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Hello, this is Newsreel Easy with me, Kate Holland.

Today, some black people in the UK haven't had the coronavirus vaccine **Ivan:** "The experiences of health care have been quite bad."

But first.

## Dogecoin

That's a song about Dogecoin, a cryptocurrency.

Cryptocurrencies can't be used to buy most things like normal money. But they can be traded for normal money.

The use of a cute dog meme as its symbol and support from people like the billionaire Elon Musk have helped Dogecoin become popular.

But recently, Elon Musk has criticised Dogecoin. Here he is 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..."

Musk is agreeing with the comedian who says Dogecoin is a hustle, or not completely reliable.

Within minutes of this happening the value of Dogecoin fell by twenty five percent.

This shows how cryptocurrencies can be very unstable.

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### Vaccine Hesitancy

In the UK over thirty five million people have had at least one dose of a coronavirus vaccine. But people from ethnic minorities have been far less likely to take the vaccine compared to white people.

Ivan is a young doctor who lives in London. He told me why more people from the black community in the UK have doubts:

**Ivan:** "There's a lot of mistrust in the system and hence mistrust in the vaccine. Younger people from the black community tend to uptake the vaccines more than the older individuals."

Ivan says that people in the black community think that healthcare in the UK hasn't supported them in the past, so now they don't trust it. He also says that older people are more likely to think this way than younger people.

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."

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

**Perpetua:** "I definitely think there needs to be doctors who are people of colour who advocate for people of colour and black people."

And Perpetua believes more needs to be done to earn trust.

## **New Coldplay Single**

That's Higher Power, the latest single from British band Coldplay. They wrote it with Swedish songwriter Max Martin.

The single was also given its debut play from the International Space station by astronaut Thomas Pesquet.

That's all for today and for this term! I'll be back after the summer on September 11th. Goodbye!

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