

# The U.S. in the Global Community

## If the world were a global village of 100...

- ⇒ 82 would be non-white
- ⇒ 7 people would have access to the Internet
- ⇒ 1 would have a college education
- ⇒ 5 would control 32% of the entire world's wealth, all 5 would be U.S. citizens

familycare.org

On average, **ONE AMERICAN CONSUMES** as much energy as:

- 2.1 Germans
  - 12.1 Columbians
  - 28.9 Indians
  - 127 Haitians
  - 395 Ethiopians
- (populationconnection.org)

**2/3 of the people in the world live on \$2 a day**

**Every day, more than 16,000 children die from hunger-related causes--one child every five seconds (bread.org)**

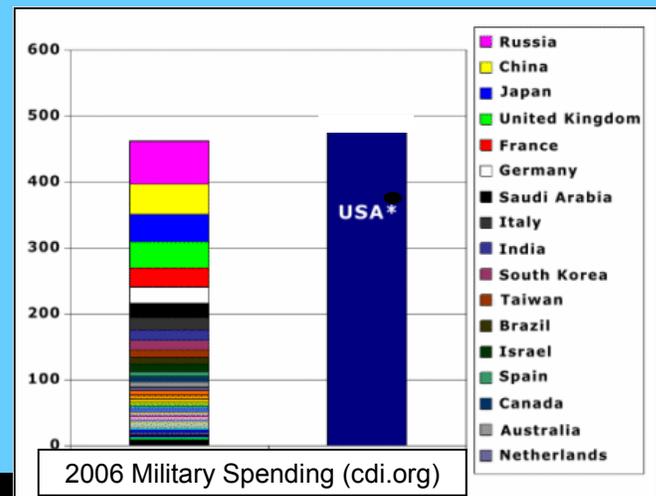
**"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."**  
**Archbishop Desmond Tutu**

U.S. children are **9 TIMES** more likely to die in a **FIREARM ACCIDENT**, and **16 TIMES** more likely to be **MURDERED WITH A GUN** than children in 25 other industrialized countries **COMBINED**.  
 (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

**U.S. citizens comprise 5% of the world's population, consume 26% of the world's OIL, (thirdworldtraveler.org) and produce 25% of global carbon dioxide POLLUTION (eia.doe.gov).**

## Among industrialized nations, the U.S. ranks:

- 1<sup>st</sup> in military technology and exports
- 1<sup>st</sup> in Gross Domestic Product
- 1<sup>st</sup> in the number of millionaires and billionaires
- 18<sup>th</sup> in the percent of children in poverty
- 23<sup>rd</sup> in infant mortality
- 13<sup>th</sup> in the gap between rich and poor children  
 (Children's Defense Fund Action Council)



**"We must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society.** When... profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered... **A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.** America, the richest and most powerful nation in the world, can well lead the way in this revolution of values."

*Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "When Silence is Betrayal" April 4, 1967*