

Bill Gates Buys His Reputation by Funding Media

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All of the information in this PDF comes from an article on the Mint Press News website by Alan McCloud:

[Revealed: Documents Show Bill Gates Has Given \\$319 Million to Media Outlets](#)

Included are just a few excerpts from the article; mostly this document is just the lists of organizations the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation gave money to and how much. Note that the dollar amounts are links to the pages on the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation website where the contributions can be seen. Also the article goes on (beyond the lists below) to address other ways Gates has bought influence. For the bigger picture read the article.

From the intro to the article:

- After sorting through over 30,000 individual grants, *MintPress* can reveal that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) has made over \$300 million worth of donations to fund media projects.

- 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](#))- [\\$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](#)
- The Gates Foundation has also given nearly \$63 million to charities closely aligned with big media outlets.

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.

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](#)
- 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.

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](#)
 - World Health Organization – [\\$38,403](#)
 - The Aftermath Project- [\\$15,435](#)
- The BMGF also pays for a wide range of specific media campaigns around the world. For example, since 2014 it has donated \$5.7 million to the Population Foundation of India in order to create dramas that promote sexual and reproductive health, with the intent to increase family planning methods in South Asia.

Media projects supported by the Gates Foundation:

- European Journalism Centre – [\\$20,060,048](#)
- World University Service of Canada – [\\$12,127,622](#)
- Well Told Story Limited – [\\$9,870,333](#)
- Solutions Journalism Inc.- [\\$7,254,755](#)
- Entertainment Industry Foundation – [\\$6,688,208](#)
- Population Foundation of India- [\\$5,749,826](#)
- Participant Media – [\\$3,914,207](#)
- Réseau Africain de l'Education pour la santé- [\\$3,561,683](#)
- New America – [\\$3,405,859](#)
- AllAfrica Foundation – [\\$2,311,529](#)
- Steps International – [\\$2,208,265](#)

- Center for Advocacy and Research – [\\$2,200,630](#)
- The Sesame Workshop – [\\$2,030,307](#)
- Panos Institute West Africa – [\\$1,809,850](#)
- Open Cities Lab – [\\$1,601,452](#)
- Harvard university – [\\$1,190,527](#)
- Learning Matters – [\\$1,078,048](#)
- The Aaron Diamond Aids Research Center- [\\$981,631](#)
- Thomson Media Foundation- [\\$860,628](#)
- Communications Consortium Media Center – [\\$858,000](#)
- StoryThings- [\\$799,536](#)
- Center for Rural Strategies – [\\$749,945](#)
- The New Venture Fund – [\\$700,000](#)
- Helianthus Media – [\\$575,064](#)
- University of Southern California- [\\$550,000](#)
- World Health Organization- [\\$530,095](#)
- Phi Delta Kappa International – [\\$446,000](#)
- Ikana Media – [\\$425,000](#)
- Seattle Foundation – [\\$305,000](#)
- EducationNC – [\\$300,000](#)
- Beijing Guokr Interactive – [\\$300,000](#)
- Upswell- [\\$246,918](#)
- The African Academy of Sciences – [\\$208,708](#)
- Seeking Modern Applications for Real Transformation (SMART) – [\\$201,781](#)
- Bay Area Video Coalition- [\\$190,000](#)
- PowHERful Foundation – [\\$185,953](#)
- PTA Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers – [\\$150,000](#)
- ProSocial – [\\$100,000](#)
- Boston University – [\\$100,000](#)
- National Center for Families Learning – [\\$100,000](#)

- Development Media International – [\\$100,000](#)
- Ahmadu Bello University- [\\$100,000](#)
- Indonesian eHealth and Telemedicine Society – [\\$100,000](#)
- The Filmmakers Collaborative – [\\$50,000](#)
- Foundation for Public Broadcasting in Georgia Inc. – [\\$25,000](#)
- SIFF – [\\$13,000](#)

From the article:

- Added together, these Gates-sponsored media projects come to a total of \$319.4 million. However, there are clear shortcomings with this non-exhaustive list, meaning the true figure is undoubtedly far higher.

- A case in point is the BMGF's partnership with ViacomCBS, the company that controls *CBS News*, *MTV*, *VH1*, *Nickelodeon*, and *BET*. Media reports at the time noted that the Gates Foundation was paying the entertainment giant to insert information and PSAs into its programming and that Gates had intervened to change storylines in popular shows like *ER* and *Law & Order: SVU*.