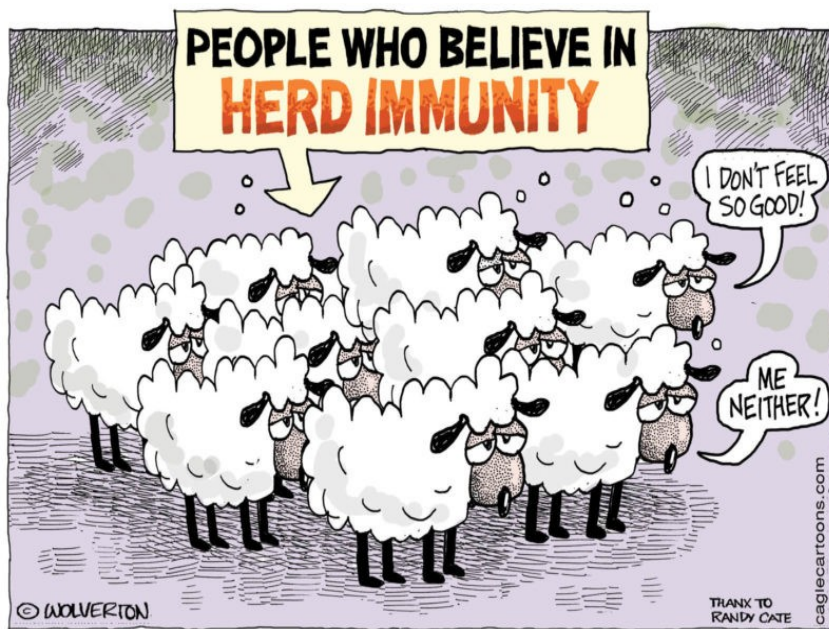


## Is infecting the herd the answer?



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### Talking Points

1. How do these cartoons comment on the calls to allow enough people to be infected to achieve herd immunity and stop the spread of covid-19?
2. It is estimated that the 10% infection rate would have increase more than six times to reach herd immunity. If the death toll rose as much, how many Americans would die?
3. In modern times, vaccinations have stopped outbreaks. How many died in earlier pandemics – like the plague or 1918 flu?
4. Why are some saying we shouldn't wait for a vaccine?

### Between the lines

"Allowing a dangerous virus that we don't fully understand to run free is simply unethical." – Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, head of the World Health Organization.

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### Additional resources

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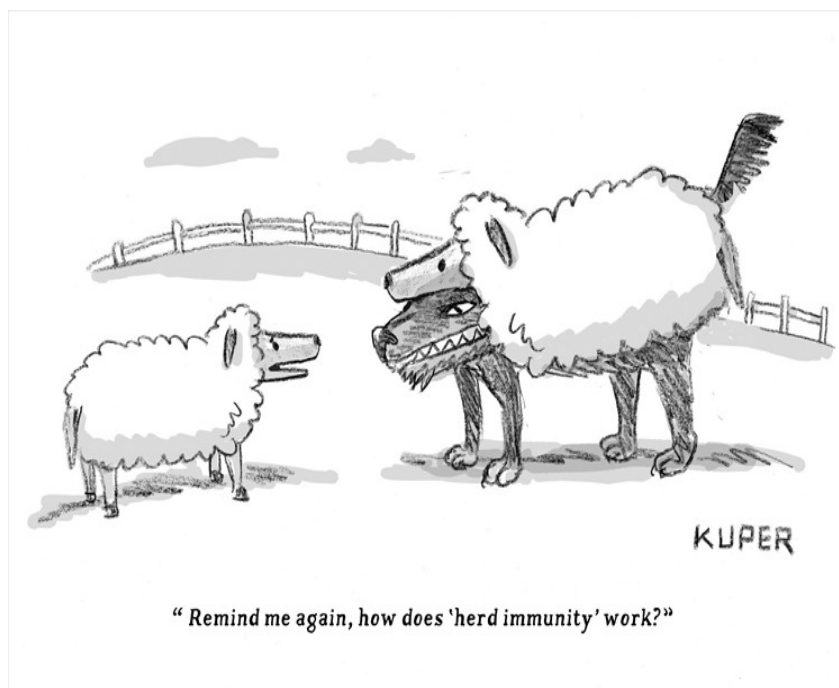
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