## PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP HAS CALLED OUT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION'S CORRUPTION AND ABUSE

"The W.H.O. really blew it. We will be giving that a good look."

- President Donald J. Trump

## DELAYING WORLD MOBILIZATION IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19: Working with China to cover up the deadly spread of COVID-19, WHO hindered critical efforts that could have saved lives.

- WHO refused to listen to Taiwan's pleas about the virus in December, denied a visit of experts to Wuhan until mid-February, and cooperated with China to cover up the truth about coronavirus.
- Even when evidence of human-to-human transmission was confirmed as early as January 2 in Wuhan, WHO and China refused to admit it until late January.
- WHO repeatedly deferred to Chinese propaganda that covered up the virus's spread and fatalities, praising Beijing for its false efforts and promoting the use of Chinese traditional medicine to treat the disease.
- The organization insisted that travel restrictions should not be used. While Chinese cover-up continued, Director Tedros berated President Trump for closing America's borders, saying that "stigma" was more deadly than the virus itself.
- The organization refused to declare COVID-19 a pandemic until March 11, when it was too late. By then, COVID-19 had infected over 110,000 people and over 110 countries worldwide.

## COLLABORATING WITH CHINA: WHO has a history of cooperating with Beijing, working to earn political favor with China by deceiving and sidelining other countries.

- The appointment of Director Tedros to lead WHO was a major win for China, who worked tirelessly to ensure he assumed the position.
  - During Tedros' reign as health minister in Ethiopia, China loaned the country billions of dollars.
  - Tedros has a long history of corruption having worked for a Marxist government that tortured and murdered thousands, covering up multiple outbreaks of cholera in Ethiopia, and aligning himself to China's influence.
- Tedros uses the WHO as a political bargaining chip to show allegiance to China and continually sidelines Taiwan to gain China's favor.
  - Taiwan is not allowed to be a member of WHO because of China's "One-China Policy" and is excluded from the World Health Organization.
  - Because of this, WHO refused to listen to Taiwan's early warnings about the virus back in December, which could have saved lives. It ignored Taiwan's offers to mobilize against the disease, choosing to work with China to cover up the severity of COVID-19 and deny facts.

IMPEDING GLOBAL HEALTH AND MISHANDLING MONEY: This is not the first instance of WHO's malfeasance, corruption, and political clout.

- WHO spends more money on wasteful and luxurious travel expenses than solving top health crises.
  - An exclusive AP report found that the organization routinely spends around \$200 million a year on travel, "more than what it doles out to fight some of the biggest problems in public health, including AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria combined."
- The United States is not alone in its well-founded criticism. WHO has faced constant critique over its poor coordination, lack of transparency, and finances from multiple parties.
  - WHO was questioned for bungling multiple responses to global health crises, including Zika, cancer, warnings about air quality, food products, and tobacco.
  - WHO was criticized for a slow and ineffective response to the Ebola crisis after it failed to declare the outbreak a public health emergency until 5 months later.
- WHO's pro-choice platform has clouded its global health efforts, especially after it declared abortion an "essential" service during the COVID-19 pandemic. It has been accused of focusing more on stocking Third World clinics with abortifacients and contraception instead of medicine.
- WHO is known for its lack of transparency: forcibly banning journalists from conferences, blacklisting critical reporters, and awarding high-profile events to countries denying free press.