

# Fact or Fiction: Debunked Claims Circulating on Social Media

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FALSE/MISLEADING CLAIMS ON SOCIAL  
MEDIA ABOUT COVID-19

The following examples of false and misleading claims were obtained from the COVIDGlobal and COVIDGeo misinformation dashboards, supported by the Ryerson Social Media Lab at the Ted Rogers School of Management.

## False/Misleading Claims

**False:** a claim deemed to be untruthful in its entirety.

**Misleading:** a claim deemed to have contained some level of falsehood.



### False

*"The CEO of Pfizer has not taken his own COVID-19 vaccine."*



### Correct

Pfizer's CEO indicated that it is not his turn yet to get the vaccine, and "does not want to cut the line."



### Misleading

*"The U.S. government developed a microchip that can be implanted in the human body to detect COVID-19 infection."*



### Correct

While the U.S. is developing a tissue-like biosensor that can signal changes in the body to indicate an infection, it is not a microchip developed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



### Misleading

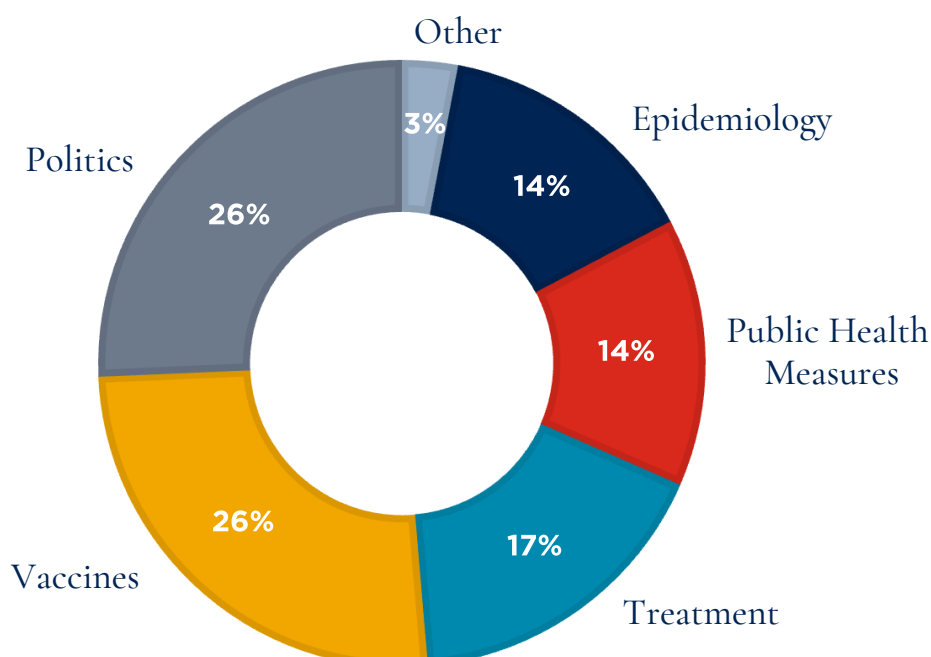
*"Vaccine-related deaths jumped significantly in the first quarter of 2021 compared with previous years."*



### Correct

This claim is missing context, the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention warn that the data used for this claim - which was supplied voluntarily - cannot be used to determine cause of death.

## Topics of Claims



## Help Stop Misinformation

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All sources should be checked for accuracy.

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