

Bill Gates Goes Nuclear on Elon Musk: 'The World's Richest Man Killing the World's Poorest Children'

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Microsoft founder **Bill Gates** didn't mince words in his evaluation of **Elon Musk's** role in government, fuming that "the world's richest man" was "killing the world's poorest children."

Speaking with the *The Financial Times*, Gates expressed his disgust with Musk's role in shuttering the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

"The picture of the world's richest man killing the world's poorest children is not a pretty one," said Gates, who told the *Times* that he'd "love for him [Musk] to go in and meet the children that have now been infected with HIV because he cut" American aid that had been going to a hospital in Mozambique.

Gates's comments came concurrently with an announcement that his own charitable endeavor, the Gates Foundation, would spend an estimated \$200 billion over the next 20 years before closing its doors in 2045.

"It gives us clarity," said Gates. "We'll have a lot more money because we're spending down over the 20 years, as opposed to making an effort to be a perpetual foundation."

This isn't the first time that Gates criticized Musk, both over his attacks on USAID and his embrace of right-wing European politicians.

“USAID plays a super important role... it’s work that saves millions of lives and helps strengthen relationships for the United States,” Gates told CNN’s **Anderson Cooper** in February. “The basic idea that we should review almost every department and that if you were really smart about using technology or updating the goals, you could save 10% here, 10% there—which adds up to a lot—I don’t think that’s a mistake. But going in very quickly and saying that all these people run a criminal organization—that’s not quite as subtle as you’d hope to see.”

“You want to promote the right wing but say **Nigel Farage** is not right wing enough,” mused Gates in January.

“It’s really insane that he [Musk] can destabilise the political situations in countries,” continued the billionaire. “I think in the U.S. foreigners aren’t allowed to give money; other countries maybe should adopt safeguards to make sure super-rich foreigners aren’t distorting their elections.”