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Abortion, MAHA Moms, and the new multilateralism: Global health and the Global Right

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Global health is a core battleground in the global politics of the far right. Reproductive justice activists have flagged the right's attacks on sexual and reproductive rights since the 1970s, and have mapped what these attacks tell us about the international relations of the right, and the anti-gender ideology movement. The right has mobilised vaccine hesitancy and vaccine denialism to tap into concerns about the over-reach of public health and global health institutions within the governance of states and everyday lives. The Geneva Consensus Declaration –a declaration aimed at reducing access to safe abortion and comprehensive contraception –is the backbone of the global right's movement towards a new form of multilateralism. These trends are heavily gendered with an explicit focus on women's health, norms of specific types of Motherhood and family exemplified by Trad Wives and MAHA Moms, natalism, and attacks on LGBTQ+ rights framed as defending women. This Roundtable draws on experts on Global Health, EU studies, Reproductive Justice, and the global right to explore how health is central to the international relations of the global right.

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