

The Giving Pledge: Dangerous Implications for Democratic Decision-Making

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This is the second and final part of a series of posts that looks at why I am skeptical that [The Giving Pledge](#) will have the kind of impact many people are saying it will. In [Part I](#), I explored how the pledge is likely to have an extremely small impact on total giving, and how little money will likely benefit underserved communities.

Below, I look at how giving by billionaire philanthropists has typically been limited in its effectiveness and has dangerous implications for democratic decision-making.

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