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Gift Acceptance Policy

OVERVIEW
theguardian.org (".org") solicits and accepts funding that supports its mission, programs, and events. Donations will generally be accepted from individuals, partnerships, corporations, and foundations.

The .org raises funds for and supports independent journalism. Any donations received by the .org – or grants awarded to media outlets – do not constitute any influence on the journalism it supports. The .org ensures a strict firewall between revenue sources and newsroom decisions to protect their journalistic and business integrity.

The .org may accept funding to support the coverage of specific topics, but its grantees maintain full editorial control. Donors do not have the right to review or influence editorial content. As such, all statements and materials produced by grantees do not reflect the views of the .org or its funders.

TYPES OF GIFTS
In the course of its regular fundraising activities, theguardian.org will accept the following types of donations:

- Outright cash gifts (check and credit card)
- Institutional grants and grants through donor advised funds
- Employer-matching gifts
- Qualified charitable distributions through IRAs
- Appreciated securities
- In-kind services
- Bequests or other planned gifts (such as being designated as beneficiaries of life insurance policies or retirement plans)*

The .org's policy is to sell all securities within two days of receipt.

GUIDELINES
When considering whether to solicit or accept gifts, the .org will consider the following factors.

- **Compatibility:** Whether there is compatibility between the intent of the donor and the .org's use of the gift.
- **Mission-alignment:** Whether the gift is inconsistent with the mission, values, or established policies of the .org.
- **Public Relationships:** Whether acceptance of the gift would create real or perceived impropriety or reputational damage to the .org or its grantees.

All decision-making about potentially controversial gifts will be made by the Executive Director in consultation with the Executive Committee of theguardian.org. The primary consideration will be the impact of the gift on the organization.

The .org may reject or return donations that do not align with its values.

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GIFT RESTRICTIONS
The .org may solicit and accept gifts from named institutional donors for specific editorial projects, contingent on the agreement of the ultimate grant recipient. Individuals may restrict donations, but only for broad funds (Democracy, Climate/Environment, and Investigations as examples).

TRANSPARENCY
As a journalistic non-profit, the .org publicly discloses all annual donors of $1,000 and above on its website. Donors of specific funds or projects will also be listed alongside those projects.

This policy will be prominently displayed on the .org's website.

CHANGES TO POLICY
This policy will be reviewed and accepted by the .org's Board of Directors. It may be revised subject to their approval.

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***Note:** Donors are urged to seek their own counsel in matters of estate planning, taxes, and planned gifts. The .org may not provide legal or financial advice.

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