



Inside Track

Gates-funded Program Tests Biometric ID Vaccinations in Africa

The biometric digital identity platform Trust Stamp, which claims to “evolve as you evolve,” is to be introduced in “low-income, remote communities” in West Africa as part of a partnership between the Bill Gates-supported Alliance of Vaccines and Immunizations (GAVI) and Mastercard, according to a July 15 article at Activist Post.

The new program to be tested in West Africa will see Trust Stamp’s technology integrated into the GAVI-Mastercard “Wellness Pass,” a digital vaccination record and identity system.

GAVI is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and other elite foundations. Mastercard has stated its commitment to a “World Beyond Cash” and created a suite of services known as “Digital Wellness” to facilitate digital transactions.

The Wellness Pass combines vaccines with Mastercard’s technology “to leverage state of the art technology by bringing the Smart into traditional immunisation programs for optimal impact in terms of reach, adherence, efficiency and centralised record keeping of childhood immunisation.”

By integrating with Trust Stamp, Wellness Pass will be able to track vaccines biometrically even in areas lacking cellular data or Internet connectivity.

Trust Stamp co-founder Gareth Genner explains how it works: “Each time the child gets a vaccine and a new hash is created at the clinic, it is encoded with the updated health information.... The hash evolves over time, just as you evolve.”

Mastercard notes that “Trust Stamp is also exploring new ways to commercialize the hash” and that it is working on ways to allow companies to “identify criminals prior to appointments.”

The question is: Will the definition of “criminals” eventually be extended to include those who refuse to get their vaccines?

The integration of biometric identification technology with digital banking and vaccine records is a dangerous step that could be used to force people to get their shots or else be blocked from making purchases.

Flippy the Robot to Replace White Castle Workers at \$3 an Hour

Flippy the robot is a burger-flipping kitchen worker who does his job dutifully, never goes home, doesn’t get sick or take bathroom breaks, and won’t unionize — and can be had for \$3 an hour. He’s also a non-citizen who doesn’t need a visa and doesn’t care if you have a beef with his taking your job.

Buck Jordan, the chief executive of the company that birthed Flippy, Miso Robotics, had stated in February that the robot could appear widely in restaurants as soon as early 2021. But now it appears that the COVID-19 pandemic has improved Miso’s fortunes further, as there’s a desire to reduce worker contact with restaurant victuals. (While the chances of contracting the Wuhan coronavirus from food is



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low, there have been outbreaks affecting restaurant workers and patrons.)

In fact, a major fast-food chain has announced its Flippy embrace. As Fox Business reported July 14, White Castle announced a pilot program [July 14] to help cook burgers and fries using a robot named Flippy.

The fast-food chain and Miso ... have already been testing the robot's ability to cook White Castle's fried foods at one location. If the pilot is successful, White Castle may "hire" Flippy at more locations.

... Flippy is capable of cooking food, cleaning appliances, switching kitchenware or appliances, timing its procedures, recognizing and monitoring items, working up to 10,000 continuous hours and taking orders and training tips from staff.

The *Los Angeles Times* noted in February that Miso could "offer Flippys to fast-food restaurant owners for an estimated \$2,000 per month on a subscription basis, breaking down to about \$3 per hour. (The actual cost will depend on customers' specific needs.)"

Biden's "Climate Justice" Plan Includes Jail Time for Big Polluters

Joe Biden intends to spend more than \$2 trillion to transform America's energy infrastructure in order to address "environmental and climate justice," according to a new plan rolled out by his campaign in July.

Influenced by the recommendations penned by a unity task force between his campaign and that of former primary rival Senator Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Biden's climate-change plan would impose sweeping (and expensive) regulations, such as seeking to make America "carbon-free" by 2035, instituting a federal green-energy jobs program, and establishing an Environmental and Climate Justice Division to crack down on polluters.

The Biden proposal would "make a federal investment of \$1.7 trillion over the next ten years, leveraging additional private sector and state and local investments to total to more than \$5 trillion."

The former vice president claims he would pay for his program by "reversing the excesses of the Trump tax cuts for corporations, reducing incentives for tax havens, evasion, and outsourcing, ensuring corporations pay their fair share, closing other loopholes in our tax code that reward wealth not work, and ending subsidies for fossil fuels."

Biden's plan to meet a 100-percent clean-energy standard by 2035 would have an undoubted effect on the coal and natural gas industries, which currently produce 63 percent of all electricity in the country.

Additionally, Biden wants to create an Environmental and Climate Justice Division within the Department of Justice for cracking down on those who pollute the environment. The plan reads: "Biden will direct his EPA and DOJ to pursue these cases to the fullest extent permitted by law and, when needed, seek additional legislation to hold corporate executives personally accountable — including jail time where merited."

Biden also pledges to create a New Deal-style "Civilian Climate Corps," which will perform various anti-climate change initiatives such as restoring wetlands, protecting water supplies, and planting trees. He touts it as a way of "creating more than a quarter million jobs immediately to clean up local economies."



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Biden's proposals are similar to an "environmental justice" plan released by House Democrats in June.

City Council Unanimously Approves Reparations for Black People

The city council of Asheville, North Carolina, voted 7-0 on July 14 in favor of a resolution that will give reparations to "black Asheville" in the form of tax dollars targeted to the city's black community.

The resolution calls for the city to establish a Community Reparations Commission, whose job will be to "make short, medium and long term recommendations that will make significant progress toward repairing the damage caused by public and private systemic racism."

The resolution — titled "Resolution Supporting Community Reparations for Black Asheville" — accuses white America in general and the City of Asheville in particular of unjustly enslaving, segregating, and incarcerating black people.

The resolution's chief proponent is Councilman Keith Young. Young claims that the resolution was necessary to combat the "systemic" racism that he believes exists in America today.

"Reparations is a very complex issue and requires a solution that looks beyond a one-time payment or check," Young told CBS News. "The same systemics that have allowed Confederate statues to go up and disparities in policing to continue are the very same systemics that recycle itself generation after generation."

"It's set up to be something that will live beyond the current council and the current city manager to continually look at these issues that are affecting Black individuals in this country," Young explained. "We need to be made whole in areas such as healthcare, education, employment, criminal justice, business ownership, home ownership and overall equity and, of course, generational wealth."

This new call for reparations is not limited to Asheville. The reparations movement in America has gained steam in the wake of the death of Minneapolis criminal George Floyd while in police custody in May. On July 15, Mayor Jorge Elorza of Providence, Rhode Island, signed an executive order that promises to pursue a "truth-telling and reparations process" in the city. Other cities and states are also considering reparations legislation.



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