

‘Disease X’: International Pandemic Treaty Would Fund Abortions and Curtail Freedoms, Critics Say

World Health Organization leaders are warning about “Disease X,” the temporary name for the next pathogen that will ravage the globe in the future.

WHO Director-General Tedros Ghebreyesus said last month that another global pandemic, possibly much deadlier than COVID, could be here sooner than we think. With that backdrop, he’s urging member countries to approve a so-called Pandemic Treaty touted as a way to prevent, prepare and respond to the next worldwide pandemic. The 32-page draft is posted on the WHO website.

“Anything happening is a matter of ‘when,’ not ‘if,’” Tedros says. “So we need to have a placeholder for that, for the diseases we don’t know that may come. And that was when we gave the name Disease X.”

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The legally binding agreement is touted by the WHO as a way to ensure poorer countries are provided the same level of health care as wealthier ones, in stark contrast to what happened during COVID. The lengthy document is full of rules and regulations widely expanding WHO’s authority.

At a news conference in Washington, D.C., some conservative policy leaders and congressional leaders expressed major concerns about the draft, starting with WHO’s apparent submission to Chinese authorities.

"The WHO denied that COVID-19 was spread via human-to-human transmission based entirely upon the word of the Chinese government, the CCP," said Rep. Brad Wenstrup, DPM (R-OH), Chairman of the House Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic. "And I think maybe most appalling is the WHO even delayed naming the pandemic a public health emergency of international concern because the CCP confirmed that the spread of the virus was under control."

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The agreement calls for wealthier nations, such as the United States, to heavily fund general health care in developing countries, which likely means late-term abortion access worldwide funded by U.S. taxpayer dollars.

"WHO has lost its way," said Rep. Chris Smith (R-NJ), Chairman of the House Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations Subcommittee. "I used to ask them, I've been here 44 years, year in and year out, 'Where do you stand on abortion?' They'd say, 'Agnostic, we don't do anything on it.' And now they have become the most aggressive promoters of abortion in the world. They have it embedded in this treaty." {eo}

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