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Celebs Praise WHO and Director-General Tedros in “One World: Together at Home” Concert

One notable feature of the “One World: Together at Home” concert on Saturday night, April 18 — aside from the name, “one world,” a phrase that those of us wary of such things as “one world government” have a natural aversion to — was the almost Orwellian way that it appeared on all three major TV networks — ABC, CBS and NBC.

While one ostensible purpose of the concert was to recognize the healthcare workers who are bravely serving on the front lines treating patients during the COVID-19 pandemic (certainly a worthwhile endeavor), the entire event was permeated with messages of support for the World Health Organization (WHO) and included an appearance from Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director-general of WHO.



“The World Health Organization is committed to defeating the coronavirus pandemic with science and public health measures, and supporting the health workers who are on the frontlines of the response,” said Tedros. “We may have to be apart physically for a while, but we can still come together virtually to enjoy great music. The ‘One World: Together At Home’ concert represents a powerful show of solidarity against a common threat.”

“One World: Together at Home” was organized by Global Citizen in support of the World Health Organization. Global Citizen is part of the Global Poverty Project, an international education and advocacy organization that has received financial support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

“Global citizens(s)” is a term frequently used by the UN and WHO, which is part of the UN Sustainable Development Group.

Lady Gaga, who kicked off the concert and helped organize it, praised “all of the medical workers that are putting their lives at risk for us.” If she had limited her praise to these medical workers, her efforts would have been commendable. But Gaga continued on with fawning praise for Tedros.

“Dr. Tedros, you’re truly a superstar,” she said, speaking directly to WHO’s director-general. “Thank you so much to the media for telling the stories of all of these medical professionals and getting the word out about how under-resourced their systems are.”

“During this time we have seen a coming together of a singular, kind, global community,” the singer continued. “This triumph has instilled in myself and my colleagues a true calling to call upon the private sector and philanthropists to commit millions of dollars to support the World Health Organization’s COVID-19 response.”



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Among the celebrities appearing were Taylor Swift, Paul McCartney, The Rolling Stones, Beyoncé, Oprah Winfrey, Elton John, Jennifer Lopez, and Stevie Wonder. Former first ladies Michelle Obama and Laura Bush also made appearances.

What about WHO and Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the proclaimed heroes of the “Together at Home” event?

[We observed](#) earlier this month that Representative Guy Reschenthaler (R-Pa.) and 20 Republican cosponsors had introduced a resolution calling for the United States to defund the WHO until Tedros resigns and the organization is investigated for its allegedly soft-on-China handling of the coronavirus outbreak.

The resolution noted that WHO, in a January 14 tweet, alleged that “preliminary investigations conducted by Chinese authorities” indicated COVID-19 could not be transmitted between people. This was despite the fact that “on December 31, 2019, the Republic of China [Taiwan] warned the World Health Organization that COVID-19 could be transmitted human-to-human.” According to the resolution, WHO “ignored their warning as not to offend the People’s Republican of China.”

Tedros also discouraged a travel ban or similar border restrictions when the pandemic began, asserting he was “left in absolutely no doubt about China’s commitment to transparency” on the virus.

In response to these findings, President Trump announced on April 14 that he is temporarily suspending U.S. funding to WHO due to the institution’s poor handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

“The WHO failed in this basic duty and must be held accountable.... Had the WHO done its job to get medical experts into China to objectively assess the situation on the ground and to call out China’s lack of transparency, the outbreak could have been contained at its source with very little death,” Trump said.

As for Tedros, an April 8 article in *The New American* observed:

Tedros is an actual communist who does not even have a medical degree. He landed his UN job with backing from Communist China. Before setting up shop at WHO, he played a leading role in the murderous Tigray People’s Liberation Front (TPLF) in his native Ethiopia. This Marxist terror organization declared war on other ethnic groups. Tedros served as a top member of TPLF’s Politburo Central Committee.

The U.S. government designated TPLF a terrorist organization for its history of murder, kidnapping, and other violent acts, including attacks on religious figures, journalists, and private citizens. In fact, the Global Terror Database still lists it as such.

So much for Lady Gaga’s “superstar.” We are once again reminded that entertainment celebrities should stick to their area of expertise — entertaining — and not get into things that are above their pay grade.



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