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A look at the database of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation reveals how the oligarch influencing the global pandemic response has bankrolled hundreds of media outlets to the tune of at least \$319 million.

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Up until his recent messy divorce, Bill Gates enjoyed something of a free pass in corporate media. Generally presented as a kindly nerd who wants to save the world, the Microsoft co-founder was even un-ironically christened “Saint Bill” by [The Guardian](#).

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The Gates Foundation money going towards media programs has been split up into a number of sections, presented in descending numerical order, and includes a link to the relevant grant on the organization's website.

Awards Directly to Media Outlets:

- NPR- \$24,663,066
- The Guardian (including [TheGuardian.org](https://www.theguardian.org))- \$12,951,391
- Cascade Public Media - \$10,895,016
- Public Radio International (PRI.org/TheWorld.org)- \$7,719,113
- The Conversation- \$6,664,271
- Univision- \$5,924,043
- Der Spiegel (Germany)- \$5,437,294
- Project Syndicate- \$5,280,186
- Education Week - \$4,898,240
- WETA- \$4,529,400
- NBCUniversal Media- \$4,373,500
- Nation Media Group (Kenya) - \$4,073,194
- Le Monde (France)- \$4,014,512
- Bhekisisa (South Africa) - \$3,990,182
- El País - \$3,968,184
- BBC- \$3,668,657
- CNN- \$3,600,000

- KCET- \$3,520,703
- Population Communications International (population.org) - \$3,500,000
- The Daily Telegraph - \$3,446,801
- Chalkbeat - \$2,672,491

- The Education Post- \$2,639,193
- Rockhopper Productions (U.K.) - \$2,480,392
- Corporation for Public Broadcasting - \$2,430,949
- UpWorthy - \$2,339,023
- Financial Times - \$2,309,845
- The 74 Media- \$2,275,344
- Texas Tribune- \$2,317,163
- Punch (Nigeria) - \$2,175,675
- News Deeply - \$1,612,122
- The Atlantic- \$1,403,453
- Minnesota Public Radio- \$1,290,898
- YR Media- \$1,125,000
- The New Humanitarian- \$1,046,457
- Sheger FM (Ethiopia) - \$1,004,600
- Al-Jazeera- \$1,000,000
- ProPublica- \$1,000,000
- Crosscut Public Media - \$810,000
- Grist Magazine- \$750,000
- Kurzgesagt - \$570,000
- Educational Broadcasting Corp - \$506,504
- Classical 98.1 - \$500,000
- PBS - \$499,997
- Gannett - \$499,651
- Mail and Guardian (South Africa)- \$492,974

- Inside Higher Ed.- \$439,910
- BusinessDay (Nigeria) - \$416,900
- Medium.com - \$412,000
- Nutopia- \$350,000
- Independent Television Broadcasting Inc. - \$300,000
- Independent Television Service, Inc. - \$300,000
- Caixin Media (China) - \$250,000
- Pacific News Service - \$225,000
- National Journal - \$220,638
- Chronicle of Higher Education - \$149,994
- Belle and Wissell, Co. \$100,000
- Media Trust - \$100,000
- New York Public Radio - \$77,290
- KUOW - Puget Sound Public Radio - \$5,310

Together, these donations total \$166,216,526. The money is generally directed towards issues close to the Gateses hearts. For example, the \$3.6 million *CNN* grant went towards “report[ing] on gender equality with a particular focus on least developed countries, producing journalism on the everyday inequalities endured by women and girls across the world,” while the *Texas Tribune* received millions to “to increase public awareness and engagement of education reform issues in Texas.” Given that Bill is one of the charter schools’ most **fervent supporters**, a cynic might interpret this as planting pro-corporate charter school propaganda into the media, disguised as objective news reporting.

Samen zijn deze donaties goed voor een totaal van \$166.216.526. Het geld is over het algemeen gericht op zaken die de Gateses na aan het hart liggen. De 3,6 miljoen dollar subsidie van CNN ging bijvoorbeeld naar “verslaggeving over gendergelijkheid met speciale aandacht voor de minst ontwikkelde landen, het produceren van journalistiek over de dagelijkse ongelijkheid van vrouwen en meisjes over de hele wereld”, terwijl de Texas Tribune miljoenen ontving om “het publieke bewustzijn en de betrokkenheid bij onderwijshervormingskwesties in Texas te vergroten”. Gezien het feit dat Bill een van de meest fervente voorstanders is van charter scholen, zou een cynicus dit kunnen interpreteren als het planten van pro-corporate charter school propaganda in de media, vermomd als objectieve nieuwsverslaggeving.

The Gates Foundation has also given nearly \$63 million to charities closely aligned with big media outlets, including nearly **\$53 million** to BBC Media Action, over **\$9 million** to MTV's Staying Alive Foundation, and **\$1 million** to The New York Times Neediest Causes Fund. While not specifically funding journalism, donations to the philanthropic arm of a media player should still be noted.

Gates continues to underwrite a wide network of investigative journalism centers as well, totaling just over \$38 million, more than half of which has gone to the D.C.-based International Center for Journalists to expand and develop African media.

De Gates Foundation heeft ook bijna 63 miljoen dollar gegeven aan liefdadigheidsinstellingen die nauw samenwerken met grote mediakanalen, waaronder bijna 53 miljoen dollar aan BBC Media Action, meer dan 9 miljoen dollar aan MTV's Staying Alive Foundation en 1 miljoen dollar aan The New York Times Neediest Causes Fund. Hoewel ze niet specifiek journalistiek financieren, moeten donaties aan de filantropische tak van een mediaspeler toch worden opgemerkt.

Gates blijft ook een breed netwerk van onderzoeksjournalistieke centra steunen, met een totaal van iets meer dan 38 miljoen dollar, waarvan meer dan de helft naar het in D.C. gevestigde International Center for Journalists is gegaan om Afrikaanse media uit te breiden en te ontwikkelen.

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These centers include:

- International Center for Journalists- **\$20,436,938**
- Premium Times Centre for Investigative Journalism (Nigeria) - **\$3,800,357**
- The Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting - **\$2,432,552**
- Fondation EurActiv Politech - **\$2,368,300**
- International Women's Media Foundation - **\$1,500,000**
- Center for Investigative Reporting - **\$1,446,639**
- InterMedia Survey institute - **\$1,297,545**
- The Bureau of Investigative Journalism - **\$1,068,169**
- Internews Network - **\$985,126**
- Communications Consortium Media Center - **\$858,000**

- Institute for Nonprofit News - \$650,021
- The Poynter Institute for Media Studies- \$382,997
- Wole Soyinka Centre for Investigative Journalism (Nigeria) - \$360,211
- Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies - \$254,500
- Global Forum for Media Development (Belgium) - \$124,823
- Mississippi Center for Investigative Reporting - \$100,000

In addition to this, the Gates Foundation also plies press and journalism associations with cash, to the tune of at least \$12 million. For example, the National Newspaper Publishers Association – a group representing more than 200 outlets – has received \$3.2 million.

Daarnaast overstelpt de Gates Foundation ook pers- en journalistenverenigingen met geld, voor een bedrag van minstens 12 miljoen dollar. De National Newspaper Publishers Association bijvoorbeeld - een groep die meer dan 200 verkooppunten vertegenwoordigt - heeft \$3,2 miljoen ontvangen.

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The list of these organizations includes:

- Education Writers Association - \$5,938,475
- National Newspaper Publishers Association - \$3,249,176
- National Press Foundation- \$1,916,172
- Washington News Council- \$698,200
- American Society of News Editors Foundation - \$250,000
- Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press- \$25,000

This brings our running total up to \$216.4 million.

The foundation also puts up the money to directly train journalists all over the world, in the form of scholarships, courses and workshops. Today, it is possible for an individual to train as a reporter thanks to a Gates Foundation grant, find work at a Gates-funded outlet, and to belong to a press association funded by Gates. This is especially true of journalists working in the fields of health, education and global development, the ones Gates himself is most active in and where scrutiny of the billionaire's actions and motives are most necessary.

De stichting stelt ook geld beschikbaar om journalisten over de hele wereld direct op te leiden, in de vorm van beurzen, cursussen en workshops. Vandaag de dag is het voor iemand mogelijk om een opleiding tot journalist te volgen dankzij een beurs van de Gates Foundation, werk te vinden bij een door Gates gefinancierde krant en lid te worden van een door Gates gefinancierde persvereniging. Dit geldt vooral voor journalisten die werken op het gebied van gezondheid, onderwijs en wereldwijde ontwikkeling, de gebieden waarop Gates zelf het meest actief is en waar een kritisch onderzoek naar de acties en motieven van de miljardair het meest noodzakelijk is.

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Gates Foundation grants pertaining to the instruction of journalists include:

- Johns Hopkins University - **\$1,866,408**
- Teachers College, Columbia University- **\$1,462,500**
- University of California Berkeley- **\$767,800**
- Tsinghua University (China) - **\$450,000**
- Seattle University - **\$414,524**
- Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies - **\$254,500**
- Rhodes University (South Africa) - **\$189,000**
- Montclair State University- **\$160,538**
- Pan-Atlantic University Foundation - **\$130,718**