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Hello, this is Newsreel with me, Kate Holland.

Many black people in the UK haven't had the coronavirus vaccine.

Ivan: "The experiences of health care have notoriously, have been quite bad."

But first.

Dogecoin

Kate Holland: That's a song about Dogecoin, a cryptocurrency that's become popular lately.

Cryptocurrencies only exist online and can't be used to buy most things like normal money, but it can be exchanged for normal money.

Dogecoin uses an old internet meme about a Shiba Inu dog called Doge as its symbol. The use of memes, the fact it was started as a joke and support from people like billionaire Elon Musk have helped Dogecoin increase in value.

But recently, Elon Musk has criticised Dogecoin. Here's a clip of him with comedian Michael Che on American comedy show Saturday Night Live:

Elon Musk: It's a cryptocurrency you can trade for conventional money.

Michael Che: Ohhhhh... so it's a hustle?

Elon Musk: Yeah, it's a hustle...

Michael Che: Why didn't you just say that man?"

Within minutes of him being on the show the value of Dogecoin fell by a quarter, or twenty five percent.

This shows how cryptocurrencies can be very unstable. Their value can increase a lot and decrease a huge amount too, very unpredictably.

A risky business, even if the dog is very cute...

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Vaccine Hesitancy

In the UK over thirty five million people have had at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine so far. But people of colour have been far less likely to have it compared to white people.

In particular, black people are half as likely as white people to have had the vaccine when offered.

Ivan is a young doctor who lives in London. He told me why he thinks some people from the black community in the UK have doubts about having the COVID vaccine:

Ivan: “There is a sense amongst the black community that healthcare could be better for black people. And so when it comes to the vaccine, there's a lot of mistrust in the system and hence mistrust in the vaccine.”

But Ivan says the younger generation are more likely to have the injection.

Ivan: “Younger people from the black community tend to uptake the vaccines more than the older individuals. And I think it is linked to the experience which the older generation have.”

I asked Peter and Perpetua why they think people in their communities aren't sure about the vaccine:

Peter: “Even before the COVID era, life today for a lot of black people is still not great.

This contributes to, of course, there being a huge distrust within black communities of Britain. A by-product of that is people are hesitant to take the vaccine.”

Kate: Peter says the way people have been treated in the past makes it difficult to trust the vaccine.

Perpetua: “It's the reality that people of colour have a higher probability of experiencing neglect and indeed mortality when it comes to common medical procedures. And I definitely think there needs to be doctors who are people of colour who advocate for people of colour and black people.”

Kate: And Perpetua believes more needs to be done to earn trust from the black community.

That's all for today and this term. I'll be back again on September 11 with more Newsreel stories. Till then I hope you have a great summer. Goodbye!

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