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Letter from students of St. John's High School about national debt

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Dear Senator Thurmond,

We, the students of St. Johns High School and future voters, have a complaint.

On December 26, the New York Daily News reported that our national debt was approximately $280,800,000,000. The combined debt of 26 countries of economic importance was $153,738,000,000. The United Kingdom, France, and Germany were included among the countries named.

Why should our country pay off the national debts of other countries at our expense? In our opinion most of the foreign aid we give is doing just this. The budget which the President has proposed is entirely too large and outrageous. We believe that YOU as our elected representative, should and will do something about the waste and extravagance of the Federal Government. In our opinion the budget must be cut drastically.

By allowing oversized and unethical budgets of the past and present you are undermining the economic standard of our country.

Our faith in YOU is being quite shaken. Most of us will be of voting age by your next election.

P.S. A reply is requested.

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