

William H. Gates III

One billionaire whose wealth and influence has affected
America's future



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Mini Biography (Family History)

FAMILY HISTORY

- William Henry Gates III was born on October 28th, 1955 in Seattle, Washington.
- Gates was born to an upper-middle-class family.
- Gates' father, William H. Gates, Sr., was a prominent lawyer, and his mother, Mary Maxwell Gates, was a member of the board of directors for the First Interstate BancSystem and the United Way.
- Gates' grandfather was JW Maxwell, president of a national bank.

<http://www.biography.com/people/bill-gates-9307520#synopsis>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Gates



Mini Biography (Accomplishments in Education)

- Gates enrolled in an exclusive preparatory school, the Lakeside School, at the age of 13. During his 8th grade year, Gates took an interest in computer programming and was excused from his math classes to follow his aspirations. In fact, his first successful computer program he created was at this school. It was a version of tic-tac-toe where the player plays against the computer.
- Gates graduated from the school in 1973, with an SAT score of 1590 out of 1600. He applied at three different prestigious colleges (Princeton, Harvard, and Yale). Based upon his impressive SAT score, Gates was accepted at all three, but he chose to go to Harvard. During his time at college, he spent more time in the computer lab than in his other courses. Gates ended up dropping out early to follow his passion and, with Paul Allen (former classmate and co-founder of Microsoft Corporation), later created the Microsoft corporation.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bill_Gates

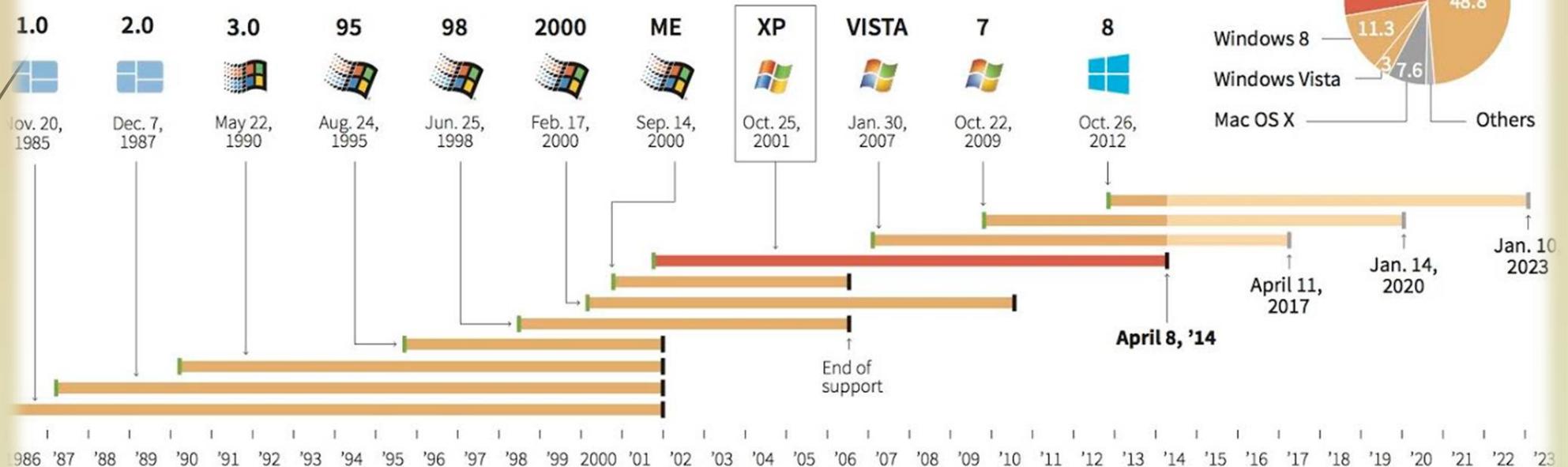
Inventions They Have Created

Microsoft Windows Operating System (Timeline)

Windows Operating Systems

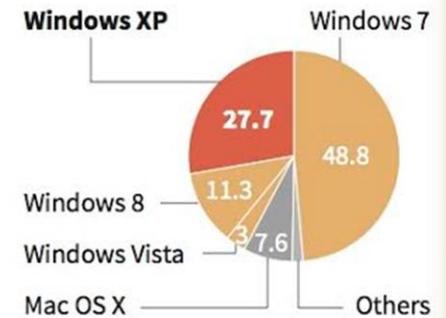
PCs running the Windows XP operating system, which is no longer supported by Microsoft, are vulnerable to a recently disclosed Internet Explorer security bug.

VERSION RELEASE DATE AND LIFECYCLE



DESKTOP OPERATING SYSTEMS

March 2014 market share, percent



Sources: Reuters; Microsoft; Net Market Share

Inventions THEY HAVE CREATED

- ▶ The XBOX Video Gaming Entertainment System



The First XBOX Console, Released in 2001



The XBOX 360 (2005) and XBOX 360 S (2010)



The XBOX ONE, Released in 2012

Inventions They HAVE CREATED

- **Computers, Phones, and Tablets Recently Released to the General Public From Microsoft**





- For a more intricate history of Microsoft's foundation, you can visit this site to find more:

- <http://inventors.about.com/od/CorporateProfiles/a/Timeline-Of-Microsoft-Corporation.htm>



One Important Date to point OUT:

June 27, 2008 --

Bill Gates transitioned from his day-to-day role at Microsoft, Inc. to be more involved with The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

<http://inventors.about.com/od/CorporateProfiles/a/Timeline-Of-Microsoft-Corporation.htm>



How Microsoft Has Impacted America And Bill gates (Positive Impacts on American society)

- Microsoft has made Bill Gates one of the richest men in the world, considering his role in producing technology that aims to make the lives of American citizens easier.
- The line of Microsoft Office products have eased not only education assignments, but they have provided so much potential to businesses and professional work.
- Microsoft was, in reality, the leader in software development. Without it's accomplishments, other software-based companies like Apple or Google may never have made it to where they are today.

<http://science.opposingviews.com/positive-impacts-microsoft-corporation-4736.html>

<http://www.brighthub.com/computing/windows-platform/articles/44301.aspx>

<http://www.geckoandfly.com/>

[http://www.facts about-bill-gates/](http://www.factsabout.com/bill-gates/)



How Microsoft Has Impacted America And Himself (Negative Impacts on American society)

- ▶ Humanity in the 21st century has become extremely dependent on the ever-increasing power of technology. Because of this power, self-sufficiency has been cast aside.
- ▶ Because of the power of technology, humanity has become addicted to technology so much that it has replaced long-lasting memories of life with idleness and temporary enjoyment that strives to continually recycle itself.



So with all the wealth Bill Gates has acclaimed from his accomplishments in the world of software and computing technology, we have to ask ourselves if that wealth is being used to help America in the future, or if it is leading us into a dark reality.

While I cannot argue that Bill Gates has used his wealth to support many good causes, he and his organization, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, have funded billions of dollars to support programs that risk the well-being of individual American citizens and destroy individual privacy and self-sufficiency, while increasing government power and overreach.



How His Influence Has and Will Impact America (The Positives)

<http://patch.com/massachusetts/westroxbury/when-bill--melinda-gates-foundation-meddle-with-education-students-lose--billionaires-gain>

One of the most notable things Bill Gates has done for America is providing input for the education community. Like many multi-million dollar software companies these days, Bill Gates has spent years donating millions of dollars to schools to help provide students with the best resources.

Microsoft, as well, has looked out for college students and school districts everywhere by offering their products with price reductions to them. Considering how expensive purchasing specific quantities of these technological tools can be, these reductions help school districts save money while provide high-quality resources to their students.

How His Influence Has and Will Impact America

(The negatives)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Si-kx5-MKSE>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IX7ddVUuf-E>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=na-JmnHdlZw>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SzmHN-hqrZo>

Even though Bill Gates' work to help students grow in knowledge and maturity is certainly notable and of good intent, he has also donated numerous sums of money and given support to programs and other corporations that are systematically damaging the sovereignty of the U.S.A.

One example is Gates' hand in pushing the new education standards, commonly known as "Common Core Standards." The CC standards push for a national, one-size-fits-all type of curriculum. The problem itself is the standards are written to hold students, with lower IQs and higher IQs than the average student, at the same level. This method has been shown time and time again to not work, but people like Bill Gates appear to ignore this fact.

In addition, the curriculum's assignments are not so much about teaching students critical concepts they'll need in their lives; they instead push controversial political propaganda and use it to indoctrinate students into thinking we need a bigger government that will run every aspect of our lives. For example, the CC English curriculum has removed necessary resources like classic literature and replaced it with government texts that push concepts like climate change and global warming, widely-criticized government agendas that have been shown to have falsified data and statistics. Another example is that the money taken in by many organizations, including the Bill and Melinda Gates foundations, is being given to the Federal Government to build colossal data server buildings that store not only students' test scores, but also assignment scores, specific behaviors of individual students, personal student data like preferred religion and health statistics, and much, much more.



How His Influence Has and Will Impact America (The Positives)

Another concern with where Bill Gates' money goes has to do with the food industry. A few years ago, Bill Gates announced on ABC that he would be investing money to "end world hunger." To most people, those words make people feel like supporting Gates. What many don't do, however, is research the "why's" and "how's." Gates has partnered with and invested \$27 million in the Monsanto Agricultural Company to see this dream come about. What Gates means by "ending world hunger" is growing genetically-modified plants and foods in these impoverished areas.

While it may seem great considering GMOs grow in bad soil and become a food source for those countries, GMOs have been shown time and time again to damage the environment and that they are, in fact, toxic to humans. Furthermore, nations like Russia have openly opposed GMOs and banned them from their country. Russian president Vladimir Putin, according to an article that had circulated the internet in the past, expressed "extreme outrage" that the leaders of the American government were supporting and funding Monsanto in the spread of the GMOs, stating that GMOs were, simply put, "bioweapons."

<http://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2012/03/04/clueless-fabrication-on-gmo.aspx>

<http://www.snopes.com/politics/conspiracy/monsanto.asp>



In Conclusion

It can be argued by many that Bill Gates' money could be used in better ways, ways that truly benefit the next generation of mankind and truly benefit America, and likewise the world. Funding money into education curriculums that dumb down students and push biased political agendas, and funding money to help impoverished nations by growing bioengineered plants that present more harm than good, are not better ways.

However, it cannot be argued that Bill Gates has indeed been successful in his efforts to develop software. If his company had never taken off, it seems easy to believe that the world would not be as sophisticated as it is today in at least the software aspect. While Gates' money is not necessarily being used for the betterment of mankind, Gates has indeed provided mankind ever-growing possibilities to make the world an easier and better-functioning place to be.