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A [Columbia Journalism Review expose](#) reveals that, to control global journalism, Bill Gates has steered over \$250 million to the BBC, NPR, NBC, Al Jazeera, *ProPublica*, *National Journal*, *The Guardian*, the *New York Times*, Univision, *Medium*, the *Financial Times*, *The Atlantic*, the *Texas Tribune*, Gannett, *Washington Monthly*, *Le Monde*, Center for Investigative Reporting, Pulitzer Center, National Press Foundation, International Center for Journalists, and a host of other groups. To conceal his influence, Gates also funneled unknown sums via [subgrants](#) for contracts to other press outlets.

His press bribes have paid off. During the pandemic, bought and brain-dead news outlets have treated Bill Gates as a public health expert—despite his lack of medical training or regulatory experience.

Gates also funds an army of independent fact checkers including the [Poynter Institute and Gannett](#)—which use their fact-checking platforms to “silence detractors” and to “debunk” as “false conspiracy theories” and “misinformation,” charges that Gates has championed and invested in [biometric chips](#), [vaccine identification systems](#), [satellite surveillance](#),

and [COVID vaccines](#).

Gates's media gifts, says CJR author Tim Schwab, mean that "[critical reporting about the Gates Foundation is rare](#)." The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation declined multiple interview requests from CJR and refused to disclose how much money it has funneled to journalists.

In 2007, the LA Times published one of the only [critical investigations](#) on the Gates Foundation, exposing Gates's holdings in companies that hurt people his foundation claims to help, like industries linked to child labor. [Lead reporter Charles Piller, says](#), "They were unwilling to answer questions and pretty much refused to respond in any sort of way..."

The investigation showed how Gates's global health funding has steered the world's aid agenda toward Gates' personal goals ([vaccines](#) and [GMO crops](#)) and away from issues such as emergency preparedness to respond to disease outbreaks, like the Ebola crisis.

"They've dodged our questions and sought to undermine our coverage," says freelance journalist Alex Park after investigating the Gates Foundation's polio vaccine efforts.