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Trump floats reversing decision to leave WHO

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United States President Donald Trump late Saturday said he may consider rejoining the World Health Organization — days after signing an executive order announcing America's intention to leave.

"Maybe we would consider doing it again. I don't know. Maybe we would have to clean it up a little bit," Trump [said](#) at a rally in Las Vegas, while complaining that the U.S. paid more into the global health agency than China, which has a much bigger population.

Trump [ordered a U.S. exit](#) from the WHO on Monday, citing what he described as a mishandling of the Covid-19 pandemic and other [international health crises](#). It is Trump's second attempt at withdrawing the U.S. from the WHO.

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The [U.S. withdrawal](#) will generate a loss of hundreds of millions of dollars for the WHO's core budget, hindering the global health agency's ability to effectively respond to infectious disease outbreaks and other emergencies around the world.

The WHO is freezing recruitment and slashing travel in response to the U.S. withdrawal, according to an internal email [seen by POLITICO](#).

The U.S., meanwhile, is expected to lose access to the global network that sets the flu vaccine's composition every year.

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