

## The 2025 Real American Award Goes to William Henry Gates III



The 2025 Real American Award goes to William Henry Gates III for outstanding courage and compassion, making him an honor to our country and humanity. When others took the easy route of keeping silent in the face of powerful people showing contempt and disregard for lives and fates of tens of thousands of the poorest and most critically needy children in the world, William Henry Gates III stood up boldly and proclaimed these actions for what they were: One of the cruelest and most inhuman betrayals of trust ever committed by the United States of America, made worse by the fact people committed these appalling acts for no better reason than to send the utterly anti-American message that hurting others makes you “stronger.” Mr. Gates combined his courage with action, committing to extinguishing his immense wealth to do the opposite: Help those in need, and never betray the trust of those we help. In doing so, he reminded every real American of our commitment to using great power not to harm, but to make our country, people, and the world a better place.

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