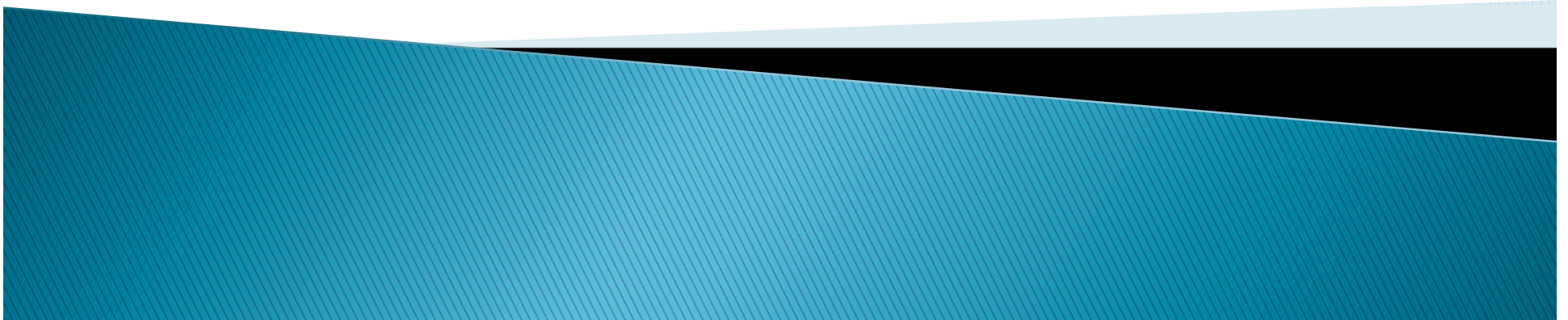


CDC Whistleblower

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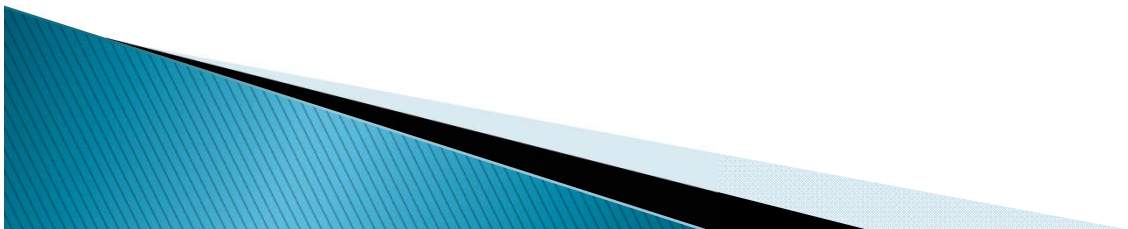
Focus for Health

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CDC Whistleblower

- ▶ Dr. William Thompson, senior epidemiologist at CDC, reached out to me in November 2013
- ▶ Through a series of over 30 phone conversations, he revealed a consistent pattern of scientific fraud in the CDC's Immunization Safety Office



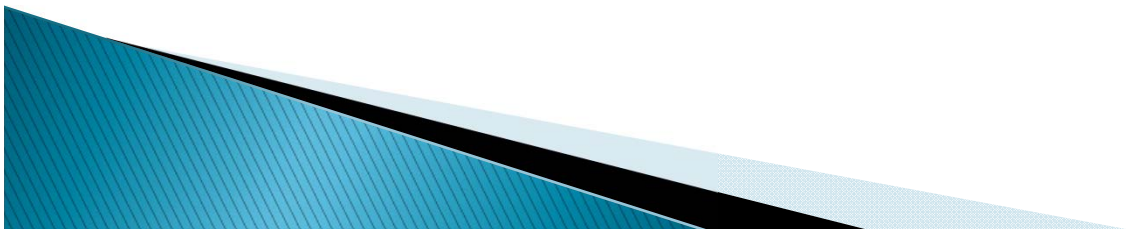
CDC Studies by Thompson

- ▶ Destefano et al. 2004 – Claimed no relationship between the timing of the first MMR vaccine and autism incidence
- ▶ Thompson et al. 2007 – Claimed no relationship between thimerosal exposure and neurological outcomes
- ▶ Price et al. 2010 – Claimed no relationship between thimerosal and autism
- ▶ Barile et al. 2012 – Affirmed that thimerosal exposure could cause tics in boys



History on Thompson

- ▶ Thompson left Merck in 1997 to join the CDC
- ▶ My initial phone conversations with Thompson were between 2002–2004
- ▶ Contact was cut off abruptly in 2004
- ▶ Submitted over 100 FOIA requests to the CDC
 - Thompson was one of the few officials who responded
- ▶ Thompson contacted me again privately in November 2013




Overall “culture” of the CDC Immunization Safety Office

- ▶ Fear and intimidation
- ▶ Bury vaccine adverse events at all costs
- ▶ Anyone who falls out of line is a “human resources” problem
- ▶ Unfounded fear of infectious disease



Thompson on the overall condition of the CDC regarding autism

- ▶ “Here is the deal, the CDC is they’re paralyzed. The whole system is paralyzed right now. And the whole branch is paralyzed and it’s becoming more paralyzed.”
 - ▶ “Because the CDC has not been transparent, we’ve missed ten years of research because the CDC is so paralyzed right now by anything related to autism.”
 - ▶ “They made a lot of mistakes and there’s a lot of documents that they don’t want you to see.”
 - ▶ “No, they’re trying to box you out.”
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Thompson regarding thimerosal

- ▶ “So I don’t know why they still give it to pregnant women, like that’s the last person I would give mercury to.” (5/8/14, 2:15)
- ▶ “I still think that starting (sic) a campaign that thimerosal from vaccines causes tics.”
- ▶ “And then eventually, eventually you could get the message over to oh tics are like 5 times as common among kids with autism.”
- ▶ “There is biologic plausibility right now I really do believe there is, to say that thimerosal causes autism-like symptoms.” (5/24/14, 32:45)



What else does thimerosal cause?

| Test | Full Model | p-value | Boys | p-value | Girls | p-value |
|----------------|------------|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| Verbal IQ | -1.1 | <0.0001 | -0.95 | 0.0104 | -1.2 | 0.0014 |
| Performance IQ | -0.41 | 0.1407 | -0.062 | 0.8813 | -0.78 | 0.0339 |
| Full Scale IQ | -0.83 | 0.0017 | -0.61 | 0.1197 | -1 | 0.0034 |

Based on 1 mcg/kg birth weight mercury exposure during the first month of life

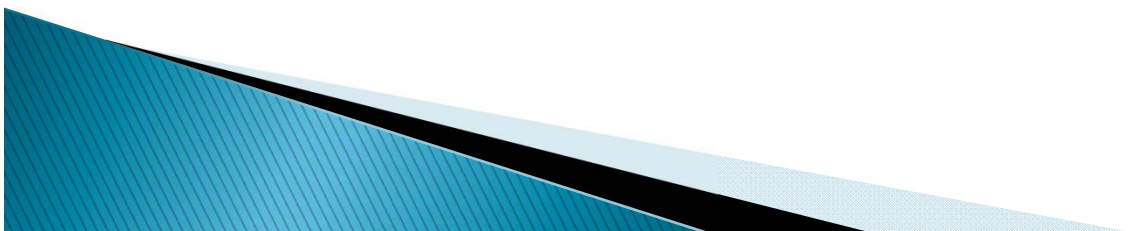
On average, IQ scores were 3 points lower among those children exposed to thimerosal during the first month of life



Who suffers the most from thimerosal exposure?

| Race | Full Scale IQ | p-value | Performance IQ | p-value |
|-----------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Blacks | -1.5* | 0.0083 | -1.2 | 0.0439 |
| Whites | -0.19 | 0.6325 | 0.45 | 0.2957 |
| Hispanics | -0.53 | 0.2547 | -0.48 | 0.3259 |
| Other | -0.21 | 0.8009 | -0.084 | 0.9345 |

*A black child, who received a thimerosal-containing HepB shot within one month of birth would show a 5-point drop in IQ



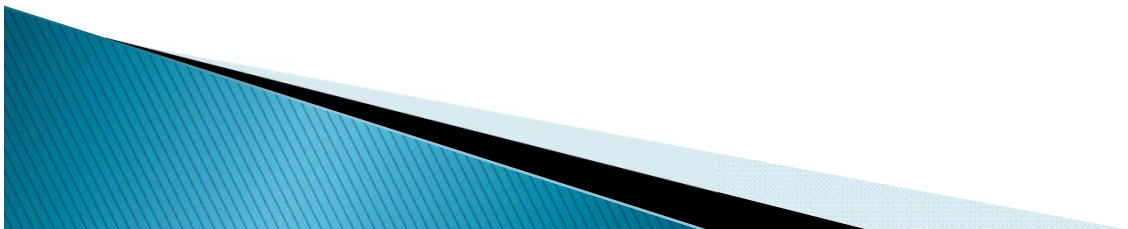
Thompson's actions

- ▶ Thompson turned over tens of thousands of pages of CDC documents showing fraud and malfeasance within the Vaccine Safety Office to Rep. Bill Posey's office
- ▶ Thompson also applied for Federal Whistleblower Status in August 2014
- ▶ When asked if there were any “smoking guns” in the documents, one Posey staffer described the documents as a “wildfire” that could burn the CDC to its foundations



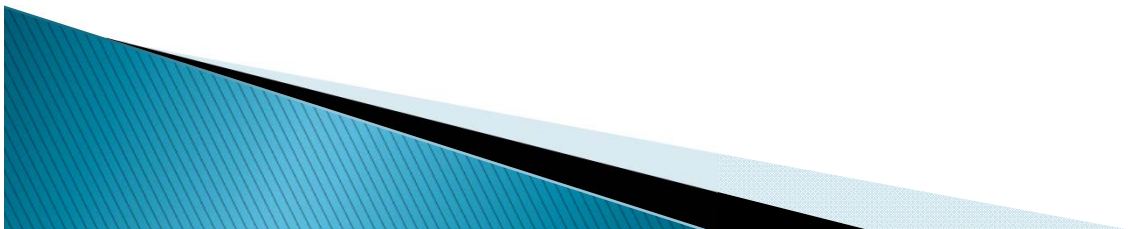
What we want

- ▶ Hearings where Thompson is subpoenaed to testify regarding fraudulent activities in the CDC
- ▶ The full Vaccine Safety Datalink
- ▶ The autism SEED (Study to Explore Early Development) database
- ▶ All documents associated with all studies on vaccines and vaccine components and autism
- ▶ Vaccine Safety Division must be moved out of the CDC and out of the DHHS



Who do you contact?

- ▶ Oversight and Government Reform (Chaffetz)
 - 202-225-5074 (majority)
 - 202-225-5051 (minority)
 - reporttoogr@mail.house.gov
- ▶ Energy and Commerce (Upton)
 - 202-225-2927 (majority)
 - 202-225-3641 (minority)
- ▶ Science, Space and Technology (L. Smith)
 - 202-225-6371 (majority)
 - 202-225-6375 (minority)



Who do you contact?

- ▶ Rep. Jason Chaffetz (R-UT)
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 - Washington, DC 20515
 - 202-225-7751
- ▶ Rep. Fred Upton (R-MI)
 - 2183 Rayburn HOB
 - Washington, DC 20515
- ▶ Rep. Lamar Smith (R-TX)
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 - 202-225-4236

