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## Trump Temporarily Cuts Funding to WHO Over Its Failed COVID-19 Response

On Tuesday, President Trump [announced](#) that he is temporarily suspending U.S. funding to the World Health Organization (WHO) due to the institution's poor handling of the coronavirus pandemic.

President Trump had [hinted](#) last week that a major announcement regarding the WHO was coming.

The United States normally supplies \$400-\$500 million of WHO's annual operating expenses each year, the largest amount of any country and approximately 15 percent of the organization's entire budget. By comparison, China — the most populous nation on Earth — gives about \$40 million.



"Today, I'm instructing my administration to halt funding of the World Health Organization while a review is conducted to assess the World Health Organization's role in severely mismanaging and covering up the spread of the coronavirus," the president said. "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.

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Just this past weekend, the Chinese government [mandated](#) that any research papers on the origin of the coronavirus had to be approved by the state prior to publication.

"The silence of the WHO on the disappearance of scientific researchers and doctors, and on new restrictions on the sharing of research into the origins of COVID-19 in the country of origin is deeply concerning, especially when we put up, by far, the largest amount of money," the president said.

Opposition to Trump's announcement was swift and predictable. In a statement, UN Secretary General António Guterres — who last week [unveiled a plan](#) which would, among other things, add \$100 billion to the WHO's annual budget — had this to say: "Now is a time for unity in the global battle to push the COVID-19 pandemic into reverse, not a time to cut the resources of the World Health Organization (WHO), which is spearheading and coordinating the global body's efforts."

As usual, House speaker Nancy Pelosi launched yet another partisan attack against the president and promised retribution: "This is another case, as I have said, of the President's ineffective response, that 'a weak person, a poor leader, takes no responsibility. A weak person blames others.' This decision is dangerous, illegal and will be swiftly challenged."

Globalist vaccine-pusher Bill Gates, who has been [leading the charge](#) for "immunity cards" and "digital



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certificates,” which would allow people to move about freely, blasted Trump’s decision as well.

Gates [tweeted](#): “Halting funding for the World Health Organization during a world health crisis is as dangerous as it sounds. Their work is slowing the spread of COVID-19 and if that work is stopped no other organization can replace them. The world needs @WHO now more than ever.”

If Gates is so worried about WHO, perhaps his “philanthropic” foundation can simply write the organization a check to make up for any shortages.

Guterres, Pelosi, Gates and all the others can complain all they want, but it’s simply ridiculous to continue to fund a health organization that completely mishandled the greatest health emergency in modern history. WHO director Tedros Adhanom’s cozy relationship with the communist Chinese is directly responsible for the long delay in getting true and accurate information on the virus — something which the Chinese continue to prevent.

As White House Economic Advisor Peter Navarro recently said, Tedros and other WHO officials have “blood on their hands” due to their mishandling of the virus. “President Trump is absolutely correct to have a full investigation of how that happened and what China’s role might’ve been ... because we cannot have a World Health Organization that’s going to fail us in a pandemic and that’s what happened,” Navarro said.

WHO’s stated mission is to “promote health, keep the world safe, and serve the vulnerable.” During the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization has failed on all counts. It doesn’t just make sense to cut funding to WHO because it’s a corrupt globalist group with obvious communist leanings; it also makes sense because it is an inept organization. May this temporary cut in funding become permanent.



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