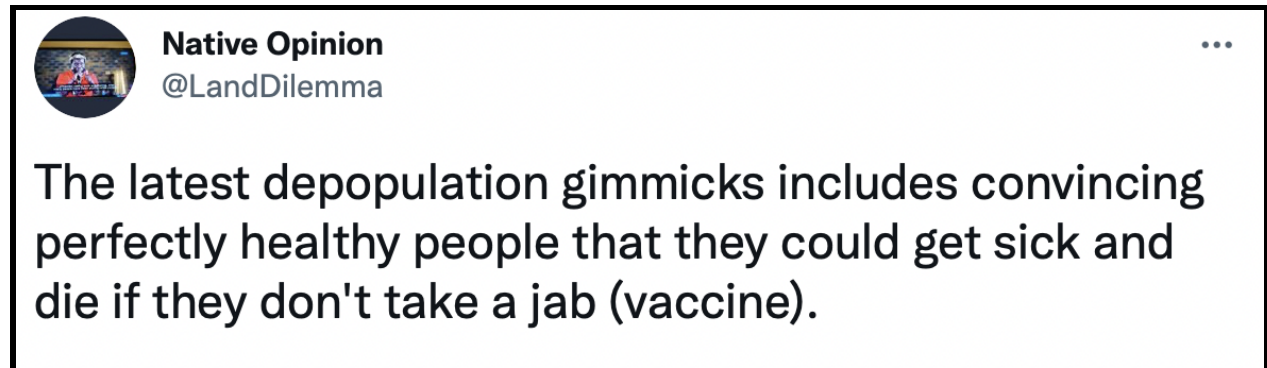


Similarly, many smaller posts made claims about severe vaccine injuries. An example of this can be seen in the [post](#) below:

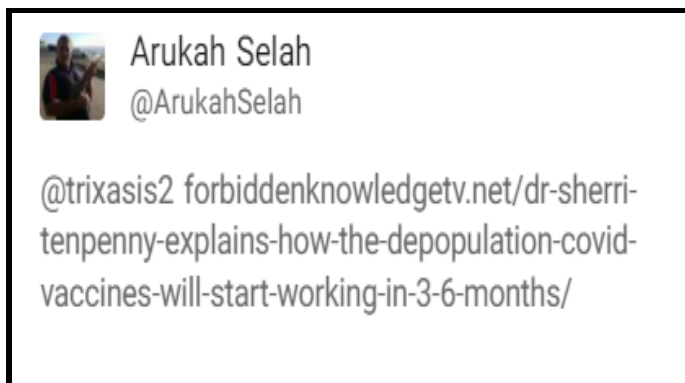


Dangerous conspiracy theories

Misleading (and dangerous) conspiracy theories play a significant role in the resistance towards vaccines. Amongst the most prevalent is the claim suggesting that the COVID-19 vaccine was designed specifically as a tool for depopulation. For example, South African twitter account @LandDilemma [tweeted](#):



While some of these did not gain traction, our data dives revealed many small posts sharing this same sentiment. The first [tweet](#) is of a link to an article titled "Dr. Sherri Explains How the Depopulation COVID Vaccines Will Start Working in 3-6 Months". And, the second [tweet](#) shares similar sentiments on the depopulation agenda.



Furthermore, our researchers found several posts made by US accounts that were picked up by South African audiences. Many fringe conspiracy theories laid several accusations against the US Government's Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Amongst the most prevalent accusations were claims of the CDC misrepresenting and/or hiding the true number of vaccine injuries and deaths. The [tweet](#) below shares a link to an article titled "CDC Quietly Deletes 6,000 COVID Vaccine Deaths From Its CDC Website Total in One Day -- Caught by Internet Sleuths (VIDEO)":

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@redgenkosi

CDC Quietly Deletes 6,000 COVID Vaccine Deaths From Its CDC Website Total in One Day -- Caught by Internet Sleuths (VIDEO)
thegatewaypundit.com/2021/07/cdc-qu... via @gatewaypundit

Reported Deaths post COVID Vaccine: Total 9,048

ALL Deaths Reported to VAERS by Year

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CDC Quietly Deletes 6,000 COVID Vaccine Deaths From Its CDC Website Tota...
As reported earlier the CDC-linked VAERS website released its weekly numbers last Friday. The website has now recorded 11,140 reported deaths from the ...

In addition to the conspiracy theories about authorities lying to the public about vaccine deaths, side effects and depopulation, posts regarding unsubstantiated COVID-19 medications trended across the board. The most significant included the drug Ivermectin and the drug Fenofibrate. This can be seen in the [first](#) and [second](#) posts below:

@SobAlert
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Replying to @elminiedip

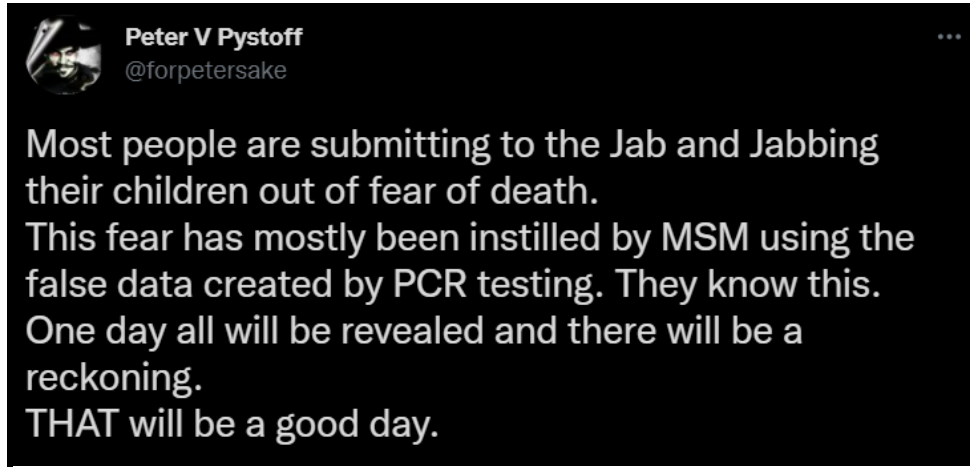
Give 24mg Ivermectin tabs once a day for 5 days, aspirin 300mg a day for a month, Azithromycin 500mg a day for 3 days, Doxycycline tabs. 200mg a day for 10 days & DEMIIMMUNE Supplements incl. Vit D3 & C, Zinc, Magnesium, Clarityn 10mg a day for 10 days plus mybulen for headaches.

@marshallmyers53 changed to
@PeterMy61496556

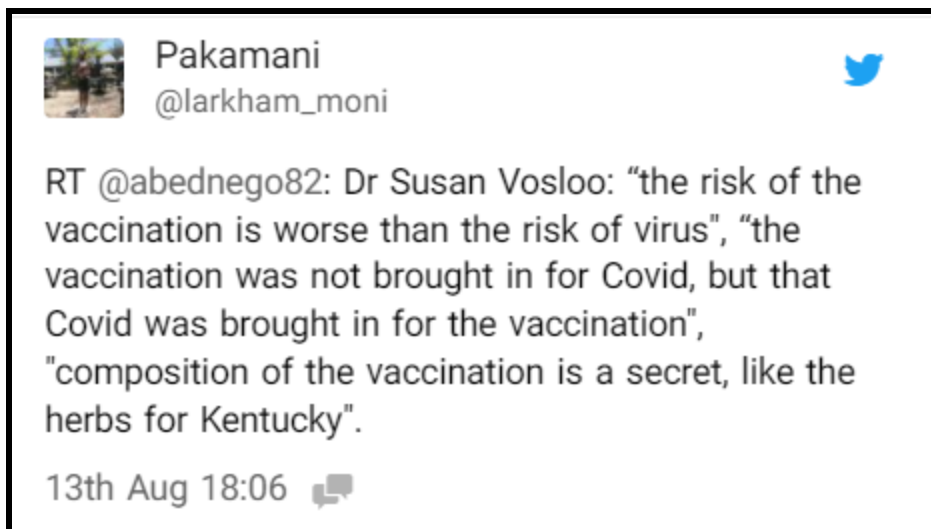
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Fenofibrate 200mg a day for 30 days also excellent to prevent and treat [#COVID19](#) and variants. Avoid the toxic spike protein jab which is not a vaccine and causes more harm and fatalities than the [#COVID19](#) virus variants. No Ivermectin if pregnant & babies do not get [#COVID19](#).

Others made claims suggesting that the testing of COVID-19 and administration of vaccines are both part of government/institutional interests. The [post](#) below suggests that PCR testing produces false data:



And, the [post](#) below suggests that there the risks of vaccinations outweigh the risks of actually getting infected with the COVID-19 virus:



Manipulation/violence by government (& similar institutions)

Once again, many posts originating from fringe conspiracy theorists in the US gained significant traction amongst South African twitter audiences. For example, the [post](#) below accuses renowned US infectious disease expert of conspiring with pharmaceutical companies for profit:



And lastly, the [post](#) below suggests that the vaccination rollout in South Africa and throughout the continent is a means to experiment of African people:

