

Poor skeptics – and their right to be cyberbullies

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Time and time again, I am contacted by people who belong to Stop the Australian Vaccination Network (SAVN) and / or the Australian Skeptics asking why they are not allowed to post on our Facebook page, email discussion list, etc. They seem to be genuinely hurt and go on and on about how I am 'censoring them' (the irony of that seems to go right over their heads when their entire reason for being is to censor the AVN!) and denying them the right to free speech (again – a major irony fail since the original complaint against the AVN by Ken McLeod stated quite clearly that the AVN has no access to freedom of speech in Australia).

It really makes me wonder if they believe that I don't see what they say on their own Facebook page / blogs / Twitter sites or if they think that this sort of abusive language is OK and really just part of modern life on the internet? If so, I can tell them that it is neither OK nor is it normal in any way.

I have not done one of these posts for some time but thought it might be time to share a few more screen shots and twitter posts from the other side of the fence to show you the type of people who oppose informed vaccination choice and who regularly attack both myself and the AVN as well as anyone who believes that vaccinations are not necessarily right for everyone. These people cannot debate the issues – instead, they attack the person.

I apologise in advance for the language used in these posts, but it is necessary to leave that in to demonstrate the truly vile and abusive attitude of these people. They really should be ashamed of themselves. Sadly, they don't seem to know the meaning of the words shame, compassion, understanding...



(<http://nocompulsoryvaccination.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/rhianna-miles.jpg>)

Dan Buzzard (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=594128387>) This is good because it gives Meryl time to dig her grave a little deeper.

Wednesday at 10:56pm ·

Michael Fitzpatrick (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=1245877541>) Meh. All this means is the blade of the (hypothetical, non death threatening) guillotine will take longer to arrive.

It is still on it's way.

Yesterday at 10:26am ·

Bill Bibb (<http://www.facebook.com/bill.bibb>) It may even be a larger blade (not a death threat)

Daniel Raffaele (<https://twitter.com/%21/danspaceman>)

Might be a timely warning for AVN acolytes (not a death threat)

1000 ways to die Booby Trapped

<http://www.youtube.com> (<http://www.youtube.com/>)

Unintended SPIKE. 1000 Ways to Die

The above comment is from the same Daniel Raffaele who very recently posted on the SAVN page, his justification for not engaging in debate but rather, for being abusive and belligerent towards those whose research into the science of vaccination has led them to draw a different conclusion than he has:



(<http://nocompulsoryvaccination.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/daniel-raffaele.jpg>)

It is very hard to argue with that 'logic'. I'm right – you're wrong – end of story. And of course, Daniel Raffaele is the person who started the SAVN Facebook page and who puts down as the goal of that organisation to close down the AVN. I wonder what Mr Raffaele studied in school and if the words democracy or freedom were ever mentioned within his hearing in class?

Or that SAVN stalwart, Maureen Chuck who, when talking about why doctors refuse to sign Conscientious Objector forms when parents ask them to says:

Maureen Chuck (<http://www.facebook.com/mochuck>) Me too. A doctor who says fuck you – I have sick people to see I'm not here to sign fucking forms

And there are the general SAVN members who show their 'intelligence' when discussing this issue:

Kirstie Shaw (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=535058114>): Anyone who does not vaccinate their children should be up on child abuse charges. Organisations like the Australian Vaccination Network should be outlawed and stopped in their tracks, they are dangerous and are killing children through misinformation and uneducation. Murderers!

Sarah Norris (<http://www.facebook.com/snorrisnorhead>) I'd like to expose her to hendra virus

Luci Baldwin Meryl deserves much worse – eg. suffering from an excruciatingly painful vaccine-preventable disease and realising that her homeopathic remedies (A.K.A plain water) cannot cure it.

Let's not forget Peter Bowditch, the head ratbag over at the Skeptics, who said:

RatbagsDotCom (<http://au.mg5.mail.yahoo.com/%20/%20%21/RatbagsDotCom>)

A polite message to Viera Scheibner and Bronwyn Hancock, following your appearance on 60 Minutes – fuck you to hell
#StopAVN

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What do you have when an anti-vaccination liar is burnt at the stake? A good start.

Their attitude towards religion is every bit as intolerant as it is towards those who want to make informed vaccination choices. From Dan Buzzard in WA who has a web page entitled Everybody Draw Mohammed (<http://www.danbuzzard.net/muhammad-pictures/everybody-draw-muhammad/>) which features pictures of the prophet Mohammed doing obscene things and totally denigrating Islam to stating the following about the Catholic church:

Daniel Buzzard (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=594128387>) 27.3.11 – Fuck the Catholic Church. Who dares me to walk into the Church service with these?

This is not the worst of the comments posted by these people. There are posts that are even worse and these are coming on a daily basis. All anyone has to do is look at their page to see what I mean. Those who cannot debate with respect and intelligence do not deserve to be listened to at all.

The fact is that people who believe that a scientific disagreement somehow gives them the right to abuse, bully and threaten others need some serious psychological help. I feel very sorry for them and in my kinder moments, I hope they will soon get the help they so obviously need.

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12 thoughts on “Poor skeptics – and their right to be cyberbullies”

1. Margaret Wood says:

December 21, 2011 at 8:22 pm

Daniel Rafaelle has recently changed his last name to 'Beetlebrox' (or something along those lines) according to his facebook profile. This is truly bizarre, given that he was about one in five members of the Savn accusing me of being 'spineless' and a 'coward' for not revealing my true identity. Another prominent member of the Savn known as 'Martin' changed his fb profile pic to a picture which represents 'anonymous' (an internationally renowned group of cyber criminals and hackers). Not very ethical, are they?

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2. Sian Morton says:

November 21, 2011 at 7:07 pm

I spend quite a bit of time reading and posting on the SAVN page and I would suggest that, contrary to your claim, you would be hard pressed to find '...posts that are even worse and these are coming on a daily basis.' I would encourage AVN members to read back over the past month or two of posts on the SAVN Facebook page and then judge for themselves.

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shotinfo says:

November 27, 2011 at 6:24 am

Oh Sian, I hope people DO take you up on that offer and go and visit the SAVN page. They will find the vilest, most abusive garbage most of them would have ever seen and you should be ashamed of yourself for being connected with an organisation like that. So yes, let people judge for themselves just as we should let people decide for themselves about vaccination.

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3. **Trevor wa says:**

November 8, 2011 at 9:16 pm

Do well educated professional people discuss issues using such unimaginative foul language. a measure of the persons integrity is instantly gained i believe by the disparity of what they proport to be and how they actually communicate.

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4. **Diane Drayton Buckland says:**

November 8, 2011 at 7:46 pm

These people worry me because 'they vote'

As the mother of an only child who had such a violent reaction to vaccinations nearly 24 years ago, and has had a life time of problems as result of that, informed consent is essential. Most of these people fail to do their own independent and in depth research. We have more and more illnesses and diseases in our society including ever growing neurological problems and diseases.....people need to research with an open mind.

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5. **marius says:**

November 7, 2011 at 4:38 am

So in the spirit of goodwill and to highlight you are a supporter of free speech, why not:

- 1) Publish this post
- 2) Reinstate the provax people banned from your AVN facebook site under the proviso they maintain a level of civility.

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shotinfo says:

November 9, 2011 at 4:13 am

Marius – as the Facebook page says very clearly, it is a page for fans of the AVN. You are not a fan of the AVN. If you are interested in polite discussion, please join us on the Vaccination Respectful Debate list –

<http://groups.google.com/group/vaccination-respectful-debate> We would welcome your input there.

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6. **Shelley says:**

November 6, 2011 at 11:25 pm

Hi Meryl,

Just a quick correction – Peter Bowditch is not “the head ratbag over at the Skeptics”. I’m not even sure that the NSW branch has a ratbag division these days.

Other than that, a very entertaining post. Thank you.

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7. **Guy says:**

November 6, 2011 at 10:36 pm

All great truths start out as blasphemies; remember those who dared to say the world was round. Sorry to say, brace yourselves and hold onto what you believe, it aint going to get any easier as we pass through a period of transition from this, the dark ages of ignorance and deception to a golden age of truth and understanding as our next cycle in the great 26,000+earth years cosmic cycle of experiences.

Forgive the ignorant for they know not what they do.

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8. **Katie Wynne says:**

November 6, 2011 at 10:05 pm

Oh my goodness. I have been posting on this group recently. I didn't realise they were so Sociopathic. I'm a bit puzzled though. They claim to be upset about having their right to free speech curtailed on the AVN page, yet I just received an email from one of the SAVN admins explaining that I have been banned, and that no correspondence would be entered into. I had previously assumed that I was experiencing technical difficulties, otherwise known as FB glitches, only to discover that I had been ban-hammered. My posts were always polite, articulate, well-referenced and erudite (if I do say so myself). I injected an intellectual rigour and class into the SAVN group not frequently observed there.

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9. **Vikki Kay says:**

November 6, 2011 at 8:08 pm

I don't know how you do it, Meryl. I got called a sociopath for noting that I thought my own children's health was more important than other children's health, and my heart skipped a beat at the venom. I wasn't game to go back to the comments as they were just escalating out of control as you have noted above. The complaints to Facebook of Abuse seem worse than useless.

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shotinfo says:

November 6, 2011 at 8:48 pm

Thanks Vikki – they are shocking, aren't they? And their sense of entitlement seems to tell them that anything they do to us is justified because we are 'anti-vaccine' in their terms so nothing is too bad.

One has to wonder what sort of personal lives these people have, how they treat their children, their loved ones, etc If they are this abusive to total strangers. I think that their language and behaviour is very descriptive of who and what they are and it is not a pretty situation at all.

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