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Global Healthy Diplomacy is a concept that widely encapsulates the cooperation of countries towards ensuring the survival of its citizens, especially when faced with the threat of an epidemic. Since health issues are of utmost importance to States, it has also become a focus of influence and geo-political strategies of States. This has led to the politicization of diseases and the need for global health diplomacy. This research work engaged the Health Belief Model Theory of Behaviour as its theoretical framework and conducting 12 key informants interviews, the study found that there is a significant degree of politicization of Covid-19 vaccines going on in global health and the perception and acceptance of Nigerians remains largely unchanged.

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