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What is the Borgen Project?

- A nonprofit advocacy organization fighting international poverty
- Founded in 2003 by Clint Borgen
- A bipartisan national campaign to get Congress to pass poverty-reduction legislation



The Work We Do

- Maintaining communication with congressional leaders
- Meeting with congressional offices to advocate for global poverty-combating legislation
- Organizing fundraising campaigns
- Mobilizing our communities to contact congressional leaders



“The US Already Does Too Much for Other Countries”

- Less than 1% of the federal budget goes towards foreign aid
- Wealthy countries should provide 0.7% of their GNP in foreign aid while the US only provides 0.2%
- Foreign aid accountability by the US is high and uses various channels as necessary



Global Poverty and Overpopulation

- High infant mortality rates correspond with high birth rates
- The UN projects the population of the 48 poorest countries in the world will double from 850 million in 2010 to 1.7 billion in 2050
- Investing in higher living standards and lifting communities out of poverty actually alleviates overpopulation and resource scarcity



“The US Should Solve Domestic Poverty Before Worrying About Foreign Poverty”

Return on Investment of U.S. Foreign Assistance

	Aid Provided Then	Annual U.S. Exports Now
EU (Marshall Plan)	\$12.7 billion	\$318 billion
South Korea (1960-79)	\$5.6 billion	\$56 billion
Brazil (1960-74)	\$2.8 billion	\$39.5 billion
India (1969-2005)	\$13.4 billion	\$33 billion
Taiwan (1960s)	\$1 billion	\$30.2 billion
Indonesia (1967-98)	\$6.4 billion	\$8.2 billion
Turkey (1960-94)	\$4.5 billion	\$10.2 billion
Mexico (1960-2005)	\$1.7 billion	\$265 billion

Annual U.S. Exports listed are 2018.
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Official Development Assistance Database; Statistics on U.S. flows to developing countries



Other Benefits of Eliminating Global Poverty

- Addressing global poverty enhances national security by reducing the social and economic strife that can precipitate threats to the United States
- Higher living standards can help mitigate the international spread of infectious diseases—like COVID-19—from reaching the United States



How You Can Help

- Contact congressional leaders
 - <https://borgenproject.org/action-center/>
- Meet with congressional offices
- Spread awareness about global poverty
- Support the Borgen Project
- Visit us at borgenproject.org to learn more



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