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By Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.

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As the vaccine mandates rolled out in 2021, Pfizer stayed quiet on the question of mandates — but public health groups, patient advocacy groups, doctors' associations, community groups and others, along with the Biden administration, actively advocated for vaccine mandates as a key measure to protect public health.

New disclosures from Pfizer, posted by Fang on his Substack, show that many of these same groups were taking money from Pfizer while they promoted the idea that the COVID-19 mRNA vaccines were "safe and effective," despite a lack of scientific data to back those claims.

Prominent groups on the extensive list of those who took Pfizer funding while pushing the mandates included the Chicago Urban League, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the National Consumers League, The Immunization Partnership, the American Pharmacists Association, the American College of Preventive Medicine, the Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy, the American Society for Clinical Pathology and the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Many groups did not disclose their ties to Pfizer.

"[These groups] set the nature of the debate," Fang told comedian and political commentator Russell Brand on a recent episode of "Stay Free." "They appear in the news media, they create events and they create a discourse that looks authentic, that looks organic, but it benefits the bottom line of their benefactors, of companies like Pfizer."

Fang said many of these organizations, particularly civil rights organizations like the Chicago Urban League or the National Consumers League — which actually has a Pfizer lobbyist on its board — have

powerful influence precisely because of their independent status.

When these groups speak out, Fang said:

"It affects how regulators see these issues and how the public sees them. When they see these third-party groups that have some credibility — these are famous organizations that are known for standing up for the public interest.

"When they say 'hey these mandates are a good idea for the American public,' it seems genuine.

"But they aren't disclosing the Pfizer money, which is a relevant factor when you are talking about a policy that compels Americans to take this product."

After the COVID-19 vaccines became widely available in early 2021, vaccine mandates followed in different forms across the country.

At the federal level, the U.S. Department of Defense mandated vaccines for military personnel, and the Biden administration mandated vaccines for federal contractors and for all employers with 100 employees or more — the latter was struck down in federal court.

Universities mandated vaccination for students and staff, and many public and private employers across the country mandated vaccination for their employees.

Several school districts across the country planned to mandate vaccination for children to attend school, but most of those plans have since been rolled back.

Those who instituted mandates justified them by asserting that mass vaccination — and only mass vaccination — would "stop the spread" of COVID-19.

But it has since been revealed that in March 2021, when Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Rochelle Walensky publicly and unequivocally stated on MSNBC that vaccinated people would not get sick, there was no evidence to support her statement.

In fact, the CDC had to walk back the statement a few days later.

Biden also falsely claimed that the vaccinated would not get infected — in July 2021, just before COVID-19 vaccine mandates went into effect.

The vaccine makers have since acknowledged they never tested whether the vaccines would stop transmission, and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reported that vaccinated people in both Pfizer and Moderna's clinical trials contracted the virus.

Big Pharma's big reach

Pfizer isn't the only actor in Big Pharma that quietly funds third parties to do its work.

Fang told The Defender that "Many pharmaceutical firms covertly shape public opinion and regulations through the use of front groups and financial relationships with community organizations."

For example, Purdue Pharma covertly funded third-party advocacy groups to encourage looser criteria for prescribing its highly addictive opioid painkillers, he reported.

As for Pfizer, Fang said, third-party funding is just one of the many strategies the drugmaker deployed to drive COVID-19 policymaking.

"Pfizer flexed its lobbying muscles around many COVID-19 policies, including efforts to curb drug-pricing initiatives and a bid to prevent the creation of generic COVID medications," he said, adding, "The vaccine mandate debate is yet another example of Pfizer's reach into public policy."

Big Pharma — along with the Biden administration and its intermediaries — also lobbied to suppress those who questioned the vaccine program.

Pfizer BioNTech and Moderna pressured Twitter and other social media platforms to set moderation rules that would flag purported COVID-19-related "misinformation," as part of the effort to drive the national conversation about the COVID-19 vaccines, Fang reported as part of the "Twitter files."

"Pharma is unique in the raw amount of money they spend to control the entire public sector on regulatory, on policy, on everything in terms of how it affects medicine as it is practiced in the United States," Fang said.

The pharmaceutical and health products lobby is one of the biggest industry lobbies. According to OpenSecrets.org, last year alone the industry spent \$372 million lobbying Congress and federal agencies, outspending every other industry — and each year it increases its spending.

Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla is on the board of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), the top individual lobbying spender in the industry, which spent \$29.2 million last year. Pfizer itself spent more than any other drug company.

The industry also spends massive amounts of money on advertising. Pfizer alone spent nearly \$2.8 billion on advertising for all of its products in 2022.

The COVID-19 vaccines netted \$37.8 billion for Pfizer in 2022, up from \$36.7 billion in 2021. The company's overall earnings hit a record \$100 billion.

Big Pharma and the CDC did similar work to promote mandates and vaccination

There is a "revolving door" between pharma industry lobbyists and the government — nearly 65% of lobbyists formerly worked for the government.

And the strategies used to build support for Big Pharma's products are some of the same strategies used by federal government agencies like the CDC.

Since 2021 — the same time Pfizer started funding community groups — the CDC has doled out hundreds of millions of dollars in grants for the creation of "culturally tailored" pro-vaccine materials and for training "influential messengers" to promote COVID-19 and flu vaccines to communities of color in every state across the country.

For those grants, the CDC sought out community organizations that would communicate the CDC's message without the CDC's trademark, so the messages would appear to come organically from within local communities rather than from the government, particularly among communities of color.

In another case, the CDC hired a public relations firm to write what looked like news articles but were actually ad placements created to persuade parents of young children and elderly people — with a focus on Spanish speakers — to get vaccinated.

Both Pfizer and the CDC used their funding to target black and Latino communities that had lower vaccination rates. In one case, they both funded the same organization — the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA).

According to Fang, the organization worked with a public relations firm called Culture ONE World to distribute "press releases and media placements" that "called on employers of essential workers to mandate COVID-19 vaccines."

Fang also wrote that the NHMA also signed joint statements lobbying in favor of Biden's vaccine mandate and that "it received \$30,000 from BIO [Biotechnology Innovation Organization], a vaccine industry lobby group that represents Pfizer and Moderna, IRS filings show."

The Defender found that NHMA received \$2,070,000 in two annual grants so far for their "Vacunas! Si Se Puede, Immunization Campaign for Hispanics" program, which later became "We Can Do This," to create culturally tailored content to be circulated throughout Latino communities.

American Academy of Pediatrics received multiple grants from Pfizer in 2021

The AAP also appeared on Fang's list of notable organizations that received direct Pfizer funding.

According to Fang:

"The American Academy of Pediatrics was one of the most visible organizations working to build public support for vaccine mandates. The organization received multiple, specialized grants from Pfizer in 2021.

"Pfizer also provided grants to individual state chapters of the AAP earmarked for lobbying on vaccine policy. The Ohio AAP chapter, for instance, lobbied the Ohio legislature against bills to curb coercive COVID-19 vaccine policies, while receiving an 'immunization legislation' advocacy grant from Pfizer."

Beyond its COVID-19 vaccine mandate work, the organization also was a public advocate for COVID-19 vaccines for children. Its then-president, UCLA professor Moira Szilagyi, M.D., Ph.D., publicly advocated, on media outlets such as CNN, for vaccinating children.

The organization, "dedicated to the health of all children," previously issued policy guidance to its members stating that it is an "acceptable option to pediatric care clinicians to dismiss families who refuse vaccines."

And in June 2022, the AAP issued a press release applauding the CDC's recommendation of "safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines" for babies as young as 6 months old, despite concerns raised — by the FDA vaccine advisory commission, among many others — regarding a lack of clinical data for the vaccines in children.

In addition to the Pfizer funding, the AAP receives much of its funding directly from the CDC, raising questions about the organization's ability to act independently, particularly with respect to vaccine recommendations, BMJ editor Peter Doshi wrote in 2017.

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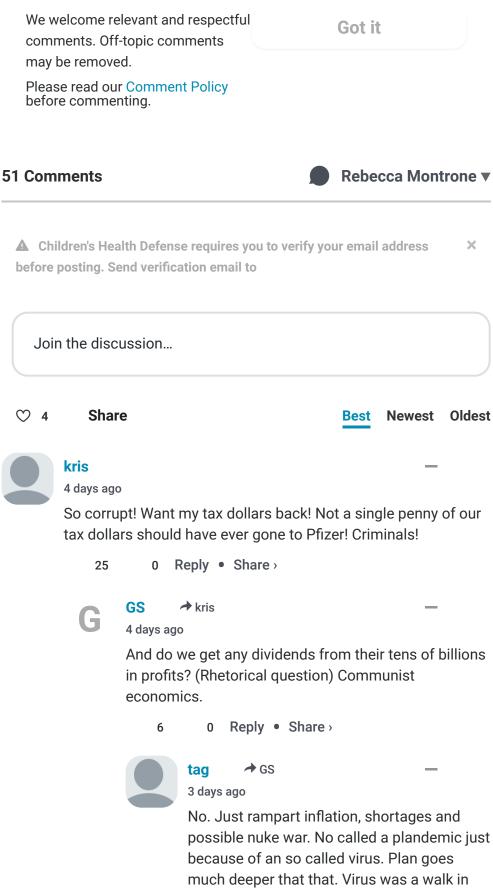
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Since they are in collusion with the globalist population reduction demons, we can never trust any of their vaccines or medications. They are also talking about putting vaccines into our food to make sure all people are fully controlled.

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2 days ago

And the CDC, FDA NIAID etc all are financed by Bill Gates and Big Pharma. They should be disbanded and tight laws against any relationship between the government alphabet agencies and Big Pharm, even indirectly.

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tag 🔷 Aris

3 days ago

Yep! Nobody asked me if I wanted to contribute to the murder of so many Americans and people world wide, while padding the pockets of worthless, lying garbage. They can keep the money as long as it buys ?

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vgupta123

4 days ago

I grew up in India where we are brainwashed by the Western agencies and the media that, like other developing countries, India is among the most corrupt countries in the world.

After coming to the US, and especially during the pandemic, I realized that most actions that qualify as corruption in India are pretty small and insignificant, such as, (illegally) tipping a government official to expedite action on your pending application. But corruption in the US occurs on a much bigger scale. Moreover, it is much more insidious because it is invisible to most people.

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Penny Pitstop 🔶 vgupta123

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I agree, I used to live in Italy and yes, the corruption was a bribe to push through a residence permit faster. However, here in Australia, the corruption is on a par with the US. Unbelievable. They have also mandated jabs for any child to go to kindergarten since 2010, no jab no play, brought in by the social services minister, Mr Morrison who then became our PM.....

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Leslie Taylor

4 days ago edited

Here's a list featured today on Dr. Malone's substack newsletter showing what doctors' bonuses were per shot. It must be recognized however, that there were and are many doctors who have not gone along with this big pharma WEF/NWO destruction of many, if not most, human lives and have been severely punished as a result. If you click onto the image it enlarges.



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Ricky Ricardo Aleslie Taylor

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Thanks, Leslie! I was just trying to remember where I saw that, so I could send it to some people, as an addition to my last email. It's not easy finding a needle in a haystack!

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Total corruption and absolutely CRIMINAL. Consumers have been deceived in every possible way, but on a positive note there ARE people waking up to all of it, and sites like this prove it! Strength in numbers ...

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Kim from Brooklyn A BChristine 3 days ago

Problem is, we let it happen in a way.

We bought into the age of technology. If we can learn to go back to theatres for a movie instead of sitting at home in our PJ's we can let go of the expensive cable bills; if we car pooled or used mass transit and got rid of the 5 car household, the air would be cleaner and gas wouldn't be such a sore spot; if we took the time to pick up a book and flip the pages instead of doing searches which never really give you the whole story, we would all be more literate and this makes for happier individuals.

We are addicted to technology, and I dread the day the electrical and technological systems are attacked and/or shut down. Learn how to live as simply as possible because until more people learn, like you and I, what is really going on, it is going to be ugly.

On the flipside and positive note:

but on a positive note there ARE people waking up to all of it, and sites like this prove it! Strength in numbers ...

:) Stay strong. We got this!!!

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BChristine tag 3 days ago

It's all just a conspiracy theory...or so the MSM tells us. All i can say is Thank You Fox. You just put the nail in your own coffin! Joined the list of garbage no thinking American will no longer waste their time on! Go Woke and Go Broke. Just like your beer guzzling buddies did! LOL!

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Rick Moffett

4 days ago

Big Pharma - the most evil industry in the world! For more good info about vaccines, COVID, and "Climate Change", check out - https://anchoredinhope.com/

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Gary Brown

4 days ago

APR 21, 2023 Pfizer MATISSE Trial Targets Pregnant Women for Bivalent RSV Vaccine

Unprecedented Pregnancy Study Fails on Efficacy, Durability, and Offers No Assurances on Long-Term Safety.

https://open.substack.com/p...

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Cari Harris

4 days ago

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Instead of Pfizer and Moderna earning all the profits from our tax payer dollars going to produce these death shots, why not take the proceeds and pay for studies of those who were injured, or help cities build affordable housing to house the homeless population that popped up on the streets due to mental health and drug related issues that were exacerbated by the lockdowns.

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Kim from Brooklyn A Cari Harris 3 days ago

My first thought was similar to yours.

What about saving lives first???!!!

It was obvious it was about who can profit from this.

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tag ≁ Cari Harris 3 days ago

Or help the many thousands of small business that have been forced to close. Mine survived the first onslaught but honestly don't know if it can survive the damage done. 50 years of hard work and honest living just tossed in the trash. But the evil snakes got richer.

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Kim from Brooklyn → tag 3 days ago

Sorry Tag. Unfortunately, not only I, but millions of others have been screwed so bad and that was the intent. As usual, we are left to clean up the mess of the evil that lurks in our lives and its only intent is to harm, hurt, destroy and make off with the perks.

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≁ Kim from Brooklyn2 days ago

I'm sorry Kim. What was your business? Mine relies on people traveling. That is diminishing rapidly. I figure I may survive the summer but come winter, with heating bills that have approached \$3000 I can't make it,. I sincerely hope you have done what you can to protect yourself from what is coming. I understand living in a large city it must be hard. At least i live rural, can grow most of my own food and also have chickens for eggs. I just hope I live to see the day these evil SOB'S are tried and fried for what they have done.

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Ricky Ricardo

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The transfer of wealth! So far...Trillions! Maiming and killing people is a huge business.

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Ricky Ricardo Atag 3 days ago

We live in a world of opposites. Instead of a "cure" for cancer; we get TURBO cancers! I think they already have an mRNA shot for cancer. I'm sure that it will be every bit as "safe and effective" as the covid shot!

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Ricky Ricardo

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Got a friend that was just diagnosed of cancer, after a year ago of going thru chemo and pronounced cancer free. Now? 6 months if lucky. Not sure if jabbed but would say she probably was. All I can say is these SOB'S are good at doing what they do. Have a good teacher, say Lucifer.



Ricky Ricardo

🖈 tag

2 days ago

Would you like to see Lucifer hard at work? I ran across this by chance. I go through so much material in a day; I have a hard time remembering where it comes from! The LGBTQ*BS* has financial backing that you won't believe! This is a global agenda which is probably intended to pave the way to Transhumanism. Scroll down to the list of companies that are funding this nonsense. I don't think they included Canadian companies in this list. I know for a fact that the TD Bank will pay for any employee to have a sex change!

https://outleadership.com

Just like the "Young Global Leaders" of Schwab, these misfits are infiltrating every segment of society! We already know that they're going through the schools and libraries, indoctrinating the children.

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Kim from Brooklyn 🔶 tag

3 days ago

Pretty easy math:

Create a problem (doesn't matter who, or what it harms)

Create the solution (to make the victim/harmed your slave

Happens all the time. In this instance, fear was the problem and the corruption of those in "charge" of things, in politics, government, communism, pharmaceuticals, etc. also have the capacity to HIDE what they don't want anyone else, like us, know about.

Been aoina on for decades.

I think technology is going to be our downfall. We already put too much trust in it. Just a matter of time before it is destroyed, and we are all scrambling out how to survive and maintain life without it. Only problem, by then, we won't have access to our money, and the shelves will be empty or the healthiest thing we will find is a bag of M & M's.

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Kim from Brooklyn2 days ago

Never dismiss chocolate! A great treatment for depression and a world of depression is what we are headed to. The Woke Mars corporation already had this planned!

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Kim from Brooklyn

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:O I could live on chocolate only my pancreas might feel otherwise.

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Kim from Brooklyn

2 days ago

LOL! It sounds JUST like the plandemic. And the masses have once again failed to learn a damn thing. Technology will no doubt be the icing on the cake to take down civilization. Al is already doing it. Only thing good about technology today is we have a generation of the strongest thumbs in the history of the world. And a generation of blubber butts that can't exist in the real world. What a trade off! 0 0 Reply • Share >

Kim from Brooklyn − → tag 2 days ago
In my field of body work, we call it the "hook" thumb. Permanently frozen , never to be used as a thumb again. :(
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Fasci%m at its finest

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Ektor57

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The only way fizer stays in business is to bribe everyone. Their products are pure garbage.

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Kim from Brooklyn Arter Ektor57 3 days ago

The article is about the vaccines they are giving pregnant women, on experimental level still, to see if the unborn child is infected and exposed in vitro. This seems like a win win to me.

If parents don't want to give their kids vaccines for personal or health reasons, they no longer will have the choice.

Much like when ones goes for the flu, or any other type of vaccine. They put other virus in one jab. Do they tell you? Nope.

Example: The whooping cough vaccine ALSO has tetanus. Do they tell you? No.

So they have been lying for a long, long, long, long, time.

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Kim from Brooklyn A Ektor57

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https://www.pfizer.com/news...

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thejuneauraven

3 days ago edited

"First do no harm". Wow. Amazing how quickly that medical oath was left in the dust for a few dollars and support of the diabolical experimental agenda. Safe and effective. Well half right. It IS effective at destroying immune systems and killing humans. I hope the medical community wholeheartedly supporting and benefitting financially from the "vaccines" took every dose and booster. May they get what's coming.

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ForeverTrue

2 days ago

Sadly, they are still giving money to churches to promote this poison.

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mcwinaz

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I wish I lived near one of Pfizer's corporate offices. I would make it my mission to protest outside their office. Sooner or later, it would make the news.

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Kim from Brooklyn America meterica and a meterica a

No you don't. I did. And moved hundreds of miles away. They are all over and go under different names. I bet there is a Pfizer branch right in your backyard.

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Andrea Psoras

4 days ago

remember, in the O admin, Ft Dietrich was closed and programs were sent to wuhan and i think also the Ukraine. Fauci with US Patent office has patents on various covids/corona viruses and most likely he had involvement programs that were sent to wuhan. my suggestion is that much of what happened in the US is inside job, just using the prc to co-conspire. CDC absorbed some of what was Ft Dietrich; CDC is part of DOD apparatus. ciansa can have scientists and probably in the US C19 germs in our labs were here... not only in Wuhan which fauci was funding through third parties. 'release' in public from labs in wuhan? this is also is a thing done in the US. remember west nile virus. only 2 different things, perhaps 3 between wnv and c19: billgates into pfarma tech using the word 'vaccine' now, not back then, gain of function used in c19 (for which an american was honored with the Nobel prize) but not used in wnv, and the time period as there are now more people on the earth to serve as an excuse those malthusian minded... that the world is overpopulated by 8/9ths... The sad thing is that DT was going to and more than likely it was marketing language to drain the 'swamp' of federal

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