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Legal Approaches to Promoting Parental Compliance with Childhood Vaccines

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Existing laws:

- States:
 - Plenary power:
 - Police powers.
 - Parens Patriae.
 - School immunization requirements.
 - [adults: workplace mandates]

- Federal:
 - Access: Vaccines for Children Program.
 - -Schedule, recommendation, messaging.



Framework: Childhood Vaccines and Rights

Parental Autonomy Individual Rights of Others

Vaccines?

Child's Rights

Overall Community Health



Balance of Interests, Vaccines:

Other families' interests Child's rights **Parental Public** Health Autonomy



Continuum of Legal Tools:





Use of Force

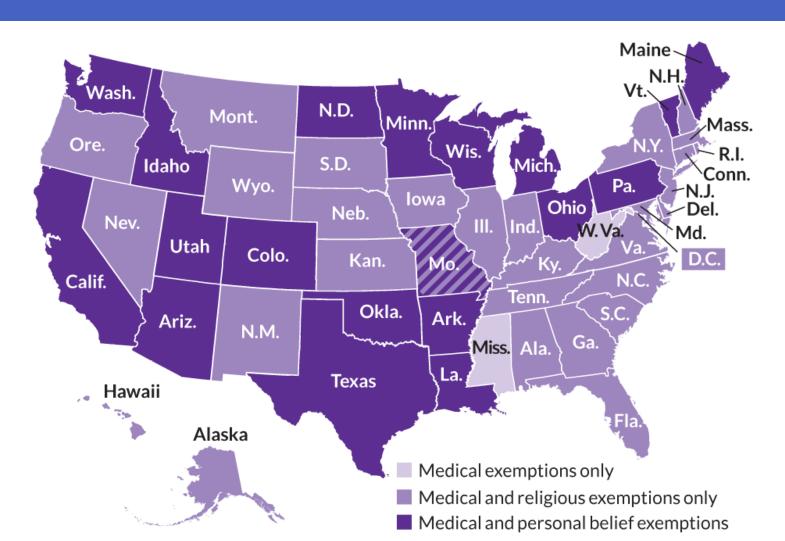
Criminal Law

Conditioned Access Cost Internalization Mandated Transparency Procedural Tightening Positive Incentives

Persuasion through Education



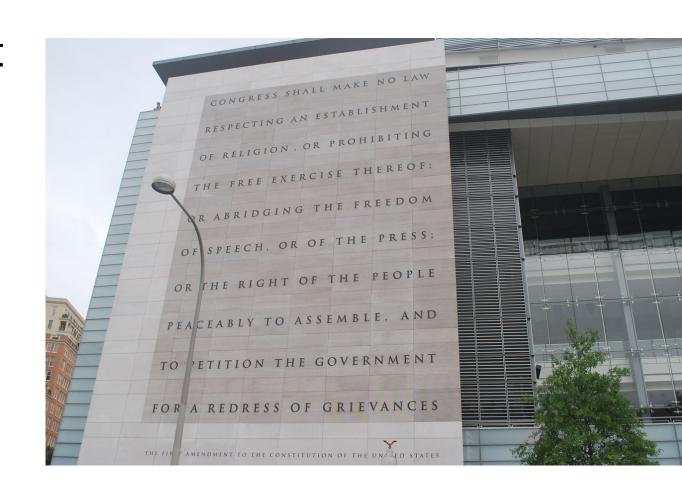
School Immunization Requirements





Government and Misinformation:

- Government speech.
- Commercial
 v. Noncommercial.
- Central Hudson.





Thank you!

Questions? Comments?

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