
Subject: ONE

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 16:37:32 GMT

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What is the ONE Campaign?

one.orgThe ONE Campaign is an effort by Americans to rally Americans – one by one – to fight the emergency of global AIDS and extreme poverty. ONE is students and ministers, punk rockers and NASCAR moms, Americans of all beliefs and every walk of life, united to help make poverty history.

The ONE Campaign derives its name from the belief that allocating an additional one percent of the U.S. budget toward providing basic needs like health, education, clean water and food would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation in the world's poorest countries. We also call for debt cancellation, trade reform and anti-corruption measures in a comprehensive package to help Africa and the poorest nations beat AIDS and extreme poverty.

The goal of ending poverty may seem lofty, but it is within our reach if we take action together as one.

Basically, it's a bunch of 'bleeding hearts' who feel that it's a good idea to spend taxpayer money outside of the USA. I am against their campaign. I just can't support the government spending more money.

I want to stamp out poverty as much as the next person, but spending taxpayer money is a horrible way of doing it. It's using the stupid "Robin Hood" principle of stealing from the rich and giving to the poor. Sure, the rich have more than enough that they should be able to share, but by force? Uhh, I don't think so.

I would be more than happy to donate money to an organization that would help rid of poverty in the world. I'm just not going to support the idea of our government doing it. There is no reason why we can't do it on our own without the help of our government.

What are your opinions?

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [Memphis](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 19:44:33 GMT

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Africa is one of the most resource rich continents (mineral wise) on Earth. If they used the resources from their land they could easily end it and more. The problem is that there are far too many civil wars roaming there making it impossible to even grow basic crops. If the conflicts ever cease Africa has the potential to be VERY rich. I know I am blabbing on about wealth however it would of course have an affect on health with a richer country putting more money into health care for its citizens. This is looking at the overall picture as a crude continental summary however I still think it would apply to most if not all of the countries with this problem. As it stands throwing money at it will not make it go away by any means.

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 20:07:18 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Tue, 12 June 2007 11:37We also call for debt cancellation. What are your opinions?

Donate a full weeks wage to the cause if you are so personally interested.

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I certainly have no interest in donating. Charity begins at home and I work hard for it.

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 20:10:36 GMT

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Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [z310](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 20:18:57 GMT

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Quote:The ONE Campaign derives its name from the belief that allocating an additional one percent of the U.S. budget toward providing basic needs like health, education, clean water and food would transform the futures and hopes of an entire generation in the world's poorest countries.

:frown:, if they're going for the government's budget.

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 23:01:12 GMT

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And just how do you stop AIDs per say? I only know of two ways:

1. Cure AIDs
2. Stop the passing of infected fluids

If we don't have a cure for AIDs, then just how do you plan to stop the passing of bodily fluids between two individuals using money?

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Tue, 12 Jun 2007 23:48:54 GMT

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wrap the bills around the penis...

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 05:50:24 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Tue, 12 June 2007 15:10

God, you're an idiot. Just... don't reply to threads that take thought, please.

You asked for an opinion and I gave mine or do you not understand what opinion means? Eh, idiot!! or is this just another topic for you to spam?

As for donating, you mentioned it first.

Now for a way to eradicate Aids! Why the fuck start the same old topics knowing fine well that the argument can only go one way and that is find a cure. Which the Boffins have not managed and some of the buffoons (in here) are highly unlikely to either.

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 08:24:28 GMT

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mrpirate wrote on Wed, 13 June 2007 07:48wrap the bills around the penis...

Nice

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 13:22:38 GMT

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puddle_splasher wrote on Wed, 13 June 2007 01:50 You asked for an opinion and I gave mine or do you not understand what opinion means?
You didn't give me an opinion on the subject that I was talking about. If I ask you for your opinion on apples, and you give me an opinion on oranges, I have every right to call you a damn idiot.

Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [Zion](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 13:52:38 GMT
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Re: ONE

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Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 14:31:06 GMT
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The Merovingian wrote on Wed, 13 June 2007 09:52 Re: ONE

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Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 15:35:45 GMT

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The amount of money the government pisses up the wall on complete nonsense would make this pale in comparison - I think it is about time we did something and wiping out the debt is a good start - there is something a little wrong with sitting on your ass in a comfy house eating McDonalds, surfing the internet whilst millions of people live in squalor dying of starvation, but most of the time people don't think about it or care giving money this way would basically be unnoticable and imo, morally right.

I just wish these people would help themselves by using even a basic level of common sense, ie: if you live next to a river that you drink from - don't empty your toilets in to it. If you have (or might have) aids, how about not fucking 24/7 and popping out 235456967 children who will then die horribly - when you can't even support yourself you shouldn't just keep producing kids and make the problem worse.

These people need a basic education and need to understand that they need to work hard to change things for themselves, if they can do that then I think we should help them as much as we can.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 15:52:08 GMT

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If the government is pissing away so much as it is, why stretch it even further? Trust me, I hate government spending, and if I had the ability to, I'd be hated by just about every liberal in America.

I still think that it should be private organizations. The government hires private companies and overpays them because the companies think, "hey, it's the government, we can overcharge them and they don't give a fuck," because our government really doesn't give a fuck. They'll just throw money at the problems, and that 1% extra will be wasted.

If left to private organizations, you know the people doing this is out of compassion, not because they're getting paid a lot of money. Volunteers work harder because it's something they care about. Government-paid employees only care about the fat checks they'll receive.

As a few have said, the AIDS epidemic won't just disappear by money being thrown at it. You need people dedicated to helping these people be more careful. Government employees are not those people. As Memphis said, we can't help them that much when African governments sit on rich resources, but are too busy fighting civil wars. It'd be a lost cause trying to go in, spending money on relief, and have it blow up in our faces.

Edit: While I agree that most Americans are sitting on their asses getting fatter while people are starving, two wrongs don't make a right. Spending others' money when it's not your place to is just as wrong as those people spending it when those more deserving could benefit from it.

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 18:01:10 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 13 June 2007 08:22puddle_splasher wrote on Wed, 13 June 2007 01:50You asked for an opinion and I gave mine or do you not understand what opinion means? You didn't give me an opinion on the subject that I was talking about.

You spoke of donations and I gave you my opinion on that. Was that not good enough or do you not understand that I refuse to personally donate to "The One" cause?

Not every reply that you get will be what you want to hear. If you cannot accept the replies that people give then do not open a topic. Its oh so simple.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 18:11:13 GMT

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No, you idiot, this is what you wrote:

puddle_splasherDonate a full weeks wage to the cause if you are so personally interested.

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I certainly have no interest in donating. Charity begins at home and I work hard for it.

I asked for your opinion on the ONE campaign. All you told me what that I should donate a full week's wage to the cause. That's not what I asked your opinion about, and it shows that you didn't read because I'm AGAINST the campaign. THAT is why I called you an idiot.

Your second paragraph didn't even address the issue of debt cancellation correctly. It's not talking about PERSONAL debt, you fucking moron. It's talking about African nation debt that they have with the American government. It's really not that fucking hard to understand.

Your final paragraph was the only thing that was on topic. One out of three is pretty bad.

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [Romaner](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 19:14:55 GMT

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you must have heard about the mismanagement of the money that was to be used for katrina relief a few years back. well even the red cross admitted to mismanaging the money. so who is to say that the government wont collect all this money then all of the sudden it will be "lost" or go somewhere else. would you trust bush to not just take the money and pump it inot iraq? or get himself some new cars and other shit?

i dont trust the government enough to give it any more then i have to. since as it is lots of money get wasted every year there are countless cases of politicians using taxpayers money for their vacations and flying their family around every year!

so in order that this doesnt happen you now need to create a body to supervise this flow of cash to actually reach that destination. and how will it reach it? is US just going to hand it over to that country's government? well all that is going to do is make the politicians of that country rich. i mean lets face it, if our government "mishandles" large sums of money every year do you honestly think the government of a poor country will not? i mean they will see this flow of cash infront of their face, and you think they wont dip in?

and the fact that they will force you to donate doesnt really make it a donation now does it?

if you want to support a child or a family from a poor underdeveloped country atleast do it through those agencies that will let you meet the person you are sponsoring and give you his/her address and somekind of way to contact them. that way you can atleast send them a letter or something to ask if they even get any of this. or establish some sort of communication with that person. i know a few people that do this kind of thing here at work. and they actually went to that country and met the child that they agreed to sponsor. and they keep in contact with that child to make sure the money doesnt go elsewhere

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 13 Jun 2007 19:30:31 GMT

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Exactly. If you want it done right, you can't trust people in a position of power because of the rate of corruption, not to mention that the government gets its money through taxation, and spending someone else's money on something that doesn't benefit them is just wrong.

You have to give it to organizations that actually care and work towards a goal instead of entrusting a large bodied government to allocate funds correctly. It's just not going to happen.

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 05:58:47 GMT

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Personal debt and collective debt??? Or do you not comprehend the difference? The collective part being ALL. All being the other country. Let the country rot until it finally sorts itself out because, we, the western world can certainly never save them. Many have tried and failed.

Many years ago, Bob Geldof and Co. tried to assist with Band Aid and that didn't work, others have tried since and it still does not help. Through no fault of their own, those people in the impoverished countries will die, it's a fact of life and no amount of assistance will help them. Birth control didn't help, food and shelter does not help, so what makes you think that your little campaign in here will work?

How much money do you think actually makes through to the people that you are trying to save, after every Tom, Dick and Harry have taken their cut? Not an awful lot I imagine. Everyone lines their own pocket with the cash before a mere pittance reaches the people that it should have went to.

More to the point, it would appear that there are not a lot of people interested in your campaign, especially judging by the lack of response. Perhaps the true idiot and moron was yourself whilst believing that you were going to receive many posts and or donations. As for recognition of poverty, look at your country before helping others, I know I do. That's why charity begins at home or do you not have homeless people in your village as opposed to a city?

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 08:39:19 GMT

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If you are annoyed about the US government wasting your money just be glad you don't live in the UK, we pay 17.5% tax on everything we buy - up to 22%-40% (depending on income) in income tax and 11% national insurance on everything we earn and God forbid if you want to buy alcohol, cigarettes or petrol which are like 80% tax, on top of that you need to pay extra tax on your car (\$200-\$300 a year) and council tax of \$200-\$300 a month (per household).

You have the advantage of a massive population donating to the pot admittedly but you have things pretty easy tax wise compared to England and indeed most of Europe - my view is that in all reality in your life it is unlikely you would ever notice the difference of that 1% (it would most likely be high earners and businesses that pay the majority).

The impact on American lives would be minimal, whilst making life changing differences to people who need it the most - that's the key point for me.

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Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 08:54:54 GMT

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God damn you're dumb - to say that events like Band Aid/Live Aid made no difference is laughable, did they solve all third world problems - no, did the money raised help improve the life of thousands of people - yes. Problems as big as this don't get solved overnight.

Money controlled by the government to pay for aid will be spent on aid, it is not like they are going to collect up your cash and mail it to some African dictator to buy a new palace.

Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 08:59:46 GMT
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Actually that is what happens most of the time... You can't go and give everyone in Africa a check... Not only are there no check cashing places in many parts of Africa, there are no stores to buy the items required in. You have to give it to the government or an organization. This is exactly why China stopped giving aid to North Korea. Monetary aid that is. Kim Jong Il spent all the Chinese aid money on Golden statues of himself. This really pissed China off so they stopped giving him money.

Donate to Africa, buy a warlord a Maybach. Or maybe a nice old classic car like in Sahara.

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 11:59:33 GMT

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Finally, you actually responded correctly, and I agree...except for the part where you STILL think that I support this campaign. If you haven't understood the fact that I DISAGREE with it by now, I don't know if you'll ever understand it.

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [puddle_splasher](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 18:36:59 GMT

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Resolved in a gentlemanly way

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [troopr02](#) on Thu, 14 Jun 2007 23:48:36 GMT

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Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 00:10:08 GMT
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I supported the war in iraq.
I don't support ONE.

Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 00:24:43 GMT
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troopr02 wrote on Thu, 14 June 2007 19:48jball, at no point in any one of your posts have you looked more like an idiot. Not only are you the definition of a self-richious american saying global warming is bs, but now against a compagin to help out a continent that supplies your contry with the "oh so precious" oil you guys feel your entitled to? Let me guess, with your kind of backwards logic you support the war in iraq?

You are worse at reading and comprehending my opinions than puddle_splasher is. Is this something you put effort into doing, or are you just that fucking stupid?

Global Warming IS bs. It's a new science that can't be definitively proven. The environment changes too much for there to be any conclusive evidence that there is a 'global warming' caused by man. Yes, man is damaging the ecology of the world, but that's a different scenario, and this is a different topic.

I'm against a campaign that spends taxpayer money. Also as talked about by others, just handing money and little aid isn't going to do anything to change people. You can only temporarily solve a problem.

MexPirate - I'm not talking about a 1% hike in taxes... we're talking a 1% spending of our current budget. Though, that's not even my issue with it. It's not a matter of how much would be spent, it's what's being spent - taxpayer money. If I want to give to charity and help others, it's my decision to do so, and for my government to spend money outside of my nation is wrong. My tax money goes to running the government to protect me and stabilize the nation, not stabilize another nation. Leave that up to the people.

Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [Jecht](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 08:55:49 GMT
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I don't give my money to any charity without knowing what kind of an operation they're running.

Why? So that I can be sure that it's going for its intended use. There are too many corrupted people out there. As Doitle referenced earlier, I don't feel like buying an African Genocidal Warlord a new car.

Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 10:38:20 GMT
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Spending billions on the war in Iraq with the purpose of stabilizing the nation is ok? but actually helping people without killing and maiming them is not?

Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:16:58 GMT
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African warlords don't make tapes of themselves with bombs saying DEATH TO AMERICA. They don't have entire media organizations dedicated to our slaughter. Killing people who want to kill us protects me. Killing people who really have no interest in killing me... That's just flagrant.

Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 21:36:33 GMT
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Libya's in Africa. I believe George Bush mentioned them by name in the "Axis of Evil" speech.

Africa is VERY Muslim in a lot of places. Extreme poverty and extreme Islam make very dangerous organizations. The only difference is that even fewer African nations than Middle Eastern nations have readily-available oil to fund them, which is why not as many of the famous terrorist organizations come from there. There are just as many people there who want to kill us as anywhere else.

[/2cents]

Subject: Re: ONE
Posted by [Doitle](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 22:12:04 GMT
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So you would support going after the ones who CAN'T strike us... before the ones that CAN?
That's just crazy enough... TO GET US ALL KILLED!

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Fri, 15 Jun 2007 22:44:33 GMT

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I'm not saying anything either way. However, I think the difference there is not "the ones who can vs the ones who can't." I think it's "the ones who have vs the ones who haven't yet."

Subject: Re: ONE

Posted by [Oblivion165](#) on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 20:50:43 GMT

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I say we make a giant "truman show" dome over iran, iraq and all the others that wont evolve with the rest of the human race to reach the stars. I wonder what we would find after we open that time capsule in 500 years.

Either a bat like sub species or a bunch of free land.

Eh what the hell, we will give them a window on top.
