



## Primer on the Biden Administration's Plans to "Strengthen" the World Health Organization

The Biden Administration is committed to collaborating with global elites and far-left domestic allies to “strengthen” the World Health Organization (WHO)—a corrupt and inept international institution—at the expense of the sovereignty of the United States and all American citizens.

### **Background:**

- Because of substantial evidence demonstrating the WHO’s misfeasance and mismanagement of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the suppression of important public health information, and its complicity in [spreading and normalizing Chinese Communist Party propaganda](#), on April 14, 2020, the United States suspended all contributions to the WHO, and on July 6, 2020, notified the UN Secretary General that we would be withdrawing the WHO effective July 6, 2021.
- However, on January 21, 2021, President Biden [rejoined the WHO](#) and directed his Administration to “engag[e] with and strengthen” it. And President Biden [appointed Dr. Anthony Fauci](#) as the Head of Delegation.

### **What the Biden Administration Proposes:**

- Through [proposed amendments](#) to the International Health Regulations of 2005 (IHR), delegating broad power to the WHO’s Director-General to declare “public health emergencies” and make “recommendations” about what a member country should do without that nation’s consent. Also, through the IHR, establishing a “Compliance Committee” to work with “experts and advisors, including NGO representatives or members of the public” on matters “relating to compliance with obligations.”
- ***Most significantly, a new international agreement or constitution*** that addresses the international pandemic response—an agreement that the Biden Administration will be responsible for negotiating with global elites and the WHO. That agreement has not yet been created, but we have every reason to believe that it will further undermine our national sovereignty and the rights of American citizens. WHO’s Director-General shared his vision that [“\[s\]uch an instrument will be a vital tool, ... a generational agreement ... a gamechanger.”](#)

### **What the Biden Administration Means to Accomplish:**

- Delegating substantial control over American public health decision-making to the WHO, currently headed by Director-General Ghebreyesus, a former member of the Ethiopian Tigray People’s Liberation Front, and apologist for the Chinese Communist Party.

- Eroding U.S. sovereignty over our borders, supply chain, treatment protocols, and public health decision making authority.
- Controlling information. Recall that the Biden Administration [colluded with social media and technology companies to censor](#) and de-platform persons who question or dissented from WHO recommendations, notwithstanding the evidence that the WHO hid information and spread Chinese Communist Party propaganda.

### **Constitutional Requirements:**

- Executive Branch authority to make international agreements that affect the domestic rights or privileges of American States and citizens, whether in the form of a “treaty” or otherwise, is [narrowly cabined](#).
- The [Constitution provides](#), “[The President] shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two-thirds of the Senators present concur.” Even in the form of a full treaty, though, such a treaty will not have domestic effect without specific and otherwise lawful implementing legislation. While in some circumstances the executive has been recognized as having authority to enter into international agreements short of treaties on solely executive authority, these agreements will likewise lack domestic effect without implementing legislation.

### **The Biden Administration’s Record:**

- The Biden Administration has repeatedly demonstrated willful disregard for the Constitution, laws, and sovereignty of the United States. It has no plans to submit its policies to Congress for Senate ratification or authorizing legislation. President Biden’s proposals threaten to subordinate our health-care decisions and our economy to the WHO and its compromised bureaucrats.

### **AFL’s Action to Date:**

- AFL has taken swift action to protect the American people, the Constitution, and the rule of law. On Friday, [AFL warned President Biden](#), Secretary of State Blinken, and Secretary of Health and Human Services Becerra of [legal consequences](#) should the Administration fails to obtain congressional approval of its proposals.
- AFL put the Administration on notice that we act promptly to protect the rights and privileges of American citizens and of the several states to stop the erosion of our Nation’s sovereignty and independence, in partnership with courageous state attorneys general, members of Congress, other public officials, and the American people.
- AFL has also opened two oversight investigations into who and what is driving the Biden Administration’s agenda at the [Department of State](#) and the [Department of Health and Human Services](#).