

# India Bans Bill & Melinda Gates' Vaccine Program Over Big-Pharma Fears

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The government of India is banning the vaccine program sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation over fears that pharmaceutical-company donors tied to the Foundation are influencing its policies on vaccination. A study from the Global Policy Forum shows that the Gates Foundation is not a neutral charity but, instead, promotes neo-liberal (collectivist) economic policies and globalization, which benefits big business, especially in the fields of health and agriculture. – GEG

India – On February 28, 2017, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation's (BMGF) support of India's immunization program will cease to exist after the government has moved to sever ties with the billionaire's organization.

This move by the Indian state was largely prompted by fears that Big Pharma foreign donors associated with the BMGF could influence policy making. Having been the proving ground for outside foreign-funded health experts, this move is also part of a larger push to dismiss dozens of other schemes controlling and attempting to control decision making in key policy areas, according to [Reuters](#).

For many years, the National Technical Advisory Group on Immunizations (NTAGI) has been serviced and funded by the Gates Foundation's Immunization Technical Support Unit (ITSU) at the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI).

Citing a 'conflict of interests', however, according to the [India Times](#), the Gates Foundation's "ties" with pharmaceutical companies is part of the reason they shut the gate on BMGF.

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