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As our investigation of institutional bias and corruption in Wikipedia continues, more information has been provided to us by insiders frustrated by the festering rot that has been institutionalized in the encyclopedia but have been unable to rectify the situation themselves. As officers, Board members, fiduciaries and other responsible persons in the Wikimedia Foundation, you have a legal obligation to address and remedy this.

The overwhelming evidence we have already presented to the Foundation's Board, the public, political legislators, the IRS, the press and others is raising awareness about the corruption within Wikipedia. Class action and mass tort law firms, who are in receipt of our documentation, are expressing an interest in proceeding with a legal case. Unfortunately the response and reaction of the Foundation's management and Board have been to obfuscate, deny culpability and make no legitimate changes. We have sent numerous letters addressing these matters and by doing nothing to correct these malpractices Wikipedia's fiduciaries are aiding and abetting them.

We have proven and continue to show below that Wikipedia operates well outside the protections of Section 230 of the Communications Decency Act in that it is not a passive recipient or mere editor of third party content; rather, empowered individuals and groups strictly control what is allowed and not allowed to appear on Wikipedia entries. These empowered individuals and groups have official license to lie, slander and to control entire critical subject areas so as to permit personal and opinion blog entries to be ruled as "authoritative" if they favor the controller's ideological and political positions and to reject published and peer reviewed journal articles by qualified experts if they do not. While the Foundation has used Section 230 as a shield in the past, that was before all the information we have published was discovered and made public. We have many additional documents supporting corrupt practices.

We have proven and continue to show that the Wikimedia Foundation is guilty of gross violations of its non-profit, tax exempt status. Groups of empowered individuals control what can and cannot be said about office holders, politicians and political candidates in a thinly veiled

attempt to influence elections. The corruption of Wikipedia into a coalition of entrenched interest groups violates its stated purpose for obtaining tax exempt status in the first place. We have been and will continue to keep the IRS apprised of our findings.

Continuing to deny these realities and prima facie evidence, rather than taking executive responsibility to initiate substantial changes, including the complete deletion of living persons biographies such as Deepak Chopra, Gary Null, Rupert Sheldrake, etc, will further erode Wikipedia's public credibility. While the appearance of legitimacy thus far has been bolstered by the Foundation's support from Google, Facebook and other Internet monopolies, which are also under investigation and increased public scrutiny, there is a growing awareness that Wikipedia is unreliable and often biased. Wikipedia may continue to fool millions of people by its skewed and biased coverage of topics such as health and medicine but the tide is changing.

By continuing to obfuscate and cover up the epidemic of misinformation and defamation plaguing Wikipedia pages, rather than making changes to rescue the Foundation from its prejudiced and sinister vested-interest groups, you are shirking your personal and legal responsibility to the Foundation as a whole and subjecting yourselves personally to liability for those whom Wikipedia has harmed. All of these practices are condoned and supported from the top. You have been put on notice about these matters and pretending they do not exist is not a wise option. As Albert Einstein said "no problem can be solved from the same level of consciousness that created it."

Below, we are reprinting more damning evidence of Wikipedia's built-in and biased libel creating machine:

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away without thinking he's a quack." The double standard is so pronounced that blog entries are allowed as medical citations if they condemn Chopra, but peer-reviewed studies by Nobel Laureates are banned if they support his ideas.

1.1. **[BIAS COMPLAINT after skeptic editor removed all mention of Chopra's recent activities]** [User:Alexbrn](#) has removed [referenced information](#) about Deepak Chopra's partnership with the City of [Beverly Hills](#) as "undue", and they suggest the mere mention of the app could be undue, too. I disagree. I think the content should be restored--we need to update the article with Chopra's current activities like this one. [Zigzig20s \(talk\)](#) 13:13, 31 March 2017 (UTC)

1.1.1. **[COMPLAINT REJECTED by skeptic editor, explaining non-negative content is unacceptable]** Undue, yes. And smells spammy - this article has had trouble with promotional content before. I notice [Jiyo](#) has been redirected here too. [Alexbrn \(talk\)](#) 14:32, 31 March 2017 (UTC)

1.1.2. **[COMPLAINT REJECTED by skeptic editor, actively trying to suppress news about Chopra's biography if it might help him]** The thought of Wikipedia promoting Chopra's app is deeply disturbing. -[Roxy the dog. bark](#) 18:03, 31 March 2017 (UTC)

1.1.3. **[COMPLAINT REJECTED by skeptic editor, deciding to suppress information they personally dislike]** See [WP:FART](#). This is an encyclopedia. Is anybody going to care about this app in three years? Don't know? Great then leave it out for now. Said another way, there are roughly 2.5 million apps in google play and also in itunes. Why is it worth talking about this one in WP? Other than [WP:FANCRUFT?](#) [Jytdog \(talk\)](#) 00:11, 1 April 2017 (UTC)

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1.2.1. **[PROPOSAL REJECTED, citing completely unrelated policies]** Welcome to Wikipedia. Your proposal is inappropriate on many levels, violating [WP:LEDE](#) and [WP:STRUCTURE](#) to start. --[Ronz \(talk\)](#) 15:54, 25 March 2018 (UTC)

1.2.2. **[PROPOSAL REJECTED, USER THREATENED IF HE PERSISTS]** Funnily enough that very change was later made, and edit warred over, by another new account,<sup>[1]</sup> which had put in some exceedingly trivial edits, seemingly to achieve autoconfirmed status. I have inquired of a CU. [Bishonen | talk](#) 17:39, 25 March 2018 (UTC).

1.2.3. **[PROPOSAL REJECTED, USER BANNED FROM WIKIPEDIA]** On a closer look, never mind bothering a CU. Sock and master blocked per [WP:DUCK](#). [Bishonen | talk](#) 18:24, 25 March 2018 (UTC).

1.3. **[BIAS COMPLAINT, pointing out most of the criticism is from blogs that are supposedly banned on Wikipedia]** The criticism does not fit with neutrality standards. - Removed reference to blogger. Read the about him page @ <https://respectfulinsolence.com/who-is-orac/>. Hardly a



valid source for a living person. - Added Dubious tags on two references that don't match up with their claim, let's discuss. [EricAhlqvistScott \(talk\)](#) 20:19, 4 April 2018 (UTC)

1.3.1. **[COMPLAINT REJECTED, skeptic editor claims skeptical viewpoints are above normal Wikipedia rules on neutrality and verifiability]** "Neutrality standards" probably don't mean what you think they do. It's a reliable source for skeptical viewpoints, especially when it comes to questionable medical claims outside regular evidence-based medicine. Have you reviewed the past discussions yet? --[Ronz \(talk\)](#) 21:44, 4 April 2018 (UTC)

1.4. **[BIAS COMPLAINT that skeptics are applying an impossible double standard (MEDRS, or reliable medical sources) of requiring proof of a negative in order to say anything positive about Chopra]** I can understand the necessity of parsing any of Chopra's medical claims through MEDRS, that's an appropriate application of policy, but claiming [WP:FRINGE](#) allows double standards for critical content is inaccurate. [WP:MEDRS](#) takes precedence over [WP:FRINGE](#) here, since the former is purely science driven and the latter has an element of opinion (*what* counts as FRINGE?), and [WP:BLP](#) mandates the top priority of a BLP is to be objective and avoid contentiousness. That can only be accomplished through holding to the most objective and incontrovertible standards. If we apply MEDRS to Chopra's medical positions, we have to apply them to his medical critiques. [the Cap'n Hail me!](#) 19:28, 10 March 2016 (UTC)

1.4.1. **[COMPLAINT REJECTED with the unsupported assertion that anything deemed "fringe" is beyond normal rules]** Such statements appear to be opposite of FRINGE and related general consensus. --[Ronz \(talk\)](#) 23:41, 10 March 2016 (UTC)

1.5. **[BIAS COMPLAINT APPEAL, asking that all sources be held to a high standard]** BLP policy dictates fair, unbiased coverage with an eye to avoiding contentiousness. It seems to me the best way to do that is to only use reliable medical sources when discussing contentious medical issues. What do you disagree with about that? [the Cap'n Hail me!](#) 01:16, 11 March 2016 (UTC)

1.5.1. **[APPEAL REJECTED, citing a skeptic-authored essay and implying the user could be banned for violating the COI policy by complaining]** You appear to be ignoring [Wikipedia:Fringe theories#Identifying fringe theories](#) to start. I again recommend you follow WP:COI more closely. --[Ronz \(talk\)](#) 17:20, 11 March 2016 (UTC)

1.6. **[BIAS COMPLAINT that a literature magazine was being used by skeptics as proof that Chopra's approaches are medically ineffective]** My gut says that as a literary review publication, it is not a reliable source for non-literary medical topics. [SueDonem \(talk\)](#) 23:26, 8 March 2016 (UTC) Per our discussion, I marked the source as questionable for this particular invocation. [SueDonem \(talk\)](#) 23:37, 8 March 2016 (UTC)

1.6.1. **[COMPLAINT REJECTED, declaring accurate sources are not necessary if the editor disagrees with the subject]** Seems fine given that this we're dealing with fringe medical claims here, not actual medicine. --[Ronz \(talk\)](#) 18:23, 9 March 2016 (UTC)

1.7. [PROPOSED EDIT asking best place to include peer-reviewed scientific study done with Chopra & a Nobel Laureate that supports Chopra's approaches] ...SUGGESTED VERSION A recent study published by Nature's Translational Psychiatry supports Chopra's argument for the biological benefits of meditation and relaxation. Nobel Laureate Elizabeth Blackburn and a team of Harvard Medical and ICAHN scientists compared Chopra's meditation program to vacationing. While both were beneficial, meditation provided greater benefits including an increase in telomerase activity. [User Talk:PollyStyrene](#) 15:38, 7 September 2016 (PST)

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1.7.2. [APPEAL FOR PROPOSAL REJECTED, the skeptic admin claiming the journal is not reliable enough (it is one of the most prestigious science journals on Earth)] No thanks. You don't understand science well enough to realise that something published in a journal is not *by* that journal, Nature has in the past published some egregious nonsense and this is not Nature, it's one of its less notable satellite journals. Getting \$MARKETNGCLAIM published sometimes rises to the level of importance, but not when the rest of the sources in the article are usually much stronger and certainly not when the finding is merely trying to claim credit for something that everybody already knew long before Chopra jumped on the bandwagon. [Guy \(Help!\)](#) 21:41, 12 September 2016 (UTC)

1.7.3. [APPEAL FOR PROPOSAL REJECTED, the skeptic editor mocking the Nobel Laureate and declaring he knows more about gene science than she does. She won the Nobel for her work in genetics)] the marketing here is hilarious - like [this Huffpo piece](#) - the big picture of Blackburn wearing her Nobel medal, the other two big pictures, the content about "Not long ago the very idea that behavior could have lasting effects on genetic expressions was nearly heretical in scientific circles....Today science agrees that genes can be influenced, while meditation could potentially be one of the most powerful methods of doing so." oh yes, influence those genes so we can see their expressions. word salad for pete's sake. What else.. The paper is [PMID 27576169](#) and is open access, so it's [here](#), with supplementary information [here](#). Ok, so Blackburn and Tanzi are middle authors. Blood draws were day 1 and day 5 so any claims about long term changes in gene expression based on this paper are baloney. [Jytdog \(talk\)](#) 04:22, 19 September 2016 (UTC)

**Gary Null:** A prominent proponent of alternative medicine and critic of mainstream health approaches, Null's Wikipedia biography is intensely negative. Nearly every sentence is hostile, defamatory, and defended as such by the skeptic editors who have insisted on a monopoly on writing his biography.

1. **[BIAS COMPLAINT that Null was being blamed for malfeasance that occurred a decade after he left a university]** We previously had a [discussion about this](#), now archived, but the issue has returned. Should we be saying that Union Institute was "subject to sanctions for failing to meet minimal academic standards" when that happened over a decade after he attended? We have no reason to believe that the issues that led to the sanctions were present at the time when Null was studying there, so it appears to be a case of [WP:SYNTH...](#) [Bilby \(talk\)](#) 09:16, 22 October 2019 (UTC)

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1.2. **[COMPLAINT APPEALED, explaining that Biographies of Living Persons (BLPs) are supposed to be fair, unbiased, and nonhostile]** That's not how we work. This is a BLP, and we need to maintain core standards as applied to all BLPs. - [Bilby \(talk\)](#)

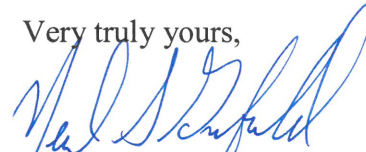
1.3. **[APPEAL REJECTED, the skeptic admin insisting that only the skeptic blogger can be cited, but not any rebuttals of his claims, in part because the admin "knows" Null is a bogus quack]** Read the above. "It says X", "that looks wrong", basically. We currently represent, accurately, Barratt's analysis. The Null social media campaign wants it removed. People are arguing to remove the specifics because "it doesn't look right". The conclusion: We are being asked to remove part of Barratt's argument because Null's PR is saying that a subsequent restriction is irrelevant to Null's "doctorate", which they obsessively use in order to assert that his bogus advice is somehow not bogus. He's selling quack remedies, and he claims a PhD but it's in "Interdisciplinary Studies" (thesis title: "A Study of Psychological and Physiological Effects of Caffeine on Human Health") from a correspondence college whose accredited doctorate degrees specialise in education, leadership, humanities, and public policy.<sup>[1]</sup> [Guy \(help!\)](#) 22:53, 22 October 2019 (UTC)

2. **[BIAS COMPLAINT that an openly, militantly skeptic blog is being used as a formal, medical source to defame Null]** Technically, it is partisan and self published. Or at least it was self published in 2004, when the Gary Null content was added. It remains listed on [WP:RSP](#) as a source to use with caution. - [Bilby \(talk\)](#) 14:25, 24 August 2019 (UTC)

2.1. **[COMPLAINT REJECTED, the skeptic editor insisting the blog is acceptable due to the frequency with which skeptic editors cite it]** Quackwatch has always been considered a reliable source, so I have restored the information, which is relevant to Null's qualifications. Another source would be good, but only as additional support, the current source is quite sufficient. [Beyond My Ken \(talk\)](#) 17:41, 24 August 2019 (UTC)

2.2. [COMPLAINT REJECTED, the skeptic editor including a link to skeptic activist and Null's opponent David Gorski for examples of content to use against Null] I recommend that editors read [David Gorski's](#) analysis of Null and his tactics [here](#). [Cullen](#)<sup>328</sup> [Let's discuss it](#) 21:37, 24 August 2019 (UTC)

Very truly yours,



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