



Economic Freedom, Development, and Foreign Aid

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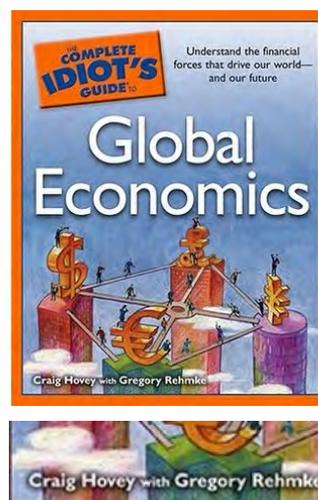
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Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially reform its foreign aid.

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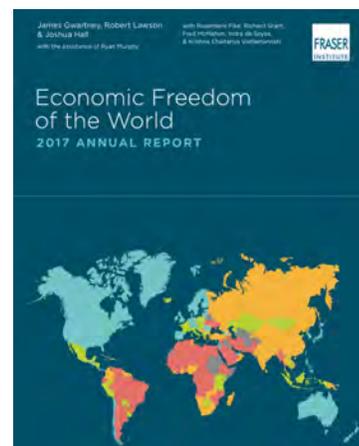
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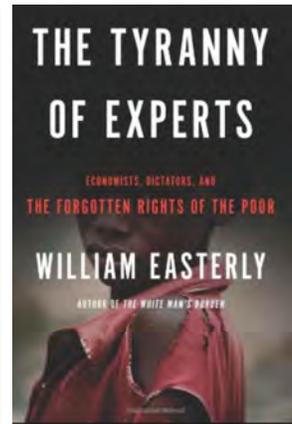
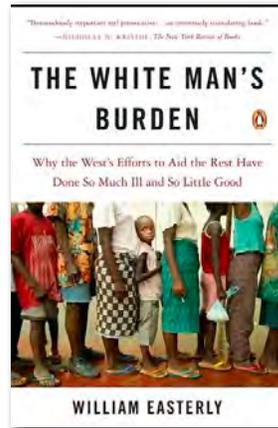
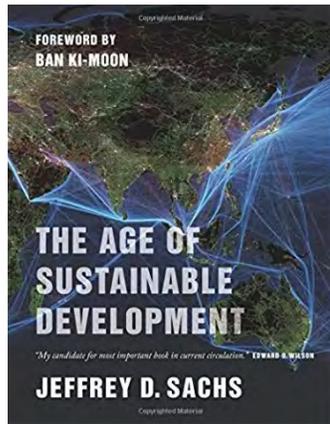
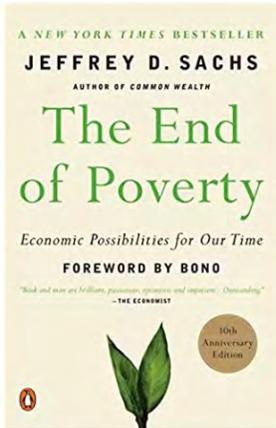
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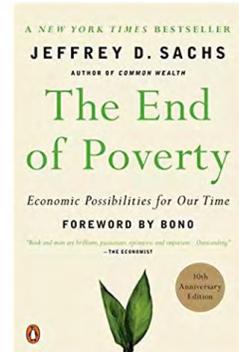
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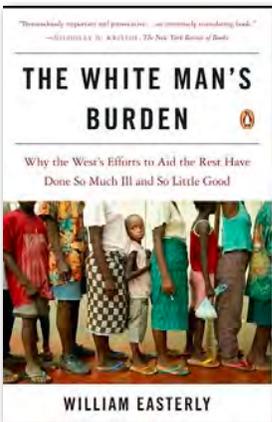
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Foreign Aid Resolution Chosen

Announced at NITOC, the coming year's policy topic will be: Resolved: The United States federal government should



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Foreign aid from Small Enterprise Assistance Funds

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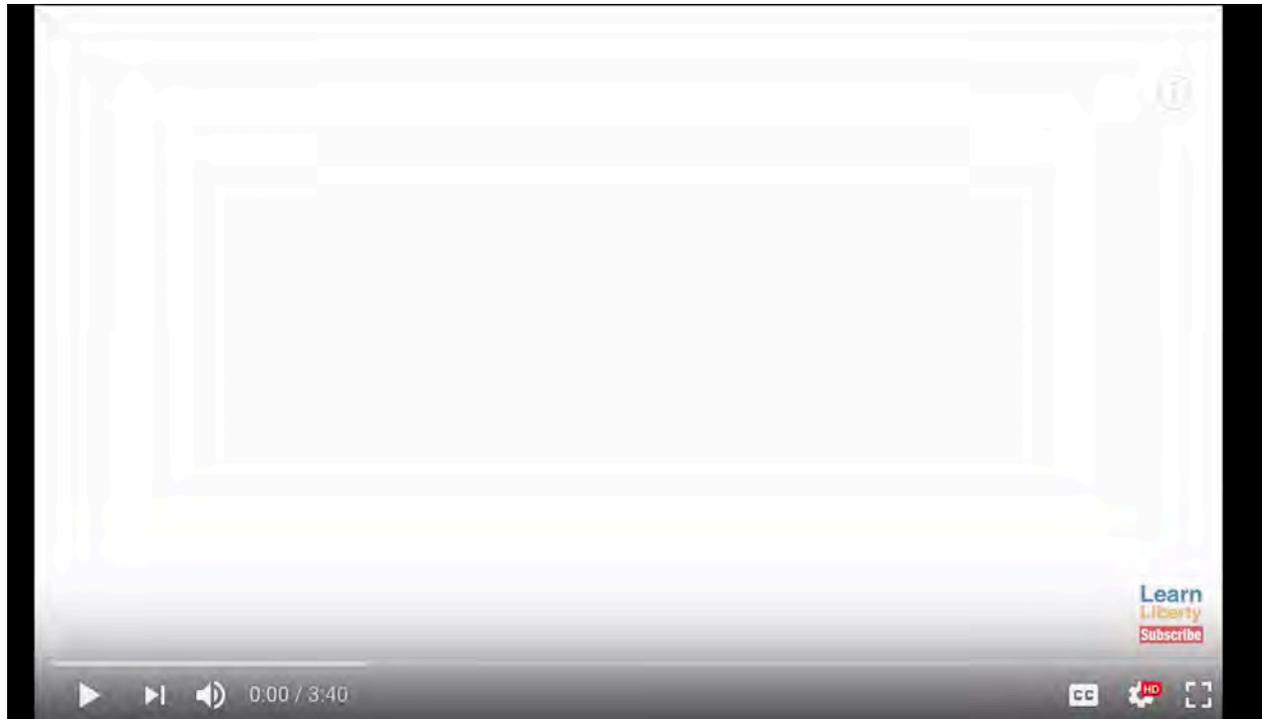


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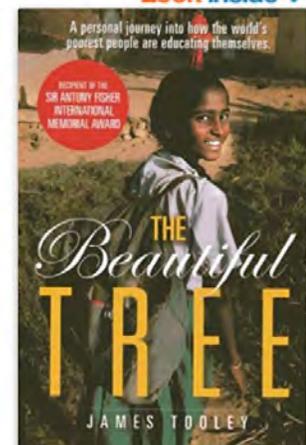
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Could Refugee Camps Be Startup Cities?

BY GREGORY REHMKE · PUBLISHED JULY 8, 2014 · UPDATED OCTOBER 27, 2016

For students researching Middle East policy, this fascinating July 4th NYT article is highly recommended: Refugee Camp for Syrians in Jordan Evolves as a Do-It-Yourself City.

The Zaatari Refugee Camp, now home for over 85,000



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Africa High School Debate Topic

Resolved: The United States federal government should substantially increase its public health assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa.

See the video on the economics of development in Africa. Ghanaian economist George Ayittey (link fixed, 1/2011) unleashes an



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Freedom, Prosperity & Public Health

A study guide for the debate topic on public health aid for Sub-Saharan Africa. Additional articles, links, and references at www.EconomicThinking.org/Africa

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Debaters researching effective public health aid to Africa have an opportunity to look behind headlines and celebrity photo-shoots. Public health problems have long been linked to poverty and ignorance. Rich countries have "modern" public health problems like smoking,

Ignaz Semmelweis, a young doctor in Vienna, was put in charge of two hospital maternity wards where he could observe midwives delivering babies in one, and "modern" doctors delivering in the other. Leading doctors at the time (1841) were dismissive of midwives and their traditional hand-washing before delivering babies. Semmelweis saw 20 percent of babies delivered by doctors die of fever (*puerperal sepsis*) and much lower death rate with midwives. He established procedures for doctors to wash their hands and mortality rates quickly dropped by two-thirds. Angry doctors considered it foolish mysticism to believe something invisible could

Debaters over what institutions should define and address public health issues continue as well. Today, public health advocates in the U.S. call for government to restrict teenage diets to less fatty foods and sugared colas.



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George Ayittey - Economist
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www.ted.com/talks/george_ayittey_on_cheetahs_vs_hippos

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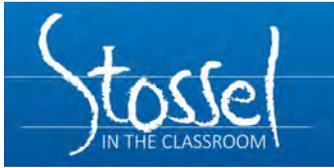
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Written & Presented by June Arunga

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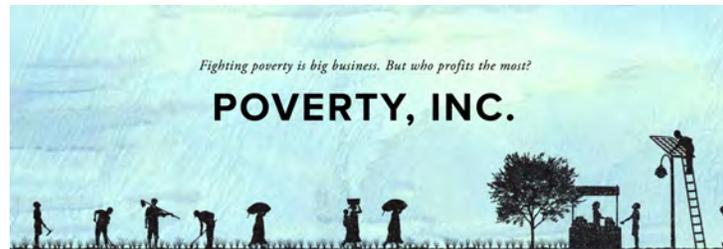
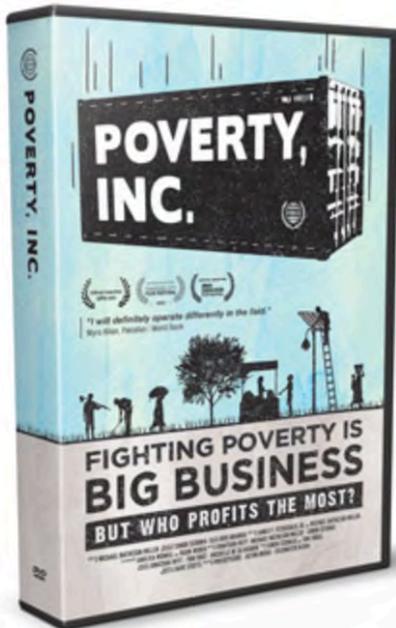
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Oxfam's Gregory Adams and African entrepreneur Magatte Wade debate the foreign aid issue.



FOREIGN AID WORSE FOR GLOBAL POVERTY

'Poverty, Inc.' Director Michael Matheson Miller on his documentary film, poverty in Haiti and how foreign aid can do more harm than good in certain situations.



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George Ayittey (Actor), Paul Collier

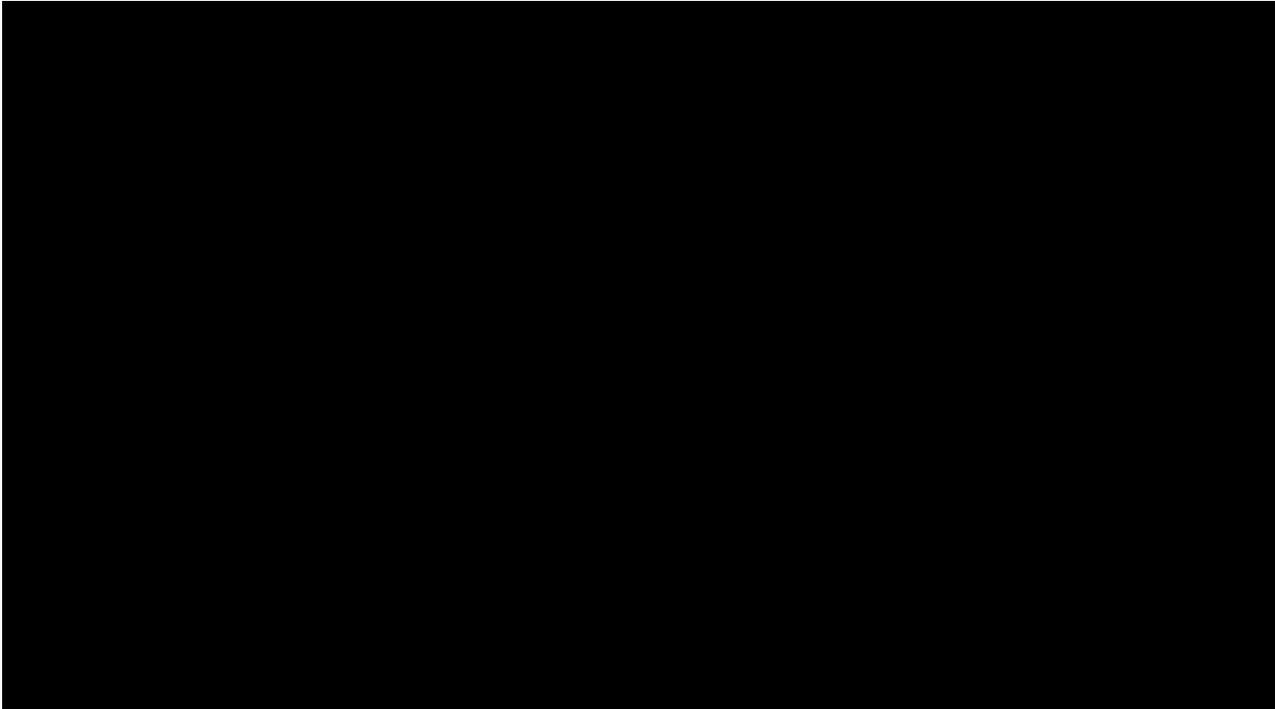
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Europe's Debt: America's Crisis?
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