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Letter: You too can influence American foreign policy — by voting

Many thanks for the column by Nicholas Kristof “[COVID-19 is a Cataclysm of hunger, disease and illiteracy](#)” (Sept. 18). Up until now, the United States has been a bipartisan humanitarian leader in the world and supported the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria and programs for education and maternal and child nutrition. U.S. leadership is at risk. Pat Payne, in her letter to the editor Sept. 24 (“[Congress should push for global COVID relief](#)”), agreed and said that Congress should push for global COVID relief with \$20 billion in emergency foreign aid funds.

I prefer that my tax dollars go to effective life-saving and environment-saving programs in both foreign aid and at home through SNAP, Earned Income Tax Credits and renters’ assistance. I am clear that voting makes a difference here. The most effective thing right now is to vote this Nov. 3.

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