Democratic Presidential Candidate Andrew Yang Comes Out Against Circumcision

Andrew Yang is the Democratic presidential candidate best known for his Universal Basic Income (UBI) platform. Andrew is a successful entrepreneur who says that the country elected Donald Trump in large part because so many workers are being left behind due to automation, and he says it's only going to get worse.

Andrew Yang wants to tax automation and give each and every citizen $1,000 a month, no strings attached. He says that "We need to move to a new form of capitalism – Human Capitalism – that's geared towards maximizing human well-being and fulfillment." His policies also include Medicare for all, reducing harm to children caused by smartphones, free marriage counseling for all, the modernization of military spending, an increase in teachers salaries, net neutrality, and he is pro-choice. He leans progressive on every issue we've looked into. In fact, he seems to have the most progressive platform of any candidate running. Check out his platform on his website here.

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He has a child who is on the autism spectrum and he says he wants to have more research done on the causes of autism and how best to deal with the epidemic.

Yang has also recently let the public know he is an intactivist. If you're not familiar with the term, an intactivist opposes circumcision.

> *I'm highly aligned with the intactivists. History will prove them even more correct."*
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> *Daily Beast*

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Yang said he initially planned to circumcise his sons for fear they'd be "self-conscious" if they retained their foreskins, but his wife convinced him not to.

> *From what I've seen, the evidence on it being a positive health choice for the infant is quite shaky."*
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> *Rolling Stone*

Yang says he does not intend to ban circumcision, but he wants to "inform parents that it is entirely up to them whether their infant gets circumcised, and that there are costs and benefits either way."

> *It's sort of pushed on parents in many situations."*

Given everything he has said about circumcision and the fact that his son is on the spectrum, we're very curious about his stance on vaccines, but if he has any anti-vaccine sentiments it's probably best for him to keep them to himself for now.

> *The more choice we give parents, and the more we diminish the possible preconceptions or misinformation various parents are receiving, then the better off we'll be as a society."*