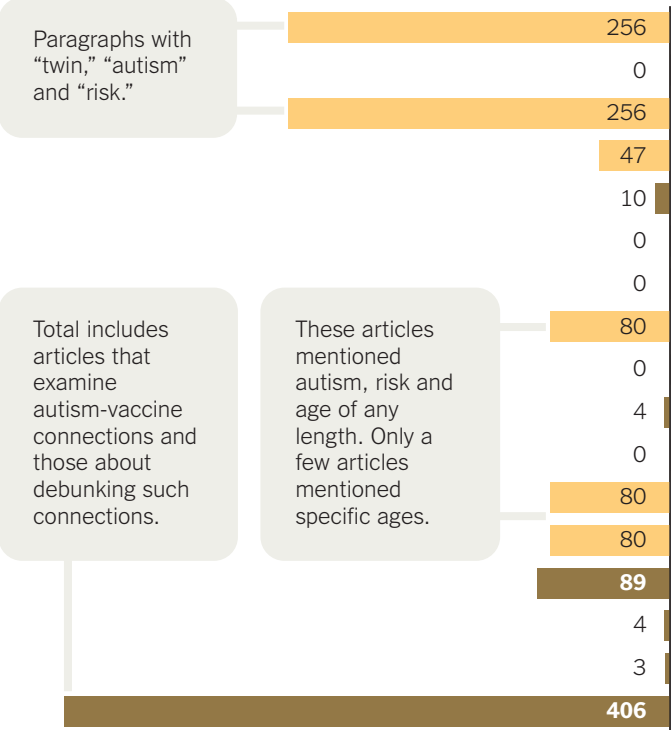


FREQUENCY IN U.S. NEWSPAPERS Number of articles in 2013 and 2014 where “autism” and “risk” appeared in the same paragraph with relevant key words.

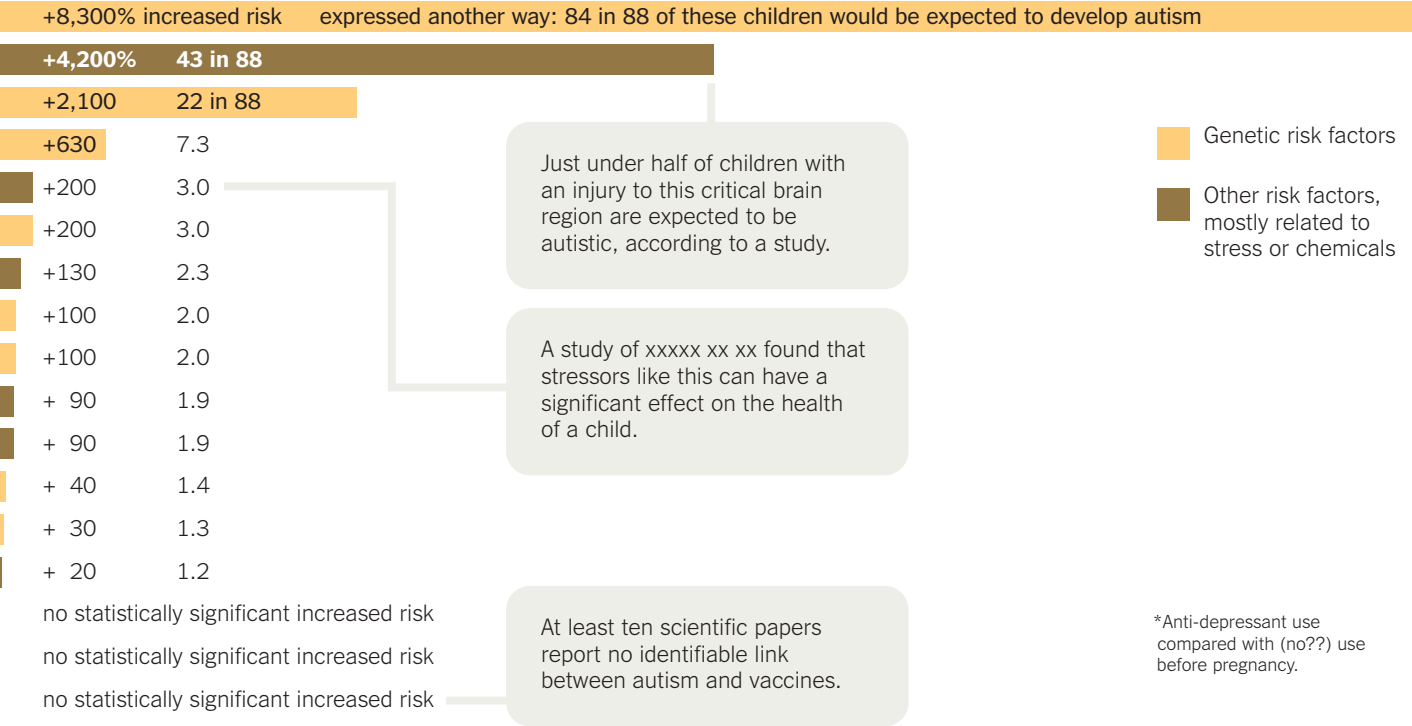


Source: analysis by Samuel Wang, Princeton University

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RISK FACTORS:	
Identical twin is autistic	
Injury to the cerebellum at birth	
Fraternal twin is autistic	
Premature by 9 or more weeks	
Pregnant mom caught in a hurricane zone	
Sibling is a science or engineering major	
Emigration at time of pregnancy	
Father older than 60	
Mother or father with mental illness	
Living within 0.19 mile of a freeway	
Conceived 12-23 after older sibling's birth	
Father older than 40	
Mother older than 35	
Environmental pollutants, including mercury	
Anti-depressant use during pregnancy*	
Sonograms	
Vaccination	

ACTUAL RISKS One in 88 children develop autism. Here, based on the large body of scientific papers on the subject, is how selected risk factors are believed to increase the likelihood of autism.



*Anti-depressant use compared with (no??) use before pregnancy.