

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)

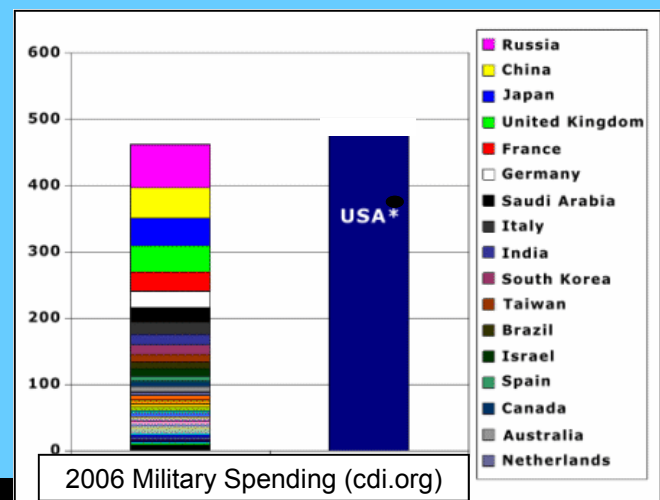
"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has its foot on the tail of a mouse and you say that you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality."
Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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:

- 1st in military technology and exports
- 1st in Gross Domestic Product
- 1st in the number of millionaires and billionaires
- 18th in the percent of children in poverty
- 23rd in infant mortality
- 13th 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