The Ethical Limits of the New Welfare Conditionality

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"I hate the term anti-vax. It's so negative."

"How about pro-disease."
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Herd Immunity: How It Works

- Percent Vaccinated: 0%
- Percent Vaccinated: 25%
- Percent Vaccinated: 50%
- Percent Vaccinated: 75%
- Percent Vaccinated: 90%
- Percent Vaccinated: 95%

- Infected
- Unvaccinated
- Vaccinated
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My key argument

Governing behaviour through incentives rather than reasons demonstrates a lack of respect for the autonomy of citizens. The new conditionality is inherently illiberal.
Incentives are problematic because:

1. They are insulting
2. They divert attention from persuasion
3. They can exert undue influence
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