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**The Editor-in-Chief**

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Dear Editor-in-Chief,

I am submitting to the *Clinical Infectious Diseases* an article entitled "How is built the 'legitimate information' on the Covid crisis" for the supplement CLINID 2020-03.

The Covid crisis was the occasion of a historically unprecedented attempt at global information control. In this article, we analyze the components of this international process of editorial standardization aimed at ensuring the "monopoly of legitimate information" (Bourdieu). This control system is intended to ensure the predominance of the media, and behind the consent of the populations, of a general message that can be summarized as follows: 1) a pandemic threatens the survival of all humanity, 2) there is no therapy to cure the sick, 3) it is necessary to confine the entire population, 4) the delivery will come only from a vaccine. Three sets of actors have convergent interests in ensuring the triumph of this message: 1) Liberal-style Western governments, 2) the tandem formed by WHO and its new major funder the Bill Gates Foundation, 3) the "digital giants" that control not only social networks but also, increasingly, traditional media, 4) those traditional media whose funding increasingly depends on the other three actors.

This manuscript has been edited by a native English speaker. I have written alone this paper. The manuscript has not been previously published nor is not being considered for publication elsewhere.

I hope that you will find this manuscript of interest for this special issue.

Yours sincerely,

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