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EVENT 201 PREDICTING A PANDEMIC

Many people question not only the origin of the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak but also its timing, particularly in light of the invitation-only, three-and-a-half-hour “tabletop exercise” called “Event 201” that took place on October 18, 2019 in New York City. The sponsors of Event 201—the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, the World Economic Forum and BMGF—convened fifteen “players” from global business, government and public health to participate. These “high-level” players included George Fu Gao (director of the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention), Avril Haines (former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency) and Rear Admiral Stephen C. Redd (director of the CDC’s Center for Preparedness and Response).²⁴

According to Event 201’s website, the goal of the exercise was to identify—in the context of a hypothetical, but scientifically plausible, severe global coronavirus pandemic—“areas where public/private partnerships [would] be necessary” to “diminish large-scale economic and societal consequences.”²⁵ Using dramatic scenario-based discussions, prerecorded news broadcasts and live “staff” briefings, the exercise simulated difficult, “true-to-life” dilemmas associated with the response to the hypothetical pandemic. “Players” examined societal impacts arising from the expected health and economic turmoil, including lack of faith in government, distrust of news and a breakdown in social cohesion. A fictitious media company called GNN dramatized what it would be like if people were told to stay home from work, travel was slowed, schools were closed and the distribution chain was hampered. It is interesting to note that around this same time—before any reports of coronavirus—the CDC advertised that it was hiring for a “Quarantine Program” in major cities across the U.S.²⁶

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Modelling exaggerated led to panic

The majority of those who contract SARS-CoV-2 experience mild or no symptoms. Despite this fact, “experts” elicited panic and ultimately control by exaggerating fatality numbers at the start of the outbreak.

On March 16, 2020, Neil Ferguson, a mathematical epidemiologist at the Imperial College of London, published a paper explaining his use of computer models that simulated the rapid spread of the coronavirus through the UK’s population. Ferguson’s model predicted over half a million deaths if the UK government took no action and also suggested that the U.S. might face over two million deaths.^{1,2} Imperial College benefits from sizeable funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), having received over one million dollars in 2019 alone.³

The same day that Ferguson's paper was published, Dr. Anthony Fauci, a key member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force as well as director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)—part of the National Institutes of Health (NIH)—parroted Ferguson's numbers to the American public. As a consequence, President Trump adopted Fauci's aggressive recommendations to lock down the country in order to slow down the spread of the coronavirus. Also on March 16, the director-general of the World Health Organization (WHO), Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, said, "This is the defining global health crisis of our time," intoning that "The days, weeks and months ahead will be a test of our resolve, a test of our trust in science and a test of solidarity."⁴ All of this occurred on a day when there were a total of seven thousand one hundred global Covid-19 deaths and just eighty-eight U.S. deaths.

Less than two weeks later, Fauci down graded his prediction to a possible one to two hundred thousand U.S. deaths.⁵ On March 26, Fauci published an editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine (coauthored with another senior NIAID official and the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC]) titled: "Covid-19—Navigating the Uncharted," in which the three officials explained that the previously estimated case fatality rate of approximately 2 percent was likely incorrect.⁶ Considering all of the asymptomatic or mild cases of Covid-19, they wrote that the true case fatality rate might be as low as 0.1 percent (one in one thousand) and suggested that "the overall clinical consequences of Covid-19 [might] ultimately be more akin to those of a severe seasonal influenza." In comparison, they noted that earlier coronavirus outbreaks—of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle Eastern Respiratory Syndrome (MERS)—had produced case fatality rates of 9 to 10 percent and 36 percent, respectively.⁶

When, on April 6, Fauci then announced that the U.S. death toll "looks more like 60,000,"⁵ it started to become apparent that Fauci and other health experts were essentially pulling numbers out of their hats. It is likely that many millions of uncounted people across the globe have been infected without incident, and that is good news. It means that Covid-19 is not nearly as deadly as officials and official data are suggesting.⁷

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Australian Federal Government grants vaccine companies indemnity protection:

<https://www.theage.com.au/politics/federal/morrison-government-grants-indemnity-for-covid-19-vaccine-side-effects-20201008-p5636o.html>

Conflicts of interest – Gates- Cepi- Jane Halton- Australian Covid19 Select Committee- Scott Morrison

Gates is the biggest funder of vaccines in the world. When Gates committed ten billion dollars to the WHO a decade ago (January 2010), he accompanied his announcement with the statement, "We must make this the decade of vaccines."⁶⁰ A month later, Gates publicly discussed how vaccines could reduce population.⁶¹ Until recently, Gates was the second largest donor to the WHO but became the top donor after the Trump administration halted the U.S. government's funding to the organization (accusing WHO of bungling the SARS-CoV-2 response and failing to communicate the disease's threat).⁶²

Internationally, Gates and BMGF also collaborate with—and fund—vaccine-related efforts carried out by the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), Gavi (“the Vaccine Alliance”) and various governments. Domestically, Gates has provided substantial research monies to Fauci’s agency, NIAID, and to other NIH divisions.⁶³ Fauci, in turn, sits on the Leadership Council for the Global Vaccine Action Plan (GVAP), a BMGF project that works in concert with the United Nations to deliver vaccines to the poorest people and countries.⁶⁴

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Jane Halton was formerly the Secretary of the Australian Department of Finance, head of the Department of Health, the Deputy Secretary of the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet. Ms Halton is a member of the Advisory Boards of the Australia and New Zealand Banking Group (ANZ Bank), Clayton Utz, Crown Resorts and the Australian Strategic Policy Institute. She is also a member of the Interim Board Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI). She was chair of the board of the World Health Organisation, president of the World Health Assembly, former World Health Organisation executive board member, and chair of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) health committee.¹³ [Note: A significant majority of the World Health Organisation’s funding comes from pharmaceutical companies, a fact which is rarely mentioned. I am concerned we are witnessing ‘regulatory capture’ on a staggeringly vast, international and industrial scale. Is the WHO merely a proxy to legally enforce the wishes of their NCCC Who We Are, Deputy Chair: David Thodey 9 Sydney Morning Herald, Emma Koehn (April 2020): ‘Ramsay Health Care inks COVID-19 deal with Victoria’ 10 The Guardian, Melissa Davey, Daniel Hurst and Ben Butler (March 2020): ‘Australian government will pay half to integrate private hospitals in to Covid-19 response’ 11 The Guardian, Jennifer Dogget (April 2020): ‘After coronavirus, private hospitals should not be allowed to return to ‘business as usual’ 12 WHO, Biography Ms Jane Halton 13 Page of 3 19 pharmaceutical benefactors, who have no legal or moral imperative to act in the best interests of the public, and no accountability or cost if their products harm vulnerable people?]¹⁴ Ms Halton was the Australian government’s Health departmental head in 2003, and implemented Australia’s response to the SARS outbreak. “As departmental head in 2003, Ms Halton implemented Australia’s response to the SARS outbreak, another coronavirus that caused 8098 reported infections worldwide, killing 774 people. She established the national stockpile of antiviral drugs and the Office of Health Protection that has swung into action to combat the [current] Wuhan strain.”¹⁵ Ms Halton is the Chair of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation (CEPI), which was initiated at the World Economic Forum in Davos 2017. CEPI received \$460 million in startup funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the Wellcome Trust and the governments of Germany, Japan and Norway. CEPI is “a global alliance financing and coordinating the development of vaccines against emerging infectious diseases.”¹⁶ Board Members include representatives from the WHO, World Bank, Bill & Melinda Gates Medical Research Institute and Foundation. Members of its Scientific Advisory Board include pharmaceutical/vaccine companies Sanofi Pasteur, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer.¹⁷ CEPI is the ‘global alliance’ coordinating private-public partnerships with vaccine manufacturers/pharmaceutical companies for Covid-19. CEPI is garnering public funds towards these products, saying US\$2 billion in funding is required to develop a vaccine against the virus. CEPI has already received millions of dollars in funding from 18 the Australian government. (See ‘CEPI’, and ‘CEPI, Gates Foundation and University of Queensland’) SBS Australia reported CEPI is “coordinating the development of a [Covid-19] vaccine in laboratories across the world and is calling on the federal government to help further fund research. CEPI chair Jane Halton, a former federal Department of Health head, [and now on the government’s Covid-19 advisory board] says about \$3 billion is needed so multiple versions of potential vaccines can be developed.”¹⁹ Ms Halton said that “drug regulators here and internationally would also be approached to shortcut approval protocols, so serious was the

threat.”(Emphasis added) 20 In 2020, the World Economic Forum announced that in a “high-level COVID Action Platform Virtual Meeting hosted by the World Economic Forum, CEPI CEO Richard Hatchett said for businesses the shift in funding [to vaccine projects] would be “the best investment your companies will ever make.”²¹ Off-Guardian, Ian Davis (April 2020): ‘Coronavirus Lockdown and What You Are Not Being Told - Part 2’ 14 The Australian (2020): ‘Australian scientists in race to find coronavirus vaccine’ 15 CEPI: ‘New vaccines for a safer world’ 16 CEPI: Leadership 17 CEPI (March 2020): ‘\$2 billion required to develop a vaccine against the COVID-19 virus’ 18 SBS News (March 2020): ‘Coronavirus vaccine still at least one year away’ 19 The Australian (2020): ‘Global vaccine hunt a \$2bn task in virus war’ 20 World Economic Forum (March 2020): ‘How are companies responding to the coronavirus crisis?’ 21 Page of 4 19 CEPI’s Covid-19 vaccine program was announced only two weeks after Chinese authorities shared the genetic sequence of the ‘novel coronavirus’.²² At the January 23rd World Economic Forum conference, CEPI’s CEO Richard Hatchett announced, “we’ve been working very aggressively over the last couple of weeks, to assess the situation first to try to make determinations about what steps are appropriate... our hope is to have three vaccines developed very rapidly and to rapidly develop clinical trials...” (Emphasis added) If Mr Hatchett’s ‘last couple of weeks’ indicates three weeks, this places the commencement of CEPI’s Covid-19 vaccine project around approximately the first few days of January 2020. On the 1st January, WHO stated the “causal agent” of the Wuhan pneumonia outbreaks “had not yet been identified or confirmed” and was requesting information from Chinese authorities to assess the risk.²³ This is curiously early for CEPI to begin ‘aggressively’ working on Covid-19. Also on the WEF CEPI panel, Jeremy Farrar of the Wellcome Trust made several statements about the disease transmission rate, how infections were transmitted, comparing Covid-19’s epidemiological information to SARS. How Mr Farrar would have the data to back these statements up is highly questionable, given that only the day before CEPI’s announcement, WHO’s field visit to China concluded that “challenges still remain regarding the transmission, epidemiology and our understanding of the behavior of the virus...”²⁴ CEPI CEO Richard Hatchett clarified Mr Farrar’s remarks, saying: ““We are inferring a lot... we don’t understand the transmission or the severity... we don’t know the number of cases or the extent of the spread...” It is therefore curious that CEPI was already announcing strategic partnerships with pharmaceutical companies, combining millions of dollars in funding to create a vaccine, and had reportedly been ‘aggressively’ working on the situation for a couple of weeks. The ‘pre-emptive’ development of a Covid-19 vaccine is not unique to CEPI. On 30th March 2020, Johnson & Johnson announced “the selection of a lead COVID-19 vaccine candidate from constructs it has been working on since January 2020; the significant expansion of the existing partnership between the Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson and the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA)” [which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services]. (Emphasis added) Both entities committed more than \$1 billion combined in investment to co-fund development “novel coronavirus vaccine research and development.” Johnson & Johnson’s goal is to scale up manufacturing to supply one billion vaccines of a COVID-19 vaccine.²⁵ World Health Organisation: WHO Timeline - Covid-19 22 World Health Organisation (January 2020): ‘Pneumonia of unknown cause - China’ 23 World Health Organisation (January 2020): ‘Mission summary: WHO Field Visit to Wuhan, China 20-21 January 2020’ 24 Johnson & Johnson (March 2020): ‘Johnson & Johnson Announces a Lead Vaccine Candidate for COVID-19; Landmark New Partnership with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; and Commitment to Supply One Billion Vaccines Worldwide for Emergency Pandemic Use’ Page of 5 19 It is notable that the vast swathes of public funds demanded by CEPI et al are being utilised in public-private partnerships, to the lucrative profit of pharmaceutical companies. If Covid-19 vaccines are made mandatory, as some Australian officials are suggesting, this represents an unprecedented opportunity for Big Pharma. I am concerned at the serious implications of financial conflicts of

interest in appointing the CEO of CEPI to the National Covid-19 Coordination Commission Board. Ms Halton participated as a key player in the controversial and disturbing 'invite only' high level pandemic simulation exercise Event 201, the October 2019 'Global Pandemic Exercise' conducted by John Hopkins, the 26Gates Foundation and the World Economic Forum. (See my full report: 'Covid-19: Plandemic. Proft. Fallout, Chapter 'Plandemic/Event 201') In May 2020, Ms Halton was interviewed on pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson's video series 'The Road to a [Covid-19] Vaccine'. Ms Halton reportedly spoke "about her work to ensure people globally get access to vaccines."27 In 2019, independent journalist Michael Sainsbury reported on "allegations of [Crown's] serial lawbreaking, even including alleged Crown contractual arrangements with an entity whose principal has been involved in human trafficking, [allegations which] are based on internal company documents and the testimony of at least one former employee on the record." Sainsbury notes that Ms Halton serves on the board of Crown casinos, serving on Crown's 'Risk Management Committee' – Harrison 19page cover letter to Research report.