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This document contains a summary of media coverage around the World Health Assembly breastfeeding resolution and the Trump administration's involvement. Coverage is organized into two categories: Articles that are positive or neutral toward proponents of breastfeeding and coverage that takes a negative tone or defends the administration.

## Positive/Neutral Coverage

Organizations react to US stance on breastfeeding at World Health Assembly

Dairy Reporter

Beth Newhart

July 13, 2018

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Why is the U.S. backtracking on breastfeeding?

Houston Chronicle

Joan Y. Meek

July 12, 2018

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/gray-matters/article/breastfeeding-world-health-assembly-resolution-13070407.php>

Forget what Republicans say; some are OK with certain babies dying

Chicago Sun Times

Neil Steinberg

July 12, 2018

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/news/republicans-babies-dying-abortion-united-nations-breastfeeding-formula-trump/>

In the war zone of women's bodies, some are closer to the line of fire

The Globe and Mail

Denise Balkissoon

July 12, 2018

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-in-the-war-zone-of-womens-bodies-some-are-closer-to-the-line-of-fire/>

Infant Formula Makers Sweetened Mother's Milk of Politics With \$60 Million in Lobbying Funds

Map Light

Frank Bass

July 12, 2018

<https://maplight.org/story/infant-formula-makers-sweetened-mothers-milk-of-politics-with-60-million-in-lobbying-funds/>

When It Comes to Breastfeeding, This Is Why Women Never Feel Like They're Right

TIME

Susanna Schrobsdorff

July 12, 2018

<http://time.com/5336617/breastfeeding-debate/>

The U.S. Targeted Breastfeeding Abroad. Here At Home, It's Another Story.

Huffington Post

Rebecca Beitsch

July 12, 2018

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American Medical Organizations Denounce US Breastfeeding Stance

Medscape

Lisa Nainggolan

July 12, 2018

<https://www.medscape.com/viewarticle/899233>

For Donald and Ivana Trump, breastfeeding was disgusting and totally unsexy

Mercury News

Martha Ross

July 11, 2018

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2018/07/11/for-donald-and-ivana-trump-breastfeeding-was-disgusting-and-totally-unsexy/>

Trump administration faces criticism over efforts to oppose a WHO breastfeeding resolution

IEG Policy

Margarita Raycheva

July 11, 2018

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Why did the U.S. try to block a breastfeeding resolution, and what do we do about it?

Chicago Tribune

Heidi Stevens

July 11, 2018

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Baby Formula Industry Has A Long History Of Undermining Breastfeeding Moms

HuffPost

Eleanor Goldberg

July 11, 2018

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Where does the United States stand on breastfeeding?

PBS

Laura Santhanam

July 11, 2018

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Donald Trump Allegedly Said Breastfeeding Is ‘Disgusting’ In A 2011 Meeting With Attorney Elizabeth Beck  
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New York Legislators, Advocates Call Out Trump’s Efforts to Suppress Breastfeeding

Rewire.News

Auditi Guha

July 11, 2018

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President Trump Weighs in on Breastfeeding

WBEZ 91.5 Chicago

July 11, 2018

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Hilary Brueck

July 11, 2018

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The Atlantic

Olga Khazan

July 10, 2018

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Mother Jones

Tom Philpott

July 10, 2018

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Business Standard

July 10, 2018

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How Trump is helping the baby formula industry mislead moms about breastfeeding

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Julia Belluz

July 10, 2018

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It's Normal for the U.S. to Put Corporate Profits Above Babies' Health

New York Magazine

Eric Levitz

July 10, 2018

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Trump Administration Sours on Breastfeeding

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Chelsea Conaboy

July 10, 2018

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Leslie Albrecht

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The Atlantic

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Don't listen to Trump, poverty is exactly the situation where breastfeeding may be ideal

The Hill

Doctors Nana Matoba and Daniel Robinson

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Houston Chronicle

The Editorial Board

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Max Greenwood

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Stephanie Murray

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The Washington Post

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The Canadian Press

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US puts fierce squeeze on breastfeeding policy, shocking health officials

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Beth Mole

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Tammy Duckworth – U.S. Senator for Illinois

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Quartz

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Jonathan O'Callaghan

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