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WHAT IS THE WHO?

by Kris Ullman, President, Eagle Forum

R onald Reagan famously said the nine most terrifying words in the English language are "I'm from the government and I'm here to help." Updated for this century, the scariest statement is now, "I'm from the World Health Organization (WHO), and I'm here to help."

The WHO is now putting the final touches on two sovereignty stealing instruments — the International Health Regulation (IHR) amendments and the proposed Pandemic Treaty. Under the pretext of pandemic preparedness, increasingly totalitarian policies are being rolled out, and our human rights are being trampled on.

The new treaty and amendments, which are being negotiated by the International Negotiating Body of the World Health Assembly, remove existing guarantees of human rights and freedoms during "designated emergencies" (which they get to define and declare), and transfer authority for managing pandemics from individual nations to the WHO.

The World Health Organization was founded in the 1940s and funded by nations who are members. It was to be organized on principles of human rights and under a general understanding that each country should be independent, each person equal, and that human agency and autonomy are fundamental to a good society.

This original feel-good empty rhetoric has been mugged by the reality that this approach does not allow the "elites" to dictate who is in control and make decisions for the rest of us. In the early 2000s, private groups, including the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, became a major direct funders of the WHO, which started the era of "public-private partnership" and changed the nature of global public health. Gates and other non-governmental funders, including the World Economic Forum, can dictate what the WHO works on because the WHO relies on their funds. As the old adage goes, he who pays the piper, calls the tune.

The global public health response to COVID-19, led by the WHO, revealed the agenda of these global elites to create a world in which the public accepts official information as true without question, obeys leaders who impose topdown controls, and requires public obedience to government actors who are enriching themselves and megacorporations at the expense of our



sovereignty and freedom.

The WHO insists the world needs the Pandemic treaty and IHR amendments to prevent and lessen future pandemics or biological warfare events... so we will not suffer again as we did with the COVID pandemic. The very same people responsible for the failed pandemic response are now giving themselves more power to dictate, declare and control not only any future pandemics, but any "public health emergencies".

These documents, which are still undergoing revisions even as nations are supposed to vote on their adoption in late May 2024, will fundamentally change the relationship between the WHO, its Member countries and naturally We the People.

The proposed IHR amendments remove human rights protections that are currently guaranteed in the existing regulations. One amend-

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ment proposes to do away with the phrase, "With full respect for the dignity, human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons," and replace it with "the principles of equity [and] inclusivity."

In addition, the new draft expands the definitions of pandemics and health emergencies to include 'potential' for harm rather than actual harm. Despite the protestations from the WHO that they do not want to tell countries what to do, the draft removes the current language that says the recommendations are 'non-binding.' There will be no freedom to disagree with WHO's recommendations and the WHO and Member States must counter mis- and dis-information.

The Director-General (DG) of the WHO, currently Tedros Ghebreyesus who is puppet of the CCP, will have the ability to independently declare emergencies, dictate restrictions and other measures at any time for any potential risk. This power will not be limited to viruses but to anything that impacts "global health" including climate, gun violence, food production . . . the list could be endless.

The WHO DG will have the ability to implement binding recommendations that affect individuals such as border closures, tracking and tracing, travel restrictions, quarantines, medical examinations, and potential vaccine requirements. Currently countries can assess public health events and decide what measures and policies to take. Under these new proposals, the WHO can declare an emergency, including for mere potential threats to "public health", without individual country's consent, and dictate public health measures to be followed. It's bad enough when our elected officials impose these things, but it's a threat to sovereignty when

they come from unelected international bureaucrats.

The Pandemic Treaty, which they call an "Agreement" to avoid the U.S. Constitution's requirement of Senate ratification, is scheduled to be accepted at the same time, even though the final version of the document has not yet been released. It deals with the governance of global public health, including increased funding, the control of supply chains, and the sharing of all viruses/bacteria that have "pandemic potential." It will set up a 'Governing Body,' to oversee the whole process and expand the WHO's scope by emphasizing a 'One Health' agenda that covers anything that could potentially cross borders and impact human, animal, or plant life.

What can be done to stop the WHO?

Congress should defund the WHO and reject the amendments to the International Health Regulations and the Pandemic Treaty. The House of Representatives took the first step by defunding the WHO in the 2024 State/Foreign Operations spending bill but sadly, this language was stripped out in negotiations with the Senate. Congress should make it a priority to defund the WHO in the next round of spending bills.

Several bills have been introduced to combat the WHO. Representative Andy Biggs (R-AZ) has a bill, H.R. 79, to remove the U.S. from the WHO and prevent any funds from going to the organization. The Disengaging Entirely From the United Nations Debacle "DEFUND" Act, introduced in both the Senate (S. 3428) and House (H.R. 6645) by Senator Mike Lee (R-UT), Chip Roy (R-TX), and Mike Rogers (R-AL), will protect national sovereignty by withdrawing the United States from the U.N. and the WHO, prevent all voluntary contributions to these organizations, remove the United States from all U.N. conventions or agreements, and require ratification by the U.S. Senate as a condition of rejoining any U.N.-affiliated entity.

At a minimum, the Senate must insist that any final amendments or agreements presented by the WHO that bind our nation are considered as a treaty and subject to ratification by the Senate. Senator Ron Johnson (R-WI) offered an amendment last year that would have required the Senate to ratify the Pandemic Treaty, but it was defeated when not a single Democrat voted for it.

COVID-19 stands out from previous pandemics because the WHO acted in ways that were contrary to existing WHO guidelines. Despite the historical rarity of pandemics, the WHO and their partners are pushing forward changes that will ensure they repeat the mistakes of the past while cementing power in the hands of not just the WHO, but the dangerous public-private, nongovernmental organizations such as Gates Foundation, the WEF and other powerful forces beyond the accountability of voters.

How can we take seriously claims by the same officials who mishandled COVID that they want to spare us from another medical and economic disaster by employing the same strategies they applied to COVID?

No governments or their health officials have ever admitted their deadly errors with the last pandemic so we should never let them manage anything for us again. Do not allow the United States to join a Pandemic Treaty and the new amendments to the International Health Regulations that will bind us to obey the WHO's dictates forever.

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The World Health Organization is a supranational United Nations agency that is effectively controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, as evidenced by the manner in which the WHO's Director-General, Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, has relentlessly accomplished Beijing's bidding. That includes advancing the CCP's interest in bringing about a post-Constitutional-America and "global governance" dominated by the Party. The CCP's hegemonic ambitions have no place for a powerful United States of America, human freedom, or personal sovereignty.

The WHO is underwritten and malignly influenced by other special interests, including Bill Gates and Big Pharma. Their efforts to expand the WHO's supranational control align with Beijing's. Gates and his fellow corporate globalists exploit their roles with the WHO to generate profits.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the WHO lied about the nature, origins, and effective responses to the Wuhan Virus. The "China Model" of lockdowns, masks and vaccine mandates, and digital enforcement mechanisms was endorsed. The WHO approved the use of expensive and inadequately tested gene therapies as "vaccinations" and the suppression of readily available, effective, and inexpensive treatments. Thanks in part to such misconduct, the pandemic has resulted in the deaths of over a million Americans and many more elsewhere around the world.

Given the WHO's appalling record, it is outrageous that the Biden administration is working to give the WHO and its Director-General more power over sovereign nations, including the United States. Yet, U.S. government officials are actively negotiating amendments to existing International Health Regulations and a new treaty governing future pandemics. These accords would give Dr. Tedros the unilateral authority to dictate what constitutes an actual or potential Public Health Emergency of International Concern and to order how nations must respond.

The Biden administration has no intention of honoring the U.S. Senate's constitutional role in treaty-making by submitting such assaults on our sovereignty for its advice and consent.

In the hands of the CCP and its friends, that authority would allow enemies of this country, foreign and domestic, to deprive Americans of their constitutional rights and other statutory protections. The WHO's DG may deem gun violence, climate change, or "disinformation" to be a "public health emergency".

Such a surrender of national sovereignty over public health would also translate into a loss of personal sovereignty, when WHO directives interfere with individual patients' treatment by their physician, which has already occurred from WHO advisories. Much worse is if the WHO could order governments and medical practitioners to administer problematic "vaccinations" and other drugs or withhold less risky and more efficacious treatments.

What the WHO has euphemistically dubbed its "One Health" approach enables it to take animals, plants, and the environment under its jurisdiction. Doing so would give it authority over every aspect of life, under the guise of a potential public health emergency.

Other provisions of the proposed instruments would directly interfere with the patient-physician relationship by dictating the way physicians diagnose and treat individuals in their care. The WHO would have the authority to require medical examinations and proof of mandated vaccinations in the form of a digital "vaccine passport." It could require governments and physicians to implement contact tracing, quarantine, and specific treatments, including forced vaccinations. Through a system of "Global Health Certificates," the WHO seeks to institute a system of digital documentation, including certificates for tests, vaccinations, other prescribed preventative measures, recovery, and even travel.

The WHO envisions compelling the universal adoption of digital health IDs. Americans have already experienced how such "vaccine passports" can be used to enforce "jab" mandates and otherwise control individuals' movements, access to food, employment, education, finances, places of worship. The Communist Party has honed such totalitarian techniques into a "Social Credit System" inside the PRC and is now working to export it worldwide.

Once combined with an interoperable, global Central Bank Digital Currencies, the WHO could enforce its medical tyranny by severing unvaccinated individuals from their bank accounts and credit cards. They would thus be trapped in a "digital gulag" unless and until they comply with whatever protocol the WHO deems advantageous to its CCP-influenced interests.

For all these reasons, we the undersigned declare that the United States must end its membership in, cease funding of and submitting to the World Health Organization before the WHO is granted the authority effectively to compel compliance with the public health dictates of Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus or any other unelected, unaccountable international bureaucrat.

Robbing Peter to Pay Paul

by Anne Schlafly, Chairman, Eagle Forum

S ome mistakes have to be repeated before the lesson is learned. When the government shut down the American economy in March 2020, Congress voted to send cash payments to many Americans and the U.S. government paid millions of people not to work. The results were severe economic and social costs, because unemployment has lifetime consequences for individuals, families, and communities. There are many non-monetary benefits to work and there are social costs to unemployment. Livelihoods are lives.

Some of the extra personal and societal costs of being paid to sit on the sofa include increased drug and alcohol use, breakup of marriages, disruption of career path and lower lifetime earnings, poorer academics for children, and increased crime. All of us pay when some are paid not to work.

Instead of recognizing the error of cash payments, many big city mayors, including Houston, Nashville, and Louisville, have started to pay people in their cities not to work. So the employed taxpayer pays for someone to be unemployed. Talk about being unfair to the working taxpayer!

The COVID shutdown was an experiment in what happens when the government pays people a substantial amount for not working. Congress authorized \$600 per week in unemployment bonuses early in the pandemic. The consequences were substantial, including prolonging unemployment and economic underperformance. With easy money in the bank, then there is no hunger to seek employment. The previous largest federal unemployment bonus, which was enacted by President Obama, was a mere \$25 per week.

These checks meant that being unemployed was more profitable than work. The result was elevated unemployment rates, which — surprise, surprise! — dropped when the \$600 bonus ended. But when Congress authorized another \$300 per week bonus, then the unemployment rate stalled. Economics is all about incentives and in 2020, people had a large incentive not to work.

Some red states — like Florida and Texas — ended the state's bonus unemployment benefits far earlier than blue states — like New York and California. The states that cut off these extra benefits earlier had a much faster return-to-work effect. As a result, their economies recovered much faster than those states who offered prolonged benefits. Some states with high unemployment benefits did not fully recover all their lost employment for three years.

Payments for not working end up hurting the very people they are designed to benefit. According to the Urban Institute: "The long-term unemployed tend to earn less once they find new jobs. They tend to be in poorer health and have children with worse academic performance than similar workers who avoided unemployment. Communities with a higher share of long-term unemployed workers also tend to have higher rates of crime and violence." The devil does make work for idle hands.

The U.S. government should not lavishly subsidize unemployment and make non-work pay better than work. It does not matter if the extra money is spent on necessities, the heart of the problem is that money with nostrings-attached is a disincentive to work. According to the *Wall Street Journal* ("More Places Try Cash Aid to Needy, Stirring Some GOP Opposition" 3/20/24), there is "a growing sentiment among economists, tech industry leaders and Democrats that distributing money without strings is one of the most effective and least bureaucratic ways to help struggling people." The idea is called "Universal Basic Income", but the reality of UBI is "U B Indolent".



The best way to help struggling people is to give them a purpose, not a purse. A job provides a purpose, discipline, satisfaction, community, and responsibility — none of which ever come from a free handout. Politicians like to hand out money in order to get votes. Perhaps the tech industry leaders prefer to have more customers devoting their day to social media apps instead of concentrating on a job to accomplish.

The Universal Basic Income is socialism. When people are dependent on government for income, they are not free people. When people are beholden to government, they lose all individual rights.

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