

WHY A TRANSFORMED W.H.O. WILL THREATEN NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

The World Health Organization (WHO) – led by its Director-General Dr. Tedros Ghebreyesus, the Chinese Communist Party that controls him and the Biden administration – is finalizing documents empowering Tedros to dictate global public health policy. The result will be a crushing of both national sovereignty and individual medical freedoms, in the United States and the world.

The WHO would accomplish this via a Pandemic Treaty and by amending International Health Regulations. These would *oblige* the U.S. and 195 other states parties to submit to whatever its Director-General deems to be an actual *or potential* “Public Health Emergency of International Concern” (PHEIC). They must also carry out whatever he determines is the appropriate response. Such PHEICs can include perceived emergencies *other than pandemics*, including for example: climate change, reproductive health, immigration, gun violence or even potential emergencies involving plants, animals or ecosystems.

The two proposed WHO “instruments” are: 1) transformative amendments to the existing **International Health Regulations (IHRs)**; and 2) **a new treaty** governing “pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.” With the Biden administration’s strong support, the WHO refuses to characterize either of them as “treaties” so as to circumvent the U.S. ratification process. The Congressional Research Service, however, says that, for purposes of international law, both *are* treaties.¹

All other things being equal, both instruments will likely be approved between May 27 and June 1, 2024. That should not be the case since the *WHO is in violation of its own rules* requiring the final version of the proposed IHR amendments to be provided to member states *four months* in advance of the scheduled vote. And since the current draft of the Pandemic Agreement incorporates by reference the amended IHRs, it is clearly not ready for a vote, either.

A two-thirds majority is required to adopt the Pandemic Treaty . Given the Biden administration’s support for the Treaty and refusal to submit it (or the IHR amendments) for Senate advice and consent, our country will also be bound by the Pandemic Agreement for **at least 3 years**. Once the accords’ various infrastructure and other implementing arrangements are in place, moreover, a future president may find it very difficult to disentangle the United States.

Neither instrument can be fixed, as they inherently violate our Constitution and rights. Unless the United States withdraws from the World Health Organization, it will be bound by whatever the majority of WHO members agree upon, to the detriment of our national sovereignty and personal freedoms.

After Tedros and the World Health Organization’s catastrophic mishandling of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is utterly unacceptable to give the WHO *still more*, let alone *binding*, control over our public health. In light of the enormity of the stakes, preventing our country from being subjected to such medical tyranny masquerading as “global governance” has taken on critical urgency.

¹ https://www.everycrsreport.com/files/2022-06-22_IF12139_1b82a7b4554a5dfbbf8981b345ee175d0516c28d.pdf

Consequently, if the United States is to be spared such an unacceptable surrender of its national sovereignty – with all that portends for its people, their freedoms and well-being, **Congress must insist that this country: exit the World Health Organization; defund its operations; and not be bound by any WHO treaties or regulations.**

Further, on September 28, 2023, the United States House of Representatives voted to defund the World Health Organization. See H.R. 4665, at pages 249-250. The House also voted to require that any agreement drafted by the World Health Assembly or any other United Nations body won't take effect until it has obtained the required advice and consent of the Senate. We need to carry these victories across the finish line and ensure they survive the ongoing appropriations process.

Examples of Unacceptable Provisions in the WHO Instruments

Among the amendments that would fundamentally transform **the International Health Regulations** are the following:

- The voluntary character of the World Health Organization would be replaced by a compulsory arrangement, and the proposed amendments replace the word “may” with “shall” over 100 times. In addition, the word “non-binding” has been deleted to make the “recommendations” of the WHO **binding**.
- The WHO will be able to intervene not only when an active public health risk exists, but also when the public health risk is only **potential**.
- Article 9 would be amended to authorize the WHO to rely on **undisclosed sources** for information when declaring a public health emergency, which need not be shared with the affected nation(s).
- Article 12 would be amended to authorize **the Director-General to declare unilaterally a potential or actual public health emergency of international concern**. That authority can justify the imposition and enforcement of sanctions on nations that insist on exercising their sovereign right not to comply with WHO dictates.

The proposed **Pandemic Treaty**:

- **Establishes global surveillance requirements.**
- **Commits governments to censor dissenting views** (Article 18). “The Parties shall strengthen science, public health and pandemic literacy...with the aim of countering and combating false, misleading misinformation or disinformation.”
- **Embraces a “One Health Approach”** (Article 5). That approach includes not only human health, but also the health of animals, agricultural plants and the environment. **If passed, the WHO would have control over every aspect of existence on earth.**

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