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Week 10 – Vaccination

1. **Vaccine Refusal and Free Riding**

*Is mass vaccination a public good? Why or why not?*

*Is free-riding a rational response in a public goods game? Can it be rational to refuse vaccination against COVID-19?*

*Is vaccine refusal free riding? If so, what should follow from this?*

1. **Mandating Vaccination?**

*Sometimes, there is a tension between two broad goals: to protect and promote health, and to protect autonomy and liberty. What are the general principles to reconcile these two broad goals, according to Wilson? Are these principles convincing?*

*Can these principles be applied to argue for (against) mandatory vaccination against COVID-19?*

1. **Next Week: Big data, Privacy, AI and the Social Contract**

*Readings:*

Solon Barocas and Helen Nissenbaum, “Big Data’s End Run around Anonymity and Consent”, in Julia Lane, Victoria Stodden, Stefan Bendner, and Helen Nissenbaum (eds.), *Privacy, Big Data, and the Public Good* (*required*)

Mark J. Taylor and James Wilson, “Reasonable Expectations of Privacy and Disclosure of Health Data” (*recommended*)