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The Big Debate

To vaccinate or not, that is the question. The recent ‘comeback’ of so-called vanquished diseases like the measles, mumps, and rubella has caused a stir among Americans. According to Monica Anderson of Pew Research Center, “Today measles cases are extremely rare, but the CDC reported a spike in 2014, with more than 600 measles, the first jump in more than a decade” (Anderson 1). This spike could have been prevented by those individuals who chose NOT to vaccinate their children. Scientists and doctors worked diligently to create the vaccines that would eventually take Americans to the forefront of medicine. Parents should vaccinate their children because the benefits outweigh the risks, unvaccinated individuals are a main contributor to spread of disease, and there is no proof that vaccines cause autism.