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Dear Sirs:

I am an attorney in New York representing the interests of Dr. Gary Null. I am writing to Wikipedia through several of its channels to demand the removal of a personal biography of a living person (BLP) that violates all of your organization's written standards, as it is poorly sourced, written with a prejudiced view, relies primarily on originally sourced material, and purposefully leaves out valuable information regarding Dr. Null's achievements, not the least of which are the over 20 documentaries which have won awards from major film festivals over a period of 30 years.

Wikipedia's biographical entry on Gary Null [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gary\\_Null](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gary_Null) has been written, edited and maintained with the sole intention of causing harm to Dr. Null and damaging his reputation. It is a fatally defective hate piece that contains false statements that constitute libel per se and consists of gross violations of Wikipedia's rules regarding "Biographies of Living Persons" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Biographies\\_of\\_living\\_persons](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Biographies_of_living_persons) as well as its rules regarding "No Original Research" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:No\\_original\\_research](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:No_original_research). Based on these written rules and standards, the entry is fatally defective. Because of these egregious imbalances alone the only just action for Wikipedia to take right now is to immediately and permanently remove the biographical entry for Gary Null without further discussion.

Online users often rely on Wikipedia to gain knowledge about a person and form impressions about a person based on what they read. It is because of this, presumably, that Wikipedia has adopted unequivocal rules directing that biographies of living persons be written with a neutral

point of view, not give disproportionate space to particular viewpoints and not contain material that is unsourced or poorly sourced. The biography of a living person (BLP) for Dr. Null does not even attempt to meet these standards. Instead, it amounts to a diatribe against Dr. Null that relies almost entirely on the writings of Stephen Barrett, an unlicensed and discredited psychiatrist whose objectivity and expertise have been called into serious question both by other writers and by courts of law. Further, the article, again based on Mr. Barrett's opinions, devalues the prestige of the country's finest institutes of higher education. In the paragraphs that follow, I highlight the established Wikipedia rules that govern all biographies of living persons as well as sourcing of material in general, followed by a critique of one highly defective source that has been cited nine (9) times, forming the very backbone of the article, and then discuss other aspects of the biography that also do not meet the standards for a biography of a living person. In accordance with these rules, the only proper choice is to remove the biography without further discussion, as specifically provided by said rules.

The Prevailing Standard: “**Wikipedia: Biographies of Living Persons.**” (all emphasis below is as provided)

The rules regarding biographies of living persons begin as follows:

Editors must take particular care when adding **information about living persons** to *any* Wikipedia page. Such material requires a high degree of sensitivity, and must adhere *strictly* to all applicable laws in the United States, to this policy, and to Wikipedia's three core content policies:

- Neutral Point of View (NPOV)
- Verifiability (V)
- No Original Research (NOR)

We must get the article *right*. Be very firm about the use of high-quality sources. All quotations and any material **challenged or likely to be challenged** must be supported by an inline citation to a reliable, published source. Contentious material about living persons. . . that is unsourced or poorly sourced-whether the material is negative, positive, neutral, or just questionable-should be **removed immediately and without waiting for discussion**.

On the subject of “Attack Pages”, the policy states:

Pages that are unsourced and negative in tone, especially when they appear to have been created primarily to disparage the subject, should be deleted at once

if there is no policy-compliant version to revert to. . . Creation of such pages, especially when repeated or in bad faith is grounds for immediate blocking.

On the subject of “Self-Published Sources” the policy states:

#### **Avoid Self-Published Sources**

Never use self-published sources-including but not limited to books, zines, websites, blogs and tweets- as sources of material about a living person, unless written or published by **the subject of the article**. “Self-published blogs” in this context refers to personal and group blogs.

#### **As provided under Remove Contentious Material That is Unsourced or Poorly Sourced**

Remove immediately any contentious material about a living person that:

- Is unsourced or poorly sourced;
- Is a conjectural interpretation of a source (see No Original Research)
- Relies on self-published sources, unless written by the subject of the BLP.
- Relies on sources that fail in some other way to meet Verifiability standards.

Finally, as provided under Dealing with Edits by the Subject of the Article

Subjects sometimes become involved in editing materials about themselves, either directly or through a representative. The Arbitration Committee has ruled in favor of showing leniency to BLP subjects who try to fix what they see as errors or unfair material. **Editors should make every effort to act with kindness towards the subjects of biographical material when the subjects arrive to express concern.** Although Wikipedia discourages people from writing about themselves, removal of an unsourced or poorly sourced material is acceptable.

Before continuing with a discussion of the article itself, and to put all in context, I also refer to the Wikipedia rules on **“No Original Research”**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:No original research](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:No_original_research)

The policy begins as follows:

**Wikipedia articles must not contain original research.** The phrase “original research” (OR) is used on Wikipedia to refer to material – such as facts, allegations, and ideas-for which no reliable published sources exist. This includes any analysis or synthesis of published material that serves to reach or imply a conclusion not stated by the sources. To demonstrate that you are not adding OR, you must be able to cite reliable, published sources that are *directly related* to the topic of the article, and *directly support* the material being presented.

The prohibition against OR means that all material added to articles must be *attributable* to a reliable, published source, even if not actually *attributed*. The verifiability policy says that an inline citation to a reliable source must be provided for all quotations, and for anything challenged or likely to be challenged-but a source *must* exist even for material that is never challenged.

Finally, on the subject of “**Reliable Sources**”

Any material that is challenged or is likely to be challenged must be supported by a reliable source. Material for which no reliable source can be found is considered original research. The only way you can show your edit is not original research is to cite a reliable published source that contains the same material. Even with well-sourced material, if you use it out of context, or to reach or imply a conclusion not directly and explicitly supported by the source, you are engaging in original research. . .

In general, the most reliable sources are:

- Peer-reviewed journals
- Books published by university presses
- University-level textbooks
- Magazines, journals, and books published by respected publishing houses
- Mainstream newspapers.

As the above constitutes Wikipedia’s stated rules and standards, to which Dr. Null is in full agreement, the question I am raising in this submission is whether those standards have been adhered to in the publication, editing and maintenance of Dr. Null’s biography. The answer is an emphatic “NO”.

#### The Repeated Use of the Barret Web Page as a Citation.

The biographical entry for Dr. Null uses a single reference as a source nine times. A website page/personal blog entitled “A Critical Look at Gary Null’s Activities and Credentials” by



Stephen Barrett, ("Barrett Web Page") published on his personal website at <https://www.quackwatch.org/04ConsumerEducation/null.html>. A copy of this writing is attached to this email and an original accompanies any hard copies.

This highly prejudicial writing has been composed to make disparaging, self-authenticating claims as to the nature of Dr. Null's practice ("one of the nation's leading promoters of dubious treatment for serious disease"), to mischaracterize his educational achievements and the qualifications of his graduate school and to conduct a free running and unsupported criticism of his PhD thesis. The article makes no attempt to highlight Dr. Null's accomplishments in improving the health of countless people, no mention of his many best-selling books, that fact that he produces and hosts one of the nation's most popular radio shows nor his many award-winning documentaries from major international film festivals.

But what is the Barrett Web Page? It bears none of the markings of a reliable or verifiable source. It is not a peer-reviewed journal, a book published by a university press, a university level textbook, a magazine, journal or book published by a respected publishing house or a mainstream newspaper. It is a webpage, almost entirely stating the personal opinions of its author on Dr. Null and his work. This is by definition a self-published source, in violation of the unequivocal rule "Never use self-published sources-including but not limited to books, zines, websites, blogs and tweets- as sources of material about a living person, unless written or published by the subject of the article." Therefore, this self-published work has no place being employed in a Wikipedia biography of a living person even once, let alone **nine (9) times**.

Although for that reason alone the reference, and all facts that it claims to support, should be, as provided by the Wikipedia rules, "removed immediately and without waiting for discussion", if you read the writing, which I urge you to do, you will find it to be an opinion piece, making unsupported allegations that are clearly written with malice towards Dr. Null. In the self-published webpage Steven Barrett accuses Dr. Null of spreading misinformation and bad advice, questions the safety and efficacy of his products, questions the qualifications of his degree granting institutions, based primarily in large part of his dislike of its faculty, and criticizes his PhD thesis, based on his opinion, unsupported by any peer-review or University level verification. None of this qualifies the writing as worthy of any kind of citation in a biography of a living person.

Stephen Barrett, essentially the author/editor or at least a prime source of Dr. Null's BLP, is a disgraced, unlicensed psychiatrist who widely criticizes alternative and complementary medicine that those who practice or advocate the same despite the fact that he has admitted to be biased, incapable of criticizing conventional medicine because it is "way outside my scope." He advocates that most alternative therapies should be disregarded without further review or research, stating that such therapies need not be tested because "they simply don't

make any sense". See <https://www.naturalblaze.com/2018/03/quackbusters-shock-troops-medical-mccarthyism.html> and Ladd, Donna. "Doctor Who?" Village Voice. June 22, 1999. <https://www.villagevoice.com/1999/06/22/doctor-who/>. Barrett ceased any professional affiliated psychiatric practice in 1991 and has since participated on numerous board and advisory organizations promoting drug-based medical practice and discrediting natural health, including diet and nutrition, supplements, chiropractic and massage therapeutic modalities. Barrett, Stephen. Curriculum vitae. <https://www.quackwatch.org/10Bio/biovitae.html>.

In a California Supreme Court case in 2006, Barrett and another "Quackbuster", Terry Polevoy were ruled as engaging in unwarranted and unsound combat against the use of "alternative and nonstandard" healthcare practices and products.: During the case, the defendants' attorney Charles Negrete uncovered that Barrett had failed his Psychiatric Board exams, and had done so for over a decade. <http://www.humanticsfoundation.com/quackwatchwatch.htm>. An earlier California Superior Court decision in 2001, NAVCHF v King Bio, found Barrett's position on alternative health to be biased and unworthy of credibility. *National Council Against Health Fraud Inc. v King Bio, Inc.*, California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles, case No. 245271 (Decision, December 17, 2001).

And yet, THIS is the leading source of "authority" against a man who has tirelessly advocated for the right of all to live healthy and happy lives for the last 50 years!

Dr. Null's counsel wrote to Stephen Barrett back in January 2005. The nine-page letter brought up and completely debunked every spurious claim Barrett made against Dr. Null. Even with such full notice, Barrett did not withdraw his statements or note in the BLP of Dr. Null that he authored and/or edited that these claims had in fact been disproven or even disputed.

With the following having been established, I am taking the liberty of reproducing Dr. Null's Wikipedia biography, in parts, and commenting on the source material used. While I will note when the Barrett Web Page is used as a reference, I shall make nominal comment on it, as its disqualification as a reliable and verifiable source has already been established.

The article on Dr. Gary Null begins as follows:

**TEXT: Gary Michael Null (born 1945) is an American talk radio host and author who advocates for alternative medicine and naturopathy [1] and who produces a line of dietary supplements. [2]**

**1 Barrett, Stephen (January 29, 2012). "A Critical Look at Gary Null's Activities and Credentials". Quackwatch. Retrieved September 15, 2013.**



**2 Butler, Kurt; Barrett, Stephen (1992-06-01). A consumer's guide to "alternative medicine": a close look at homeopathy, acupuncture, faith-healing, and other unconventional treatments. Prometheus Books. ISBN 9780879757335. Retrieved 11 May 2014.**

The Barrett website has already been disqualified as a source. The book cited in footnote No. 2, is intended to support the claim that Dr. Null (actually Gary Null & Associates, Inc.) produces a line of dietary supplements. This book, published in 1992, and never updated, is a collection of attacks against alternative and complementary health practitioners. The book dedicates pages 42 to 48 to attacking Dr. Null, his qualifications, his degree and his product offerings. This book, edited by the same Stephen Barrett, cites nothing in those pages that would constitute a reliable or verifiable source as set forth above to support the claims. The book did not even bother to have a recognized expert provide an opinion.

Even more curious, if the point of the footnote is to refer to Dr. Null's line of nutritional supplements, the most direct and current way to do so would be to cite a link through which these products can be found, such as <https://www.garysvitamincloset.com/>, rather than citing a 26 year old book, from which no links are available. These product offerings have almost completely changed in the ensuing 26 years. If the writers or editors of Dr. Null's BLP had any regard for accuracy they would have chosen an easily findable database of available products, such as the current website. The only reason anyone would use an outdated, 26 year old list is because it accompanied a writing condemning such goods. This is evidence that there is not and has never been any attempt at fairness or impartiality in constructing or editing this BLP.

**TEXT: An article in [Salon.com](https://www.salon.com) referred to Null as an [AIDS denialist](#) and an [anti-vaccinationist](#).<sup>[3]</sup>**

**3 Kurth, Peter (May 21, 2002). "Quack record". [Salon.com](https://www.salon.com). Archived from the original on October 2, 2002. Retrieved June 23, 2011.**

COMMENTS:

"Quack record" as referenced in citation #3 makes no mention of Dr. Null having any opinion on vaccines. Therefore, the clause, "and an anti-vaccinationist" prejudices the BLP and supports that was written solely to defame and injure Dr. Null.

"Quack record" groups Gary Null into a group of AIDS denialists but cites no evidence of this at all. Again, facts play no role in this diatribe pretending to be a factual report.

In fact, "Quack record" is not even an "article" but is only a book review wherein Peter Kurth, the reviewer, starts his review by stating, "I need to confess my bias...I can't be impartial about Gary Null's book." Further, "Quack record" contains no scholarly value and as such does not

meet the requirements of a Wikipedia citation. More harshly, Peter Kurth frames "my bias" in the context of the death of his gay friends from AIDS. Query whether Kurth writing this as a revenge essay. In any event, this scathing book review, in which the author does not even pretend to be impartial, has no place in a biography about a living person, as it constitutes "contentious material about a living person that is unsourced or poorly sourced" and should be "removed immediately and without discussion."

**TEXT: His views on health and nutrition are at odds with scientific consensus; psychiatrist [Stephen Barrett](#), co-founder of the [National Council Against Health Fraud](#) and webmaster of [Quackwatch](#), described Null as "one of the nation's leading promoters of dubious treatment for serious disease"**

**1 Barrett, Stephen (January 29, 2012). "A Critical Look at Gary Null's Activities and Credentials". Quackwatch. Retrieved September 15, 2013**

#### COMMENTS:

This section is based entirely on the Barrett Web Page, which, by Wikipedia's rules and as set forth above, does not qualify as a reliable or verifiable source that can be employed in a biography of a living person.<sup>1</sup>

**TEXT: On his radio show, and in books and self-produced movies, Null attacks the [medical community](#), promotes a range of [alternative cancer treatments](#), [denies that HIV causes AIDS](#),<sup>[4]</sup> opposes [genetically modified foods](#), and promotes [dietary supplements](#) which he produces.**

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<sup>1</sup> However, in well sourced material, Dr. Null is praised for his work by the medical community. Dr. James Hunt, Dean of Medicine at the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences, claims that "if we had a few physicians with the same motivation and knowledge as Null we'd have a lot fewer sick people."

Johnson, Bonnie, "This Vegetarian Named Gary Meditates on One Goal: Null-Ifying All Carnivores." People. May 11, 1981 <http://people.com/archive/this-vegetarian-named-gary-meditates-on-one-goal-null-ifying-all-carnivores-vol-15-no-18/>. Total Health Magazine called Null "one of America's leading health and fitness experts." Total Health Editors. "Gary Null, Ph.D. Alternative Medicine and Natural Healing Advocate." Total Health Magazine. Accessed February 15, 2018 <http://www.totalhealthmagazine.com/Interviews/Gary-Null-Ph.D.-Alternative-Medicine-and-Natural-Healing-Advocate.html>

**[4] Park, Alice; Jeffrey Kluger (May 17, 1999). "The New Mister Natural". TIME. Retrieved June 23, 2011.**

**COMMENTS:**

The TIME article, "*The New Mister Natural*" does not include any language indicating that Gary Null denied that HIV causes AIDS. The article does state that Gary believes that, "traditional therapies are ineffective [because] it has never been proved that HIV plays as great a role in the disease as scientists believe."

The clause, "denies that HIV causes AIDS" is a lie, as the cited TIME magazine does not support the claim.<sup>2</sup>

The last part of the referenced sentence, "opposes genetically modified foods, and promotes dietary supplements which he produces" is not referenced in the article. As this conclusion is not stated by the source or supported by the source, the statement constitutes prohibited original research. More importantly, it serves as further proof that the authors and editors gave no consideration to accurate research or reporting. They knew what they wanted to say and only needed the appearance of support.

Here, as in the other parts of the BLP, the authors/editors show malice aforethought and intent to defame. They do so behind a curtain of anonymity, relying on false names and the perceived impossibility of being sued for their libelous statements. These statements were made and reinforced over a period of time by similarly minded people, conspiring with each other, as a Cabal. The question then arises, "why?" Certainly not to report facts or employ truth or fairness.

**TEXT: In 2010, Null reported that he and six other consumers had been hospitalized from vitamin D poisoning, after ingesting a nutritional supplement carrying his name and endorsement. Null sued a contractor involved in producing the product, alleging that each contained more than 1,000 times the dose of vitamin D reported on the label.[5][6]**

**5 Andreadis, Cleopatra (April 29, 2010). "Alternative Health Guru Sues Company Over His Own Product". ABC News. Retrieved June 23, 2011.**

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<sup>2</sup> Gary Null has been characterized as an AIDS denialist but he stated, "I was personally attacked as an AIDS denialist, which I categorically deny. There is no debate that HIV exists and that it attacks the immune system." See "*The Importance of Integrative Medicine in the Treatment of HIV/AIDS*," January 7, 2014. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-importance-of-integrative-medicine-in-the-treatment-of-hiv-aids/5364126><http://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/importance-integrative-medicine-treatment-hiv-aids>



**6 Healy, Melissa (April 29, 2010). "Supplements guru sues over his own product". Los Angeles Times. Retrieved July 15, 2014.**

**COMMENTS:**

Neither reference cited makes any mention of Dr. Null having been hospitalized. Nor does the New York Post which is mentioned in the LA Times article... Therefore this is a fabricated statement and a product of a prejudicial original source. All sources state that Dr. Null saw a doctor and treated himself. Further, the product was produced by a contract manufacturer and immediately removed as soon as discovered. Any damage was thus minimized and never repeated.

**HEADING: EARLY LIFE AND EDUCATION**

**TEXT: Null was raised in Parkersburg, West Virginia, with his two brothers. He holds an associate's degree in business administration from the 2-year, for-profit Mountain State College in Parkersburg, West Virginia and a Bachelor's degree from Thomas Edison State College in Trenton, New Jersey.**

**Null holds a Ph.D. in human nutrition and public health sciences from Union Institute & University,[1] a private distance-learning college headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio.[1][7] Null's doctoral thesis was entitled "A Study of Psychological and Physiological Effects of Caffeine on Human Health".[1]**

**1 Barrett, Stephen (January 29, 2012). "A Critical Look at Gary Null's Activities and Credentials". Quackwatch. Retrieved September 15, 2013**

**7 Goetz, Kristina (March 27, 2004). "Union Institute rules get stricter". Cincinnati Enquirer. Retrieved June 23, 2011**

**COMMENTS:**

Again... in this paragraph alone, The Barrett Web Page is referenced 3 times. The Barrett Web page has been proven above to consist of original research, replete with unsupported commentary and written with a prejudiced point of view. By Wikipedia's established rules, it has no place in a biography about a living person. And yet, this prejudicial writing by an admittedly biased source forms the very heart of the BLP.

The use of "distance learning" to describe Union Institute, particularly at the time Dr. Null attended is inaccurate. According to Wikipedia's own definition [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distance\\_education](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Distance_education), "distance learning" refers to



correspondence or online courses. Neither were the cases. Online courses did not even exist at the time and accredited PhD. Level study is not a "correspondence course" by any definition.

**TEXT: His credentials, including the degree-granting practices at Edison State and the rigor of the Ph.D. program at Union Institute, have been questioned by Stephen Barrett on his Quackwatch website, who labeled Null as "one of the nation's leading promoters of dubious treatment for serious disease" and a fraud. The Union Institute's Ph.D. program came under scrutiny by the Ohio Board of Regents in the late 1990s, early 2000s which culminated in its 2002 Reauthorization Report. The report was critical of the Union Institute's Ph.D. program, noting in particular that " ... expectations for student scholarship at the doctoral level were not as rigorous as is common for doctoral work ... " (OBR 2002 Reauthorization Report, page 13) As a result, The Union was put on probation, the Union Graduate School was dissolved and the Ph.D. program was restructured.[1]**

**1 Barrett, Stephen (January 29, 2012). "A Critical Look at Gary Null's Activities and Credentials". Quackwatch. Retrieved September 15, 2013**

#### COMMENTS:

Once again, a significant portion of the biography is based purely on the citation of the discredited Barrett Web Page. The Barrett Web page has been proven above to consist of original research, replete with unsupported commentary and written with a prejudiced point of view. By Wikipedia's established rules, it has no place in a biography about a living person.

Little of this paragraph has any direct relevance to Dr. Null's biography and is essentially an unsupported attack on Union Institute and University. I am attaching to this letter a copy of a letter written to Stephen Barrett from an official at Union Institute and University on January 8, 2005, around the time Barret first published wording critical of the University's credentials and programs. As the letter states, "every doctoral student in higher education in the United States has the responsibility for choosing their field of study. It is misleading and a disservice to all doctoral programs across the country to say otherwise."

The letter goes on to state:

Among the university's many distinctions: UI&I is ranked 10th among U.S. colleges and universities for conferring doctoral degrees in all disciplines to African Americans, according to *Black Issues in Higher Education* (July 3, 2003); UI&I is classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a doctoral/research university intensive; and UI&I is ranked first among national doctoral universities in the category "highest proportion of classes with under 20" in *U.S. News & World Report's* "America's Best Colleges, " 2004 edition.

The letter concludes, "The University considers Dr. Gary Null as one of its stellar alumni and he exemplifies learners and alumni who are independent thinkers with the courage to challenge convention, break new ground, and find new paths of inquiry."

Additionally, Dr. Null was the first graduate in Union Institute's history to be given an award for outstanding scholarship and achievement. This was an unparalleled honor in the history of this prestigious institution.

None of this was reported by Stephen Barrett in his "Quackwatch" web page. None of this was inserted into the BLP of Gary Null, which would have at least allowed for a reader to learn of the University's disagreement with Barrett's statements.

#### **HEADING: ATTACKS ON MEDICINE**

**TEXT:** Null attacks many facets of mainstream medicine, arguing that physicians and pharmaceutical companies have an economic interest in promoting rather than preventing sickness.[1] In the 1979-80, he co-authored a series of articles on cancer research for Penthouse, entitled The Politics of Cancer[1] beginning with one entitled "The Great Cancer Fraud." [8] Null's writings in Penthouse accused the medical community of "suppressing alternative cancer treatments to protect the medical establishment's solid-gold cancer train." In place of standard medical therapy, Null advocated alternative cancer treatments such as hydrazine sulfate. A series of three articles co-authored by Null in Penthouse is credited by David Gorski with bringing the Burzynski clinic to prominence.[9] In 1985, Null began writing a lengthy series of reports for Penthouse entitled "Medical Genocide".[1] In 1999 TIME wrote of Null: "From a young reporter this is to be expected. But two decades later, Null, 54, is still warning of a variety of medical bogeymen out to gull a trusting public." [4]

1 Barrett, Stephen (January 29, 2012). "A Critical Look at Gary Null's Activities and Credentials". Quackwatch. Retrieved September 15, 2013

8 Null's Penthouse articles on alternative cancer therapies include:

Null, Gary; Robert Houston (1979). "The Great Cancer Fraud". Penthouse: 76–78, 82, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276–278.

Null, Gary; A. Pitrone (1980). "Suppression of new cancer therapies: Dr. Joseph Gold and hydrazine sulfate". Penthouse: 97–98, 160, 162–163.

Null, Gary; L. Steinman (1980). "The politics of cancer. Part five. Suppression of new cancer therapies: Dr. Lawrence Burton". Penthouse: 75–76, 188–194, 196–197.

9 Gorski, David (July 2, 2013). "Stanislaw Burzynski: The Early Years". Science Based Medicine. Retrieved February 20, 2014.

4 Park, Alice; Jeffrey Kluger (May 17, 1999). "The New Mister Natural". TIME. Retrieved June 23, 2011.

#### COMMENTS:

Again... in this paragraph alone, The Barrett Web Page is referenced 3 times. The Barrett Web page has been proven above to consist of original research, replete with unsupported commentary and written with a prejudiced point of view. By Wikipedia's established rules, it has no place in a biography about a living person.

In addition the Barrett referenced statement **"arguing that physicians and pharmaceutical companies have an economic interest in promoting rather than preventing sickness"** is not even true in the context of the Barrett Web Page. Nowhere in the Barrett Web Page is there reference to "economic interest" nor any reference to money, profit, finance, revenue or any other such term that would confirm the truth of statement.

**TEXT: Null was the keynote speaker at a rally opposing mandatory H1N1 influenza vaccination during the 2009 flu pandemic, leading the New York State Department of Health to dismiss Null's claims about the vaccine as "not scientifically credible." The New York State Health Commissioner held a conference at the time of the rally to discuss the clinical trials which were used to demonstrate its safety.[10]**

10 Scribona, Charles (November 2, 2009). "Health workers angry over mandatory swine flu shots". Legislative Gazette. Retrieved June 23, 2011.

#### COMMENTS:

It should be noted that Dr. Null rendered a great service. Then New York Governor David Patterson suspended further efforts to mandate the H1n1 vaccine hours after it was revealed during an interview with New York State Health Commissioner Dr. Richard Daines on WGY radio that the Commissioner's wife, Linda Daines, was a manager of private client services at the Wall Street firm Goldman Sachs. Goldman was the broker for the \$15 billion sale of Medimmune's Flumist vaccine that New York State was attempting to mandate. After the private conflict of interests behind the NY government's mandate was publicly exposed, the effort was dropped. In fact, due to Dr. Null's protest in front of the State Capitol, along with more than 1,300 participants, as well as demanding public hearings and a demand that a moratorium be placed on the proposed law, such a moratorium was imposed, all because of Dr. Null's efforts.

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Audio file of WGY Radio host Al Roney's interview with NY Health Commissioner Dr. Richard Daines

<http://educate-yourself.org/vcd/Roney%20hour%201%20no%20more%20flu%20shot%20mandate10-23hour1.mp3>

Horowitz, Leonard, H1N1 Swine Flu "National Emergency" Warning! October 25, 2009

[http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/ciencia/ciencia\\_influenza61.htm](http://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/ciencia/ciencia_influenza61.htm)

**TEXT:** In addition to his promotion of alternative cancer treatments and condemnation of the medical establishment, Null has argued that HIV is harmless and does not cause AIDS.[4] In his book *AIDS: A Second Opinion*, Null advocated a range of dietary supplements for HIV-positive individuals instead of antiretroviral medication. In 2002, Salon.com described the book as "massive, irresponsible and nearly unreadable." [3]

**4** Park, Alice; Jeffrey Kluger (May 17, 1999). "The New Mister Natural". *TIME*. Retrieved June 23, 2011.

**3** Kurth, Peter (May 21, 2002). "Quack record". Salon.com. Archived from the original on October 2, 2002. Retrieved June 23, 2011.

#### COMMENTS:

The article's only mention of AIDS is in the sentence: "He takes a similarly radical approach to AIDS, raising a long-discredited argument that one of the reasons traditional therapies are ineffective is that it has never been proved that HIV plays as great a role in the disease as scientists believe." This does not tally with the Wikipedia text which claims Dr. Null has "argued that HIV is harmless and does not cause AIDS." As is common throughout the BLP of Gary Null, this statement, unsupported by any facts is inserted purely to prejudice the reading public against Dr. Null. Accuracy, fairness and truth are inconveniences. The writers and editors of this BLP have instead decided to rely upon what is nowadays referred to as "alternative facts".

The second referenced source is from "Quack Record" by Peter Kurth. As already set forth above, "Quack record" is not even an "article" but is only a book review wherein Peter Kurth,



the reviewer, starts his review by stating, "I need to confess my bias...I can't be impartial about Gary Null's book." Further, "Quack record" contains no scholarly value and as such does not meet the requirements of a Wikipedia citation. More harshly, Peter Kurth frames "my bias" in the context of the death of his gay friends from AIDS. Query whether Kurth writing this as revenge essay? In any event, this scathing book review, in which the author does not even pretend to be impartial, has no place in a biography about a living person, as it constitutes "contentious material about a living person that is unsourced or poorly sourced" and should be "removed immediately and without discussion."

**TEXT:** Seth Kalichman, professor of social psychology at the University of Connecticut, has decried Null's role as a prominent proponent of AIDS denialism and has accused him of cashing in on HIV/AIDS; in Kalichman's 2009 book, *Denying AIDS*, he compared Null's activities to Holocaust denial and described Null as an example of a dangerous entrepreneur who "obviously breached" the balance between free speech and protecting public health.[11]

**11** Kalichman, S (2009). *Denying AIDS*. Springer. pp. 12; 89. ISBN 978-0-387-79475-4.

**COMMENTS:**

A review of Mr. Kalichman's book reveals that the only "authority" he cites for his conclusions regarding Dr. Null is the Barrett Web Page, which has been disqualified as a source that can be relied upon in a biography of a living person.<sup>3</sup>

**HEADING: RADIO PROGRAMS**

**TEXT:** Null began broadcasting a syndicated radio talk show, *Natural Living with Gary Null* in 1980.[citation needed] His show was broadcast first on WBAI, then on the VoiceAmerica Network and over the internet. Null's show subsequently returned to WBAI, leading to protests from ACT-UP New York and other AIDS activist groups concerned by Null's promotion of AIDS denialism.[12][13] He continues to host *The Gary Null Show* through the Progressive Radio Network, which he established in 2005.

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<sup>3</sup> It is fascinating that besides the nine references to the discredited Barrett Web Page, the biography contains several other references whose source material for material conclusions is the discredited Barrett Web Page. See, also, a critical analysis of Mr. Kalichman's position at *Reduce the Burden*, "Will the Real Seth Kalichman Please Stand Up?" October 19, 2009 <https://reducetheburden.org/will-the-real-seth-kalichman-please-stand-up/>

12 "Letter to Indra Hardat, interim general manager, WBAI/Pacifica". ACT-UP. January 17, 2006. Retrieved June 23, 2011.

13 "WBAI: Do not put Gary Null's dangerous show on the air". aidstruth.org. November 17, 2010. Archived from the original on August 11, 2011. Retrieved June 23, 2011.

Dr. Null's radio broadcasting career began in the 1960's. For over forty years, he has produced and hosted the Gary Null Show, also known as natural Living. This is the longest running radio show on health and nutrition in history. His show has been heard on national networks and local radio stations and is now has millions of listeners through the Internet, through telephone dial-in numbers and through podcasts as well as over the air.

The letters cited in the BLP constitute original research and biased advocacy writing that are not qualified to be used in BLPs. The self-proclaimed organizations are commenting on best practice medical treatments even though they are not scientific or medical organizations. The claims alleged in the letters were not backed up by a single peer review study or expert analysis, AcTUp, for example, attacked Dr. Null based on a strict belief that whatever the pharmaceutical industry then says is true. Dr. Null as well as others believes that all points of view should be heard and the well-researched and reviewed evidence that contradicts then prevailing point of view should be considered. Dr. Null offered to debate members of AcTUp in an open forum and his offer was refused.

In fact, Dr. Null's warning about the then prevailing AIDS treatment, AZT, were in fact correct, despite AcTUp's accusations. Any doctor who would prescribe AZT to an AIDS patient today at the then prescribed dosage of 1400 – 1600 Mg per day would have his license revoked.

For further reference and to get a good idea about the kind of dialogue the trolls use, here are attack replies to a letter Dr. Null wrote several years ago

<http://denyingaids.blogspot.com/2009/06/gary-null-is-off-air.html>

## **HEADING: DOCUMENTARIES AND CRITICISMS**

**TEXT:** Null has made several self-funded and self-produced documentary films on public policy issues, personal health, and development. His videos had been aired by PBS during pledge drives,[14] which led to a surge in sales of his books. Null has also claimed that in his two pledge drive appearances, he raised more than \$6 million for PBS stations; a claim that PBS would not confirm.[15] Concerns arose within PBS over the videos' sensational claims with the Seattle affiliate cancelling a planned rebroadcast[15] and Ervin Duggan, the



president of PBS, expressing concern that by showing Null's videos, the network was "open[ing] the door to quacks and charlatans." [16]

14 Katz, Richard, Null zeroes in on PBS, fills void in coffers, *Variety*, 23 December 1998. Retrieved 29 September 2013.

15 Quinn, Judy Gary Null's Book Sales Get Healthier, *Publishers Weekly* 12 April 1999. Retrieved 29 September 2013.

16 Bedford, Karen Everhart (January 25, 1999). "Gary Null special sparks debate on pledge program standards". *Current*. Archived from the original on March 6, 2009. Retrieved January 19, 2009.

#### COMMENTS:

The article in *Variety* (Null zeros in on PBS, fills void in coffers) does not in any place state that his activities led to "a surge in the sale of his books." That statement is fabricated. . The article does state, in the opening sentences, "Fifteen PBS TV Stations got an early delivery from Santa this year as Radio Host Gary Null broke PBS' fundraising record by single-handedly soliciting \$3.5 million during his on-air pleas for viewer contributions in early December. Null, a nutrition and health expert with a syndicated show on National Public Radio significantly boosted fundraising for PBS stations on which he appeared." The article goes on to further state that "he also gave away copies of his new book."

Even the next referenced article, "Gary Null's Book Sales Get Healthier", there is no mention of a "surge" in sales. The entry is drawing a conclusion not stated from the source, which constitutes improper original research and must be deleted. Its only purpose is to discredit Dr. Null by implying that the public's acceptance of his books somehow taints the value of his teachings.

In The article in "Current" (fn 16) PBS President James Duggan's remark on "Quacks and Charlatans" did not relate to Dr. Null. In the preceding paragraph, Mr. Duggan was referring to a woman who had stopped chemotherapy treatment after watching a Deepak Chopra special on spiritual healing. Dr. Null was not mentioned at all. To state that the comment, made immediately after speaking of that particular situation involving Deepak Chopra, was meant to characterize Dr. Null as a "quack" or "charlatan" is an exercise in speculation at best. Since that conclusion cannot be derived directly from the source, it constitutes original research and prejudicial writing and further exemplifies that the BLP on Dr. Null is designed solely to malign him, through both deliberate lies and reckless disregard for the truth.

**TEXT:** In his 2013 blog post, "Gary Null, Cultivator of Dangerous Woo, Plants Seeds of Death", Discover magazine's Keith Kloor condemns Null's 2012 documentary film *Seeds of Death: Unveiling the Lies of GMOs*, writing that the film:

...is a classic collection of all the untruths, myths, and tropes commonly used by the anti-GMO movement. The scope of its dishonesty is brazen... This is crazy train stuff said with a straight face. The worldview that allows someone to believe such things cannot be penetrated with legitimate scientific information.[17]

**17** Kloor Keith (31 May 2013). "Gary Null, Cultivator of Dangerous Woo, Plants Seeds of Death". *Collide-a-Scape*. Discover. Retrieved 6 August 2015.

#### COMMENTS:

It should be noted that while Mr. Kloor is entitled to his opinion, his many attacks against Dr. Null and what he calls the anti-GMO movement are not backed by a single reliable or verifiable source, while Dr. Null's findings are always supported by multiple peer review journals, which Wikipedia holds out as the most reliable source of all.<sup>4 5</sup>

#### HEADING: INCORRECTLY MANUFACTURED SUPPLEMENT

**TEXT:** In 2010, Null reported that he and six other consumers had been hospitalized for vitamin D poisoning after ingesting a nutritional supplement manufactured for his line of supplements by a contractor. In a lawsuit against the company, he alleged that the supplement erroneously contained more than 1,000 times the dose of vitamin D reported on the label.[5]

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<sup>4</sup> Also see SourceWatch. "Keith Kloor" [https://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php/Keith\\_Kloor](https://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php/Keith_Kloor). See also, <http://polluterwatch.org/keith-kloor>, which notes that Mr. Kloor disputes (link is external) a statement by the European Network of Scientists for Safety and Environmental Responsibility that "no scientific consensus on GMO safety" exists, after it was published (link is external) in a peer-reviewed journal (link is external). Kloor's main argument is that the statement was signed by mostly "known opponents of biotechnology," and that many who signed have no relevant scientific expertise, despite having no such scientific expertise himself.

<sup>5</sup> Dr. Null's 2012 documentary film, "Seeds of Death: Unveiling the Lies of GMOs" presents the scientific evidence for questioning the value and safety of GMO crops and pesticides. The film is the most viewed anti-GMO film on the Internet. See Rabiner, Adam. Film Review. "Seeds of Death: Unveiling the Lies of GMOs." *Plow to Plate*. February 17, 2015. Retrieved. February 15, 2018 <http://www.plowtoplatefilms.com/2015/02/17/plow-to-plate-presents-seeds-of-death-unveiling-the-lies-of-gmos/>

The Los Angeles Times wrote that Null's experience "should give pause to anyone lured by the extravagant claims of many supplements makers", and said that it was common for dietary supplements to contain doses "wildly different than those indicated on their label" as a result of weak regulation.[6]

5 Andreadis, Cleopatra (April 29, 2010). "Alternative Health Guru Sues Company Over His Own Product". ABC News. Retrieved June 23, 2011.

6 Healy, Melissa (April 29, 2010). "Supplements guru sues over his own product". Los Angeles Times. Retrieved July 15, 2014. (Subscription required (help)).

#### COMMENTS:

This topic was already brought up earlier in the Wikipedia biography and is gratuitously repeated here. There is no reason to report the same incident twice, except to make it appear as if these are references to two different occurrences, which is not the case. This section, as the BLP as a whole, is therefore written purely to prejudice Dr. Null and ruin his reputation

#### HEADING: FILM

**TEXT:** Null has self-produced a number of low-cost advocacy films including:

**Poverty Inc. (2014)[18][19]**

**Autism: Made in the U.S.A.(2009)[20]**

**Gulf War Syndrome: Killing Our Own (2007)[21]**

**19 New York Times The Corporate Creation of a New Class Structure - 'Poverty Inc.' Paints a Bleak Picture of Life After 2008 By ANITA GATESDEC. 4, 2014**

**20 Variety Review: 'Autism: Made in the U.S.A.'; Andrew Barker/]**

**21 Miami New Times GULF WAR SYNDROME: KILLING OUR OWN (NR)**

#### COMMENT:

Nothing in the references cited note "low-cost" -- this is a subjective and likely pejorative assumption of the Wiki editor and constitutes original research that must be deleted.

Dr. Null has self-produced over 20 critically-acclaimed and multi-award winning full feature documentary films and over 25 television specials appearing on Public Television stations. His film AIDS Inc. received Best Documentary and Best of the Festival awards at the Hoboken International Film Festival, which has been recognized by Fox Time Warner as "one of the 10

Biggest Film Festivals in the World". Colorado Public Television 12. "Gary Null". Retrieved February 15, 2018. <http://www.cpt12.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Gary-Null-CV.pdf>. "Hoboken International Film Festival." Film Freeway. <https://filmfreeway.com/HobokenInternationalFilmFestival> Retrieved February 15, 2018. AIDS Inc. Miller, Prairie. "AIDS Inc.: Gary Null Doc on HIV's Dirty Little Secret." News Blaze. January 2, 2008 <https://newsblaze.com/usnews/health/aids-inc-gary-null-doc-on-hivs-dirty-little-secret-3554/>. Knocking on the Devil's Door: Our Deadly Nuclear Legacy Lundberg, Jan. "Knocking on the Devil's Door: Our Deadly Nuclear Legacy - A Documentary of the Greatest Urgency." Culture Change, September 2011 <http://www.culturechange.org/cms/content/view/779/1/>. War on Health "Gary Null's documentary exposing the FDA (movie)" Truth Theory. July 17, 2012 <https://truththeory.com/2012/07/17/war-on-health-gary-nulls-documentary-exposing-the-fda/>

Dr. Null's reputation has been damaged and his economic opportunities have decreased due to the false statements found in his Wikipedia BLP. Dr. Null's invitations to speak at conferences, for example, essentially stopped after the publication of the Wikipedia BLP. Another example can be seen from an email Dr. Null received just last weekend, a copy of which accompanies this letter. In the email a man reports how much Dr. Null's products have improved his health but that his wife refused to try the same stating "Gary Null is a quack doctor. I read it on Google." The place she read it, no doubt, was on his Wikipedia BLP, which appears near the top of page 1 on a Google search of "Gary Null." So now even those who stand to benefit the most from Dr. Null's teachings, writings and products are dissuaded because they consider his Wikipedia BLP to come from a credible source. This must stop as, regardless of any individual's opinion of Dr. Null, his Wikipedia BLP does is not in compliance with Wikipedia's most fundamental rules for such material.

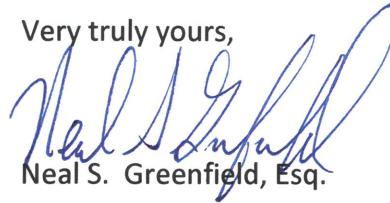
I can go into even much greater detail but the point has been made. Clearly, the BLP entry for Dr. Gary Null violates Wikipedia's most fundamental rules for materials suitable to be used in biographies of living persons as well as the standards by which any material can be considered reliable and verifiable. The tone of the BLP is beyond negative. It is written with malice, known lies and reckless disregard of the facts. While Dr. Null does not expect everyone to agree with his views, this totally deceitful and mean spirited BLP on Dr. Null is not in conformance with any of Wikipedia's rules and standards, especially for biographies of living persons. Dr. Null has lost millions of dollars in revenue as a result thereof, and is able to prove this. He therefore demands that at the very least this so called BLP be immediately and permanently removed.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and let me know how soon this wrongfully created and maintained BLP will be removed. Please also feel free to call me with any questions or to discuss this matter.



Your prompt agreement to remove Dr. Null's BLP will be taken as an indication that your rules and standards on Biographies of Living Persons are more than just mere words. In the absence of your cooperation Dr. Null will hold those involved legally responsible and act accordingly.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Neal S. Greenfield", written in a cursive style.

Neal S. Greenfield, Esq.