

The Global Marshall Plan

1. Using between 1–2% of our US Gross Domestic Product and of the GDP of other advanced industrial countries to once and for all end both Domestic and Global poverty, homelessness, hunger, inadequate education, inadequate health care and to repair the global environment.

2. Creating an international board and local national boards composed of the poor, NGOs serving the poor or struggling for social justice, cultural, spiritual, intellectual and religious leaders with a proven history of commitment to social justice struggles, who in turn will employ economists, social planners, and experts in health, education and welfare who are committed to the goals of this project and who will ensure that the funds do not get siphoned off to the government, or to economic or other power elites, or to projects that do not provide education, healthcare and elimination of poverty.

3. Changing all global and regional trade agreements so that they no longer primarily serve the interests of the advanced industrial countries or local elites in poorer countries. These agreements should aide in re-establishing local ecologically-sensitive farming and providing free quality water so that the recipient countries are better able to feed themselves.

4. Implementing this plan in a spirit of ecological and cultural sensitivity and humility (recognizing that our greater wealth has not necessarily been accompanied by greater wisdom or spiritual depth and that their poverty has often been a result of the way the West has exercised its global power).

5. Funding this plan through cut-backs in military expenditures and through a 1% tax on all global financial transactions of over one million dollars and by taxes on the super-wealthy (anyone owning more than one hundred million dollars in assets and oil companies making after-tax-profits of more than a billion dollars, except those profits reinvested in developing sustainable and environmentally-friendly public transportation and alternative energy sources).



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