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Is it enough? Reflecting on a pre-pandemic monograph on vaccine hesitancy two years into the COVID-19 pandemic demands answer to the questions whether the analysis still holds and whether it offers sufficient resources to address the current situation. Maya J. Goldenberg's (2021) *Vaccine Hesitancy: Public Trust, Expertise, and the War on Science* argues that vaccines are about much more than vaccines, and vaccine hesitancy reflects the cultural anxieties of the moment (as the histories and geographies of vaccine hesitancy and refusal show). The global attention and geopolitical reach of COVID-19 vaccination has further elevated vaccines as an outsized symbol of this political moment of sharp polarization, conflict, misinformation, inequality, trauma, and distrust. But does the reframing of vaccine hesitancy from the "war on science" to a "crisis of trust" offer the conceptual tools needed to address this difficult situation? This was the point of discussion at a 2022 book panel on *Vaccine Hesitancy: Public Trust, Expertise, and the War on Science*, featuring author Maya J. Goldenberg and respondents Miriam Solomon and Inmaculada De Melo-Martin. Pursued here in print form, the panel took place at the American Philosophical Association Central Division meeting in Chicago on February 23, 2022.

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