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The "Great Reset": 19 popular claims checked against published documents

The "Great Reset" is documented only as a WEF advocacy initiative. Of 19 popular claims, 1 is documented, 9 are partly documented, 6 are not documented and 3 are contradicted by the texts. No national document we read uses the phrase.

0 of 43
documents read use "Great Reset"
10 full text, 33 in part; 25 not searched or no document P

5 of 43
documents read mention the WEF
None as a policy model; Argentina objects P

3
claims contradicted by primary texts
Migration compact; Pandemic Agreement; US CBDC P

59 cells
not found in the underlying grid (9.6%)
Absence in our search is not proof of absence P

How to read the table

Rating describes the documentary record on 11 November 2026. It does not judge anyone's motives. **Documented**: a published document shows it. **Partly documented**: a narrower version is documented, or the claim is documented at proposal stage. **Not documented**: we found no primary document; this is a gap in our search, not proof. **Contradicted**: a primary text says the opposite. **Grade**: P primary text read, S secondary sources only, U unverified. The wording of claims is the popular one, not ours.

Table 1. Ratings across 19 claims. Source: project narrative fact-check table, updated to the final data, 11 November 2026.

Rating	Claims	Claim numbers
Documented	1	2
Partly documented	9	3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 16, 17, 19
Not documented	6	1, 11, 13, 14, 15, 18
Contradicted	3	6, 7, 10

Claim by claim

Table 2. Nineteen popular claims, what published documents show, rating, evidence grade and source. Sources are numbered in the reference list at the end. Source: project narrative fact-check table (final update) and the texts cited.

#	Claim	What published documents show	Rating	Grade	Sources
1	"You will own nothing and be happy" is a WEF plan	The phrase comes from a 2016 speculative essay by a WEF-affiliated author, republished on WEF channels. We found no WEF policy paper, law or national document that adopts it.	Not documented	S	None located
2	The Great Reset is a WEF programme to remake capitalism	The WEF launched it in June 2020 as an advocacy initiative: a Schwab essay with three themes (fairer markets, equality-focused recovery investment, technology for public good), followed by a book. It is not a treaty or a law, and no UN decision adopts it. **Note: as advocacy, not law.**	Documented	P	Refs 1
3	Stakeholder capitalism is being imposed	WEF stakeholder metrics are voluntary reporting metrics. The binding EU counterparts (CSRD, CSDDD) were narrowed by Directive 2026/470, in force 18 Mar 2026: CSRD now covers firms with over 1,000 employees and over EUR 450 million turnover.	Partly documented	P	Refs 2
4	The 2030 Agenda is a world-government blueprint	Resolution A/RES/70/1 (25 Sep 2015) sets 17 goals and 169 targets and calls follow-up voluntary and country-led. It creates no enforcement body. **Note: global, non-binding.**	Partly documented	P	Refs 3
5	The UN-WEF partnership gives the WEF control of the UN	A Strategic Partnership Framework of 13 Jun 2019 exists, with six cooperation areas. Control is not shown in the text we read; more than 400 civil-society groups objected at the time.	Partly documented	S	Refs 4
6	The migration compact forces open borders	The Global Compact for Migration is non-binding and affirms each State's right to set its own migration policy. It was adopted by vote, 152-5-12 S; the tally and the five states reported voting against (Czechia, Hungary, Israel, Poland, the US) come from a derived dataset.	Contradicted	P	Refs 5
7	The Pandemic Agreement removes national sovereignty	Art. 3.1 states the sovereignty principle and Art. 22.2 gives the WHO no authority to mandate lockdowns, vaccination or travel bans. The Agreement was adopted on 20 May 2025 but cannot open for signature until its pathogen-access annex is adopted (Art. 31.2); entry into force needs 60 ratifications (Art. 33.1). Annex talks (IGWG9) opened 2 Nov 2026.	Contradicted	P	Refs 6, 7
8	The IHR amendments let the WHO impose lockdowns	The 2024 amendments strengthen coordination (including a new "pandemic emergency" level) but give the WHO no power to compel. In force since 19 Sep 2025; WHO counted them in force for 185 of 197 States Parties on 30 Sep 2026. Germany and Canada withdrew rejections; Iran, New Zealand and Slovakia rejected in March 2026.	Partly documented	P	Refs 8, 9, 10
9	CBDCs will have programmable spending limits or expiry	Commission and Council digital euro texts say it is not programmable money but allow conditional payments. No numerical holding limit appears in any text. Parliament adopted its position on 9 Jul 2026 (416 to 169); trilogue talks continue with no deal. Five entities already run a retail CBDC. **Note: proposal stage.**	Partly documented	P	Refs 11, 12, 13
10	The US will introduce a CBDC	The opposite is in law: Executive Order 14178 bars agencies. Public Law 119-101 (11 Jul 2026), Title XI Sec. 1101, bars the Federal Reserve from issuing a CBDC until 31 Dec 2030 (statute known from a condensed extract of the official text).	Contradicted	P	Refs 14, 15
11	Digital ID will be mandatory	EU: wallet use "shall be voluntary" (Art. 5a(15)); states must offer a wallet by 24 Dec 2026 (computed date). UK: the national scheme is reported cancelled (20 Jul 2026) by secondary sources only S; no government text was found. Exception: Mexico's decree of 16 Jul 2025 makes a biometric CURP the mandatory national ID (implementation unverified). **Note: EU, UK; documented for Mexico.**	Not documented	P	Refs 16, 17, 18, 19

#	Claim	What published documents show	Rating	Grade	Sources
12	Cash is being abolished through the digital euro	A EUR 10,000 cash payment limit applies from 10 Jul 2027 under the anti-money-laundering regulation. Abolition of cash is not proposed; cash legal-tender safeguards are in a separate proposal whose text we did not obtain.	Partly documented	S	Refs 20
13	Personal carbon allowances or "carbon passports" are planned	Discussed in academic and opinion writing. No government implementation or plan was found in the texts we searched; this is an absence within our set.	Not documented	S	None located
14	"Climate lockdowns" are planned	No primary document found. Only fact-checks and commentary were located.	Not documented	U	None located
15	15-minute cities are a control mechanism	No primary document establishing this was found, and none refuting it either. Not yet verified.	Not documented	U	None located
16	A BIS "unified ledger" will replace banks	The BIS proposes a tokenised unified ledger as shared infrastructure for central banks and banks. Project Agora is a wholesale cross-border payments prototype. Replacing banks is not proposed.	Partly documented	P	Refs 21, 22
17	The Migration Pact imposes forced relocation	Solidarity is mandatory but may be met with fixed financial contributions. The 2026 pool is 21,000 relocations or EUR 420 million; Hungary and Slovakia recorded no pledge. Separately, Regulation 2026/2280 tightens returns (detention up to 24 months).	Partly documented	P	Refs 23, 24, 25
18	The WEF has "stopped" the Great Reset	Fortune reported on 26 Feb 2026 that WEF president Borge Brende would resign. We found no WEF statement ending or continuing the initiative.	Not documented	S	Refs 26
19	AI regulation is being used to centralise control	The EU AI Act exists, but Regulation 2026/1744 delayed its high-risk duties to 2 Dec 2027 and 2 Aug 2028. The US relies on an executive order seeking to pre-empt state AI laws. The Council of Europe AI Convention has two of five ratifications needed.	Partly documented	P	Refs 27, 28

What is actually legislated

The claims above are about narratives. These rows show what instruments exist in the 68 entities we track, as of 11 November 2026. They describe documents and counts, not intent.

Table 3. Instruments found, by topic. Source: project status matrix, 11 November 2026.

Topic	What documents show	Grade
CBDC (digital currency of a central bank)	13 of 68 entities have a pilot or operating CBDC; 5 operate a retail CBDC (Bahamas, China, Jamaica, Nigeria, Russia). 46 are at study or proposal. The US bars a Federal Reserve CBDC to 31 Dec 2030; the digital euro is in trilogue with no deal.	P
Digital ID and data	48 entities have digital ID or data-protection law in force or operating. The EU wallet is voluntary and due from member states by 24 Dec 2026 (computed). Mexico makes a biometric CURP mandatory.	P
Carbon pricing and climate	33 entities have a climate law, carbon budget, trading system or tax in force; 30 have a filed target only. EU carbon border (CBAM) certificate sales start Feb 2027. No personal carbon allowance found.	P
Pandemic rules	The 2024 IHR amendments bind 185 of 197 States Parties (30 Sep 2026); 45 of our 54 "in force" cells are inferred from the absence of a rejection. The Pandemic Agreement cannot open for signature until its annex is adopted.	P

Who mentions the WEF

Table 4. The five entities whose documents name the WEF. No national document we read uses the phrase "Great Reset". Source: project matrix, Agenda 2030 / WEF area, 11 November 2026.

Entity	What the documents say	Grade
Argentina	Speeches at the UN General Assembly (24 Sep 2024, 24 Sep 2025) criticise WEF-linked net-zero policy and the 2030 Agenda	P
Qatar	National review (2025) describes WEF collaboration (Qatar Economic Forum 2023)	P
France	National review (2023) cites the WEF once, as the source of a gender-gap ranking	P
Viet Nam	National review (2023) cites the WEF only as the source of a competitiveness ranking	P
African Union	WEF appears once in an AI strategy, in an acronym list	P

Limits. We tested national documents of all 68 entities: 10 were searched in full text, 33 were read or searched in part (including landing pages), 21 have only a listing or page that was not searched, and for 4 no document was found. None of the 43 documents read uses the term. Absence holds only for the parts read. An absent phrase in a government paper says nothing about speeches or side events. Rows 1, 5 and 18 rest on secondary sources because the WEF pages could not be archived; rows 13 to 15 may have no primary source to find.

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