

# Russian Communist Leader Links Coronavirus Vaccine to Microchip Conspiracy Theory

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Russian Communist Party leader Gennady Zyuganov **State Duma / Moskva News Agency**

The leader of Russia's Communist Party said he believes that an eventual vaccine against the new coronavirus is part of a capitalist plot to implant microchips into humans and ensure their "digital enslavement," wading into a viral social media conspiracy theory.

The false claims [allege](#) that U.S. billionaire Bill Gates plans to use microchip implants to show who has been tested for or vaccinated against the coronavirus. Earlier this month, Russian prosecutors [shot down](#) speculation that Covid-19 was artificially created to implant microchips.

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— Геннадий Зюганов (@G\_Zyuganov) [May 26, 2020](#)

Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov, in a recent [column](#) on the “crisis” facing ethnic Russians, attacked “capitalist globalism” for what he called an attempt to “subject all national cultures to a single cosmopolitan and, in fact, anti-cultural standard.”

“The globalists are ready to use the most sophisticated technologies of digital enslavement: Among them, a covert mass chip implantation under the pretext of a mandatory vaccination against coronavirus,” Zyuganov said.

“The ideologues of digital fascism have allies among the owners of major corporations, bank executives and high-ranking officials, including in our country,” he wrote in the May 14 screed on the party’s media website.

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Zyuganov’s remarks followed a high-profile controversy in Russia over a popular film director’s show which accused [Gates](#) of trying to [inject microchips](#) into people to control the population. The director, Nikita Mikhalkov, accused the state-run Rossia 24 broadcaster of censorship after it pulled reruns of his show.

“The ‘fifth column’ whose representatives were named in the show outed themselves and confirmed: Mikhalkov was spot on!” Zyuganov said in his column.

Russia last month passed a law punishing those who spread “intentionally false” information about the coronavirus with up to five years in prison. A number of Russian social media users have been fined and several anti-lockdown protesters have been charged under the law.

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