

MSNBC's *The ReidOut*

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JOY REID [TO DR. JUSTIN GILL]: We are seeing a lot of whining from people who don't want to get vaccinated and feel that they're being trampled on, being discriminated against. They've tried to liken themselves to black people in the 1950s who couldn't eat in a restaurant. That's how far this is going and trying to sort of drag the civil rights past into their struggle, which is: what is their struggle again? They feel they have a right to spread a deadly disease. Like they might as well have the measles blankets in the 1600s and say, "I have a right to throw it on you." And they're saying that, "if you don't want me to do that — if don't let me do that, then somehow I'm the victim." I wonder if, in sort of the hospital culture, are you seeing a shift in people who then get Covid — are people having a come to Jesus moment in these hospitals or are they still going all the way to their deaths believing that their only — that the real victimization here is that they were being told to get vaccinated?

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REID: It's a sad point where we have to now sort of appeal to the Ayn Randian selfishness of people to get them to do something that is not only simple but free. You know, and I think sort of the king of that right now at this point is Ron DeSantis, who's built an entire political brand around refusing to stop Covid from killing, you know, Vietnam, you know, War-era levels of people in his state. He's built his brand saying — he just won a federal case, an appeal, in which dis — parents of disabled kids were suing, saying your mask mandate ban could put our kids at risk of dying. And he said so what. We're not going to let them have mask mandates in these schools. Your kids have to subject themselves to Covid. Screw you essentially.

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[Notes vaccines are safe, effective, Nicki Minaj's claim is insane]

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REID: In what is unfortunately now known as ballgate — yes, I had to say that on TV — Ms. Minaj kept on tweeting, claiming the media, yours include — yours truly included, misinterpreted what she said. At one point, she said that she had been invited to the White House. The White House denied that, saying they just offered to have her talk to a doctor so she could have accurate information about the vaccines. Then she claimed that she was in Twitter

jail, which Twitter denied. And in fairness, she later — in later tweets did add that she likely would get vaccinated, after doing her research, because she, like millions of people, would have to in order to work. That is entirely accurate and legitimate. And in fact, it's why and how mandates work.

But the worst part of all this, honestly, is not even the personal attacks. The worst part is who is enjoying this so much. People like white nationalist curious, Victor Orban enthusiast, and no friend of hip-hop or non-white people, period, Tucker Carlson. Nicki Minaj endorsed this clip of his yesterday where he praises her for, “enraging the political class.” And when people responded that she might not want to be associated with a white nationalist, she essentially gave in to the right's favorite talking point that, somehow, celebrities are not allowed to agree with Republicans. She also tweeted: You know how many of us — “You know how many U.S. presidents were white supremacists?” Well, yes. Yes, we do, a whole lot of them. But what people like Tucker and the Ben Shapiros and other right-wing bomb throwers want is not Nicki Minaj to have free speech. What they want is a vehicle to drag as many of her fans into their anti-vax camp as they can. They need and crave authentic members of the culture, hip-hop culture. Let's just be clear. They look down on that culture and hate that culture and would never, ever, ever support someone like Nicki Minaj other than to pull her onto their team. Case in point, Laura Ingraham once criticized President Obama for just meeting with Ms. Minaj, citing the profanity in her lyrics, but they need her right now. And let's not forget the freakout the right had over the WAP lyrics by Cardi B and Megan Thee Stallion. Or Little Nas X for giving the devil a lap dance in a music video. The right has no use for people in the culture until they're useful for the purposes of hurting people in the culture.

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MICHAEL ERIC DYSON: And, again, I applaud Nikki Minaj for hesitancy and saying study. But when we study, after we do the scientific discourse, let's conclude that black people do better when we are vaccinated. Let's get vaccinated and have this conversation. Nikki Minaj says, when I go out on tour, I'm going to get vaccinated.

REID: Gonna have to.

DYSON: Cause I gotta do that and I applaud her.

REID: And she's right. You're going to have to. Exactly. Listen, I — I — I understand the hesitancy one. Listen, I was hesitant. When Donald Trump was out there controlling the CDC —

DYSON: Yes.

REID: — and controlling the FDA and manipulating them —

DYSON: Right.

REID: — and making them put out falsehoods, anybody rational —

DYSON: Right.

REID: — was hesitant. But the reality —

DYSON: You're right.

REID: — is now what we — what I really fear is masses of — more masses of people dying. 666,000 people have died —

DYSON: Yes.

REID: — and disproportionately they look like you and me, Michael.

DYSON: Yes.

REID: And what scares me is that people are creating a cultural imperative to set themselves up for death when the people pushing them to do it like Tucker are vaccinated and safe and even if they got Covid are going to get all the monoclonal antibodies. They could give a damn if Nikki Minaj gets Covid and dies. They don't care about us, but they're pushing us to fight each other instead of fight Covid. That's unacceptable to me.