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Billionaire club in bid to curb overpopulation

America's richest people meet to discuss ways of tackling a 'disastrous' environmental, social and industrial threat

John Harlow, Los Angeles

SOME of America's leading billionaires have met secretly to consider how their wealth could be used to slow the growth of the world's population and speed up improvements in health and education.

The philanthropists who attended a summit convened on the initiative of Bill Gates, the Microsoft co-founder, discussed joining forces to overcome political and religious obstacles to change.

Described as the Good Club by one insider it included David Rockefeller Jr, the patriarch of America's wealthiest dynasty, Warren Buffett and George Soros, the financiers, Michael Bloomberg, the mayor of New York, and the media moguls Ted Turner and Oprah Winfrey.

These members, along with Gates, have given away more than £45 billion since 1996 to causes ranging from health programmes in developing countries to ghetto schools nearer to home.

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They gathered at the home of Sir Paul Nurse, a British Nobel prize biochemist and president of the private Rockefeller University, in Manhattan on May 5. The informal afternoon session was so discreet that some of the billionaires' aides were told they were at "security briefings".

Stacy Palmer, editor of the Chronicle of Philanthropy, said the summit was unprecedented. "We only learnt about it afterwards, by accident. Normally these people are happy to talk good causes, but this is different – maybe because they don't want to be seen as a global cabal," he said.

Some details were emerging this weekend, however. The billionaires were each given 15 minutes to present their favourite cause. Over dinner they discussed how they might settle on an "umbrella cause" that could harness their interests.

The issues debated included reforming the supervision of overseas aid spending to setting up rural schools and water systems in developing countries. Taking their cue from Gates they agreed that overpopulation was a priority.

This could result in a challenge to some Third World politicians who believe contraception and female education weaken traditional values.

Gates, 53, who is giving away most of his fortune, argued that healthier families, freed from malaria and extreme poverty, would change their habits and have fewer children within half a generation.

At a conference in Long Beach, California, last February, he had made similar points. "Official projections say the world's population will peak at 9.3 billion [up from 6.6 billion today] but with charitable initiatives, such as better reproductive healthcare, we think we can cap that at 8.3 billion," Gates said then.

Patricia Stonesifer, former chief executive of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which gives more than £2 billion a year to good causes, attended the Rockefeller summit. She said the billionaires met to “discuss how to increase giving” and they intended to “continue the dialogue” over the next few months.

Another guest said there was “nothing as crude as a vote” but a consensus emerged that they would back a strategy in which population growth would be tackled as a potentially disastrous environmental, social and industrial threat.

“This is something so nightmarish that everyone in this group agreed it needs big-brain answers,” said the guest. “They need to be independent of government agencies, which are unable to head off the disaster we all see looming.”

Why all the secrecy? “They wanted to speak rich to rich without worrying anything they said would end up in the newspapers, painting them as an alternative world government,” he said.

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Rich countries have low birth-rate. Poor oppressive countries have high. This planet will clean up itself if it needs to. Just hemp alone on fallow land can probably cover all energy needs on the planet. 6% of US-farmland is enough to supply the whole of US with energy using hemp. CO2 threat = scam.

André, Norway,

Thankfully this group has the guts to stand up to the religious and elitist machine/pyramid scheme that has been in place for thousands of years and requires a constant influx of new bodies to exploit and usurp their own power from. I don't have billions but I would gladly give to this cause.

Jeremy NTroy, Troy, USA

A population of 6.7bil (and growing) humans is causing a major natural imbalance. If there is a natural imbalance of bears in the USA or elephants in Africa then a cull is commonly undertaken. Why are we beyond our own law? No to a human cull? No Logans Run? Then educate on contraception. Go Bill.

Thomas, London, UK

In the midst of the population BOOM, let's note that there has also been a technology BOOM, food BOOM, medical BOOM, and energy BOOM.

Who or what gives anyone else the right to dictate unto others the legacy they should leave?

There is only one that makes the final judgment. And it's not Oprah

Anon, anywheretown, usa, USA

Surely not another plan to kill the unborn in the womb, the poor and the old? I mean nobody should be forced to have a Windows license to Live, right? Oprah, stop playing god and get a real job.

Justa Normal Person, Lisboa, Portugal

This is good news! Finally people who have some power (money anyway) are talking about the biggest dilemma facing the survival of every form of life on earth...HUMAN OVERPOPULATION. Good luck to them! May they help to accomplish great things!

Susan, Helena, USA

May the Billionaires club go to Tienanmen Square and protest the anniversary of the massacre and wave Falun Gong flags. Then they will see just how important that they really are.

Larry Charles Dickman, Los Angeles, USA

Either they actually want to do some good for the world, or they are setting themselves up with the illuminiti and the NWO for their own greedy reasons....but oprah has allready helped..she never married and never had any kids..lol

tramp, thermopolis, USA

China is an example of population control. Without the measures china put in place about 30 years ago,

1) there would be 1 billion more people on the planet,

2) the country would still be a struggling 3rd world country without enough food to feed their people.

Guy, Granite Bay, USA

The mystifying thing is that we have been stupid enough to fall for it all these years, climbing onto the contraception bandwagon. Has anyone checked out what China is like? The gov. tells them when they can do what's natural. And woe to you if you don't agree. We get what we deserve.

Ceilia, Indianapolis, USA

It is an evil (NWO) plan to enslave humanity, and pushing this new age "environmental religion" is one of the 'tools' they are using.

God alone, is able to control the environment -NOT man!

Today, many have turned away from God, & as a result, have also removed themselves from God's protection

Paul, Sydney,

Depopulation has already started...for profit. Just look at the re-assorted viruses we're facing. (Re-assortment is a process to create bio-weapons in laboratories.) It's also interesting to note that the Swine Flu was never found in ANY Mexican pigs. It's all about profits for Tamiflu stockholders.

Charles Souprios, Lakewood, USA

Money buys positions of power and some of those in power believe that they have been elevated into the spiritual realm of determining that innocent unborn babies should be tortured and killed by abortion before or after birth and that God should be kicked off His Throne under the guise of charity.

Rose, Seal Beach, USA

Countries that have decreasing populations can't balance the growing overpopulation problem. Preventing catastrophe that running out of resources will bring is not "deciding who lives and who dies". It's actually promoting life. I can't believe the IGNORANCE so many of you choose to have!

Ashley, Los Angeles, USA

Boy, these WEALTHY YAHOOS are something like else!!! Just because they have most of the money, they think they can tell the rest of the world how to live! I guess Bill Gates and his ilke think they can by-pass God's judgement. Sorry Bill, Oprah, ain't gonna happen.

Nancy, Louisville, USA

"Today Americans would be outraged if U.N. troops entered Los Angeles to restore order. Tomorrow they will be grateful! This is especially true if they were told there was an outside threat from beyond, whether real or promulgated, that threatened our very existence. ..."

- Henry Kissinger

Fred, Pottersville, USA

Who are these people to say who lives and dies? Their money doesn't make them better than us - In Russia, the government is paying couples \$9,000 to have children because their elderly are dying off and there aren't enough young folks to take over!!

Hello - what pop. problem are they talking about?

Vickie Rogers, Modesto, USA

They want to help the poor by aborting them? Richard, Falls Church, USA

Few people would disagree that pollution is a very real problem. Pollution is defined as changes to the environment caused by mankind. More people equals more pollution.

Frankly anyone unable to see that we are overpopulated is... probably not someone who should be populating anything Shovel, Phoenix, USA

Maybe there needs to be a renewed interest in the relationship we can have with the Almighty that Yahshua came to offer...the returning to "the one fold"... for all this chat about nothing to diminish. The end is plain for all to see; check it out, in THE BOOK....THE BIBLE.

Gail, Mexico, USA

Is Dr Alok the only one here that sort of gets it? This meeting was nothing more than to distract public attention away from the real meetings that have been occurring on a regular basis for years.

Walt, Vermont,

I didn't realize that the population on planet earth was a 'problem'? This is rather presumptuous of them, don't you think?

Mark, Maidstone, UK

As I read the comment I'm amazed at the ignorance of some. There are countries experiencing population declines. They are unable to support their aging population and are going to be in a crisis shortly. We must consume less as individuals and give life a chance.

Marc, New York, USA

No wonder they wanted this meeting in private. One only has to look at the crazed range of conspiracy theorists, religious nutters and general ignoramuses that this thread has brought out of the woodwork.

At least we now have a heads up on where to start the depopulation though.

John Dale, Sunderland,

If these billionaires put a human face to the "problem" of overpopulation instead of seeing everything in dollar signs and hedons, maybe then they'd see that the real problems in our world can only be solved by the very population they're trying to "cap". This is the same eugenics that led to Nazism

David Kilby, Trenton, USA

Where does our president stand on this?

Alpha & Omega, Madisn,

I thought we had Governments to run the world, not a small group of billionaires who are really only after their own interests.

Myke Rosenthal-English, Füssen, Deutschland

I have the ultimate solution to global population growth and the reduction of harmful & useless greenhouse gas emissions all rolled into one. On New Years' Day 2011 @ 12:01AM (GMT) everyone should be challenged to and hold their breath for 15 to 20 minutes. Problem Solved! NEXT!

Albert Stuart, Slippery Rock, USA

Resource depletion, global warming, water shortages, destruction of the rain forests and natural habitats - all effects of our numbers. The ignorance of some people here, noticeably across the pond, is staggering. What is wrong with asking people to have only children rather than 5 or 6 or more?

Andrew, Cardiff, UK

If we run out of energy then the problem will solve itself. We have used most of the trees, Oil now looks to be running out in the next 20 years. If gas lasts another 60 years it will eventually cease. There is not enough uranium to serve the world. Humanity will survive but many may die, but not yet

Keith, Rayleigh, England

That's right; now that they have BILLIONS between them, they've got nothing better to do than orchestrate life on this planet. Aren't we lucky to have them? They live in superabundance, but deny people the freedom to live as they choose. No wonder they meet in secret. They should be ashamed.

Bee Blockerson, Dayton, USA

Join forces in educating the world. We need a one child policy worldwide, immediately. In the last 50 years the population of the planet doubled. Do that again and nobody will be able to get through gridlock traffic to get to their jobs on time.

Tom, Terry Town, USA

I don't understand some of the reactions; you don't have to be a genius to see there are just too many of us. No politician or religious leader has the guts to start a discussion on this subject, so if some rich people start: why not? If we don't start now, nature will take its bloody course.

Har Davids, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

Yes - they call it the New World Order and it is anything but benevolent. These are the real illumanati and it is not God Who they serve nor is there a population problem.

BG

Brian Gregory, CHOPPINGTON, UK

Wake up brothers and sisters! This is all-out war against religious freedom and views, which has been assaulted before, but not to this degree. What the high-rollers don't want is a population that they can't CONTROL. Blessings, Bill. I'm going out and buying a Mac.

Harold, Phoenix, USA

Folks, be gentle on po'r Bill and company. They are only observing the Golden Rule: "He who has the gold, rules". May their arrogance be their downfall.

Judy, Saratoga Springs, USA

So, we can fit all the people of the world into Texas, or New York, or (by stacking them to the moon) on a 2 foot by 6 foot space. What nonsensical and meaningless comments! People have to eat, use resources, and produce waste. The ecological footprint of mankind already requires several planets.

Rick Shea, Salmon Arm, BC, Canada

My goodness the selfishness never ceases.

Overpopulation isnt occuring in the first world w/science, technology, entertainment, education and healthcare to name a few. The first world has a SPRAWL & RESOURCE PROBLEM!

Christine, Rochester, USA

Population control is another word for enslaving those that the rich feel are "not good enough". Their view of the perfect world is just having a select few left on earth to tend to their needs but no so many people that would crowd out the beaches when they want to vacation there. This is selfish

Chessie, Baltimore, USA

Real poverty as Mother Teresa said, is that someone must die so that you may live as you want. Who gives these people the right to make these decisions?

taad, Louisville, usa

Bush was mocked for his promotion of abstinence in Africa. But it worked. Teach young people that they have dignity and do not need to sleep with the first person who shows them affection. This reduces unwanted pregnancies and also the spread of AIDS.

Javier, Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Who made them God? I think this is frightening. Wake up!

Brenda, Fairlawn,

This "overpopulation" is garbage. All the earth's people in a crowd would FIT into New York metro area (allow 7sqft/person X 6 Billion people =42B sq ft, no larger than NY Metro area). We have not even mined the oceans (80% of the earth) for minerals. Unlimited salt water usable via desalinization.

Jack Msp, StPaul, USA

Population growth does not cause poverty, greed does. We have a crisis of morality in our world, not overpopulation. The arrogance of these billionaires is discusting. Its the mindset of China where women are forced to kill their babies and of Hitler who considered some human life undesireable.

Prisca, GR, US

I'm glad the most successful and generous people in the world are finally spending their money on something that will really make a difference. Why give 3rd world countries medicine or food if they'll just breed themselves out later? I can't believe how many idiots are in denial of this problem.

Jamal, Mumbai, India

David, Elisabethville, This thought is without substance, people that sit around with nothing to do and without understanding of learning what is needed to survive, just make more babies without a way to care for them. We must educate to find ways to take care of a growing population.

Tony , WICKENBURG, USA

Overpopulation for the sake of economy is a doomed pyramid scam. The bleeding hearts and their God of equality are betting OUR whole world on it. It would take 4 earths for everyone here to have a 1st world standard of living for the next 100 years. In the long run, overpopulation causes poverty.

Dustin, Austin, U.S.A.

The current growing doubts about the capacity of the US Social Security scheme to fulfill its promise to the hugest generation have their roots in similar Malthusian thinking. Let's call this "The Revenge of ZPG".

Thanks to the 1960's push for Boomers to limit their offspring to 2.3, no pension!

Marie, Miami, USA

So five hundred years or so years after colonialism, all of our resources are in the hands of Europeans and their offshoots and now they decide the problem is there are too many of us? We need to stop reproducing? No wonder they didn't want people to find out about it, this is disgusting.

Maria , New York, New York

Another way to decrease both the population growth and carbon emission levels is to keep economy down. People are be less prone to procreate during times of uncertainty, and the decreased consumption means less impact on the environment.

David, Elisabethville,

Overpopulated??? As others have stated it's more a matter of fair allocation than lack of. I imagine that they could pay off the debt of several small countries if they wanted to and still have some left over. These families have been playing us for fools for centuries.

Luke, Auckland, New Zealand

Controlling the fiat money central banking system to devalue and steal peoples assets. Promoting feminism, homosexuality, birth control, abortion, vaccinations, declining education. Financing both sides of wars etc I'd say their program is in full swing and for some time.

Chris, London,

Governments which fund population control are actually funding towards the demise of their countries. In other words, they are making their countries extinct.

newton , sydney, australia

"With man gone will there be hope for gorillas?"

from the novel

ISHMAEL

by Daniel Quinn read this book! It could change your life. Frank Paul Miello, Staten Island, USA

Who the hell do they think they are? Are they acting God, to decide the future of the human being??

Kokuzoushi, Melbourne, Australia

Yes it's imperative that finally the influential members of our community do something about the overpopulation issue. It's the single most devastating effect of global warming and other environmental catastrophe. There has to be cessation of birth made law and enforced by the governments.
matt, Melbourne, Australia

So tell me again how saving hundreds of thousands of lives every year would bring down the population...
It's not like people base their decision to have children on the mortality rate.
Doug, Seattle, USA

Tyranny and cruelty stem from considering certain people as impediments to a nebulous "greater good".
Such 'bold ideas' have been behind the worst sort of atrocities throughout history. Heaven help us if a computer nerd, talk show host, and some old rich dudes are to be our self-appointed saviors.
Mark, Raleigh, USA

If you don't understand eugenics which is the acquired religion of the wealthy then you will not understand why they are meeting. This is simply the meeting that people are hearing about as a cover up for Bilderberg- Search "A History of the Use of Eugenics and Genocide"
Karen, Skokie, USA

Global Eugenics is the religion of the elite on this planet. Do yourselves a favor and read the books : War Against the Weak and IBM and the Holocaust, both by Edwin Black for insight into the dark history of "philanthropy" in addressing "population concerns."

Also check out the movie ENDGAME onlin
Nathaniel, Louisiana, USA

So the AIDS virus they unleashed didn't work, what next? Ideally they'd like China, Africa and India to go to war and wipe out 2/3 billion people.

Although disturbing, that would solve the problem for another 20-30 years whilst they spend their money to educate people about contraception etc.
Matthew, Kensington, London,

I have nothing against rich people. I hope, despite what Obama plans, to become rich one day myself. But what i dont like is when people feel guilty after they become rich, like Hollywood actors, and believe they have to DO SOMETHING. How about this, leave me alone and let me live my life in peace.
William, Atlanta, USA

Over-population is a direct consequence of a lack of education, which itself is a consequence of exploitation which is a consequence of consumerism, which is a way of life in many parts of the world. Dealing with over-population in isolation, is dealing with the symptom rather than the cause.
freddie, Cape Town, South Africa

y'all don't seem to get it. over population is not the problem. how we live, and treat each other is. nature has a way of taking care of population growth, and it never, ever goes beyond what this planet can bare without nature kicking in and taking care of the surplus. live well with what we have!
Marguerite, Iqaluit, Nunavut, canada

I'm relieved that someone is actually bringing this issue to attention. Anyone who does not think population growth is a threat is simply ignorant. This issue is a problem for everyone. Instead of nit-picking this article, use your time to become informed and help the cause.

Lindsay, Phoenix, USA

How about a half a billion from each of you to set up fully sustained manufacturing and production facilities to make anything here in the USA with jobs for Americans.

Buy American - of course not.

Made in America - Ha !

Philanthropy for Americans ? Guess.

john kulaya, bronx, USA

overpopulation is the only problem we have. Everything either pales into insignificance besides overpopulation or is a direct result of it. Quite simply unless we address the population problem immediately then we are dooming the majority of the world's people to a future of famine war and disease.

nigel, auckland, New Zealand

In America you could make it so that if you do not have a child then you would get a special tax break.

Include a special extra amount in S.S payouts for the childless.

BTW isn't outsourcing jobs to India and China making it more financially viable to have children for these people?

Dennis, Tempe, USA

Have you seen those teeming unwashed masses, Bill? Absolutely, George. They're spoiling my view! Something must be done. And no, I don't need an extra billion customers that bad! Get them out of sight! Eeeuw! All that odious humanity! We must keep the world safe for our sort, old sport!

Mora, Los Angeles, USA

Insane! Instead of targeting those who use more energy in the world as the wealthy do, they are targeting the poor by blaming on overpopulation! It's sick! Why if our four fathers heard this they would claim them as fascist eugenics seeking population control for their own means.

Angel, El Paso, USA

This follows a line of economic conquest and destruction around the globe. In the same way NAFTA (As will the pending NAU/SPP) gutted the middle class of good jobs and corporations got tax incentives to move production offshore the profit max has been reached and people are no longer 'useful'.

Theo, Klamath Falls, Oregon USA

If they wish to reduce the World's population, then they can lead by example. After you, fellas.

Petero, Adelaide, Australia

A nice way to solve overpopulation will be to make computers with casings of Depleted Uranium, aka DU, and donate those to poor, young girls as gifts. Bill Gates surely can arrange that. When enough deformed babies start getting born, as in Iraq, poor women will want no more. Problem solved.

Dr Alok K Bhattacharyya, Benghazi, Libya

They may be rich, but they are not that smart. The destruction of this world has nothing to do with population and everything to do with the monetary system which made them all millionaires in the first place. Thus, the system will never be discussed by them for they have participated in it greatly. Richard, Colton, USA

Its about time. There are WAY too many people in the world and for rich folk, whom make a living off of a rising population, to even mention overpopulation is a miracle. Its no conspiracy its a fact that we are destroying our planet with so many people. OP is the biggest issue we face today.

Mark , Rochester, USA

In 1950 there was an estimated 2.6 billion people. Now in 2007 we have 6.5 billion. It is projected that in 2050 there may be 9.3 billion - an increase of 6.7 billion in 100 years. This is exponential growth, and if it continues than there will be over 80 billion people on this planet by 2150.

David Normal, San Francisco, USA

And who the hell are they to decide anything for anybody? As soon as they are dead their offspring will probably squander their fortunes.

Mark Sivad, Houston, USA

Interesting that you would report on this benign little get together and yet totally ignore the malevolent Bilderberg meeting a week later, which some of these very same people attended.

Steve, Stratford, New Zealand

Presumably Henry Kissinger wasn't rich enough to get invited to this particular party. Pity, at least he had the honesty to use the term "useless eaters" to describe those in the world that he wanted to do away with rather than try to disguise his motives with phoney philanthropism.

Alan, Oxford,

Alex Jones addressed this issue in his documentary called "Endgame". All these wars are depopulation devices. Nobody uses depleted uranium bombs without knowing that the radiation will last for at least 2,500 years, and the cancer rate skyrockets. Gulf War 1=500K dead babes="small price to pay"

Katz, NYC,

Here comes the Bilderberg Lite! No sooner the Bilderberg Regular finished their meeting to better the life of all, Lite meets in New York, NY to do even more for the poor. Only missing was King Henry (Kissinger). I wonder why such billionaires cannot just concentrate on becoming trillionaires.

Dr Alok K Bhattacharyya, Benghazi, Libya

These people place power to run our lives in front of there wealth. These non-elected egos have little respect for democratic principles because it would put them only on a equal footing like every one else. There goal is a world population of only 500 million pushed by the Rockefeller Foundation.

Ed, Vancouver BC, Canada

You can fit all the people in the world standing up without touching one another, 6.5 bil, in one half the area of the city of Jacksonville, Florida. We produce enough food for 6 times the present pop. and can produce enough for over 200 bil.

Robert, Freeport, USA

so, so, "freed from malaria"? Bill Gates was contacted by Jim Humble, who discovered in 1991 that chlorinedioxid kills malaria. He has so far cured 75'000 people. Bill said, he will only use drugs approved by the FDA. Hypocrite!

Roland, Menzingen, Switzerland

Google "Georgia Guidestones"

Rico, Valparaiso, IN, U.S.

It's good that they are finally doing something useful with their money!

Peter Andrews, Turku, Finland

I think this is inspired. Population over-crowding is a perfect umbrella cause for education, health, empowerment, what have you. Trying to unify philanthropies in one unified vision and mission is just, good plain 'ol management. I say kudos.

John, Corvallis,

There's a warning in Revelation 13:10 for people like this- "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and faith of the saints." These people are only hurting themselves

Chris, Saint Paris Oh, USA

it is always the elite who want to hog all of the resources that come up with these hideous ideas
rick, piscataway,

Gates' arguments are merely his own opinion based on no sound science. In fact, all demographers state just the opposite. Demographers from prestigious schools like Harvard have clearly stated that we don't have enough children being born to sustain our current economies and gov. programs.

David Gilchrist, Longview, United States

Yes, the rich have always wanted to help the poor and middle class, they want to help us become slaves and if that does not work they want to help us into an early grave.

The rich have made all of the decisions that have resulted in the horrible world we live in, now they want us dead!

Sam, Brooklyn , USA

Over population is a Major problem, even in "first" world countries. Women unable to care for themselves having 5-10 kids on welfare are destroying the quality of life for everyone.

Judy, Cicero, USA

The worlds population can fit in the state of Texas !!!! It is not a problem ! More of the rich so rich they don't have anything real to worry about, so they make up stupid stuff to worry over.

tim, tn,

This is an incredibly important issue. Forced population control is out of the question but some form of agreement has to be reached. The only other option is attrition by means of war and conflict. That is the method used by the dark side since time began. Better ---> peace or war?

James, Tomball, US

Hypocrite Bill Gates has nothing against domestic overpopulation, since he has called for open borders, at least as far as tech-educated people go. Cheap-labor foreign IT workers have added billions of dollars to Gates' bank account. His generosity extends globally, but not locally.

Brenda, Berkeley California , USA

It's much easier to control the world when there's less people on the planet.

These people are trying to play God. Who are they to decide who lives and who dies?

I'm sure these people would love a new flu pandemic. It would help their cause.

Population control is disgusting. Period. Sam, LA,

I'm cool with it. As long as they control your population not mine.

Thomas, Austin, Texas

Such nonsense! All of the world's billionaires...COMBINED...cannot do anything to...'solve' the problems on this planet! All the government's...COMBINED...cannot do anything to...'solve' the problems of this planet. The problems 'on' this planet...are 'of' this planet! Mindless behavior!

Len Hobbs, Eastland, Texas, USA

New World Order. Kazuki, Tokyo, Japan

He who has money decides. In this case since these rich people want to part their monies why not leave to them what causes that close to their hearts so that they can be really committed and see through whatever programs/causes they initiated until the end .

James, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The only solution to the world crisis is the whole world uniting based on the common principle that we are one integrated system. All levels of nature, still, vegetative, & animate are in tune with nature, however the human level with our egoism and desire to receive must re-adjust. www.kabbalah.info

Jonathan, Petach Tikva, Israel

And exercises in meaninglessness, if the money just perpetrates another form of inequality by various means of dependencies. Rich equals caring about the poor is plainly ludicrous if you are in the large Helmholtzian centre. A violin Concerto for themselves. The harmonic resonances remain as deafnotes Philip Travers, Tyringham. N.S.W., Australia

So the rich will really be helping the poor. sounds a good idea... people who can make good things happen should do so.. This is rarely governments.

Rikrok, London, UK

If you are reading this and have not read the last paragraph of the article, please do so now.

These are FACTS:

the richest people in the world are SPENDING money in a time of RECESSION, FLOODING the markets with NEW MONEY and CHOOSING which WORLD Organisations should spend it and ON WHO. NWO
Natasha, Bedford, UK

Gates's way, by reducing poverty and raising living standards, is a good route to solving this problem. So is reproductive healthcare - if it means better care for women in childbirth. If it means providing abortion, that goes with war and disease as a way of keeping human numbers down

Tim, Bracknell,

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