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U.S. should help the poor, not the 1%

How do we justify pulling support from life-saving measures to save billionaires money?

Certain members of our Congress support our president in punishing poor people in our country and around the world, because they were not lucky enough to have a father who could give his son a real estate empire.

Donald Trump has taken [SNAP](#) (food vouchers) and [Medicaid](#) from working families, and also fired people who work for the government. He destroyed foreign aid that supports worthwhile programs like the [Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria](#), which have saved over 70 million lives and billions of dollars of medical care since its inception.

I believe we should help the poor people in the U.S. and the world, not the richest people who could not have made their fortunes without healthy, educated workers who make a living wage.

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