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## What are YOU waiting for?

I've already told you, I'm fully vaccinated. I've also told you how disappointed I was with those of you who weren't. I've always asked, since this pandemic started, why aren't more people vaccinated? Why aren't we at herd immunity yet?

Well, some of my questions appear to be answered. Or at least, someone else, with more resources than I, is asking the same questions.

A recent report by QuoteWizard displays the most prevalent reasons as to why we are where we are.

And I must say, the report is very detailed. No slouching. The results are broken down by state and demographic data. I won't go into all that here, though, just the facts for now, homie.

Via QuoteWizard, six key reasons as to why American citizens aren't getting vaccinated: 1) A genuine concern about possible side effects. 2) A sincere disbelief that they need vaccination. 3) Folks are waiting to see if the vaccination shots are safe. 4) Folk don't trust the vaccine. 5) Folk don't trust the government. And, 6) Folk don't believe COVID-19 is a real threat.

I, myself, believe #6 falls into the category of #5; but I'm not here to argue.

I just would like to know, of those of you who are not vaccinated, which category do you fall under?

If you look up the stats for our great state of Texas, you will see that 54% of people questioned said they are concerned about possible side effects. FIFTY-FOUR PERCENT!

That's astonishing! Especially considering the other five possible categories given.

Do you know what that means? It means the government is either doing a poor job of getting the facts to their citizens or the anti-establishers are doing a better job of course-plotting misinformation.

At the end of the day, the choice is still yours. However, to the 14% who don't think covid is a real threat; Please, get your head out of your ass.

## Cast announced for Will Smith's new 'Fresh Prince of Bel-Air'

### MEET THE CAST OF BEL-AIR

**Jabari Banks** as Will  
**Adrian Holmes** as Phillip Banks  
**Cassandra Freeman** as Vivian Banks  
**Olly Sholotan** as Carlton Banks  
**Coco Jones** as Hilary Banks  
**Akira Akbar** as Ashley Banks  
**Jimmy Akingbola** as Geoffrey  
**Jordan L. Jones** as Jazz  
**Simone Joy Jones** as Lisa

(DEFENDER NEWS) - Will Smith seeks to recapture the old magic that helped make him a household name by producing a re-imagining of the show he starred in, *The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air*.

Recently, the new cast of *Bel-Air*, the *Fresh Prince of Bel-Air* reboot, was announced. As predicted, new actors fill those old, familiar roles of Uncle Phil, Aunt Viv, Carlton and the rest of the cast.

But the new faces aren't the only difference between the original and the remake. *Bel-Air* has been described as a dramatic retelling that, "leans into the original premise of Will's complicated journey from the streets of West Philadelphia to the gated mansions of Bel-Air."

The full main cast has officially been announced for the new iteration which will be broadcast by Peacock. The network went to Instagram to share their big reveal of the new cast which includes the iconic role of Will played by **Jabari Banks**, who was announced earlier this year. The rest of the cast, per *Deadline*, includes, "**Adrian Holmes** (*At That Age*) as Phillip Banks, **Cassandra Freeman** (*Atlanta*) as Vivian Banks, **Olly Sholotan** (*Run Hide Fight*) as Carlton Banks, **Coco Jones** (*Let It Shine*) as Hilary Banks, **Akira Akbar** (*We Can Be Heroes*) as Ashley Banks, **Jimmy Akingbola** (*Most Dangerous Game*) as Geoffrey, **Jordan L. Jones** (*Rel*) as Jazz and **Simone Joy Jones** (*The Chair*) as Lisa."



By John Harris Jr. VILLAGER Sports Columnist

(VILLAGER) - Tanner Johnson, the speedy senior wide receiver, running back, defensive back, kick returner and versatile Swiss Army knife at Lehman High School, is arguably the most electric prep football player in the area.

But don't take my word for it.

"Biggest Div. 1 sleeper in central Texas," tweeted Lehman coach Bruce Salmon. "Just roll the tape, the proof is in the pudding. Rare combination of talent, work ethic and all-around great kid."

After his first three games, Johnson has scored six touchdowns. And not just any touchdowns, mind you.

Johnson scored on a 102-yard kickoff return last week against Austin High after he muffed the ball

## Tanner Johnson: The Playmaker 2.0



Lehman senior Tanner Johnson scored six touchdowns in his first three games.

into the end zone before venturing out. He also scored on a 67-yard touchdown reception the previous week against McCallum, a 64-yard run against Austin High, and a 49-yard pick-six interception against McCallum.

He has accumulated 590 all-purpose yards, 40 total points and 30 tackles (10 per game).

Johnson obviously

can run and has speed to burn, go deep and stretch the secondary, but he also can catch, Plus, he has size and strength and moves. He's the total package.

On defense, Johnson, according to Salmon, "Competes every down like it's 4th and 7. If you're looking for a kid with the tools to play corner, instinct to play safety, and the ability to step up and be physical at the line of scrimmage, Tanner is

the guy."

As for Johnson, he just wants to play football. Preferably, college football.

"I'm just a football player," Johnson said after scoring three touchdowns in Lehman's 38-30 loss against Austin High. "I play whatever coach tells me to play. Do whatever I got to do to help my team win."

Curious, I asked Johnson, who so far has a single scholarship offer from Division II Missouri Southern, why Division I schools are late to the party despite his gaudy credentials.

"From sophomore to junior year, I had a big growth spurt," said 5-11, 170-pound Johnson. "I gained like 30 pounds and grew 3-4 inches."

Johnson said the key to his college future is to continue doing what he's doing.

More touchdowns. More big plays. More excitement.

"I'm not getting too hyped up," he said. "I'm not trying to boast about myself. I'm just trying to focus on the task at hand, and that's to get in the playoffs."

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