

DIVESTMENT CAMPAIGNS

Sample Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

I am writing to urge all readers to examine their pension funds to be sure they are not indirectly funding the genocide in Darfur, Sudan.

While it is currently illegal for US companies to do business with the government of Sudan, it is not illegal for US investment companies to send billions of dollars to that country through the purchase of stock in foreign companies. Companies like Fidelity and Berkshire Hathaway buy these securities in our names and have increased their holdings in recent years as the genocide in Darfur continues. By funding Chinese oil companies which do business in Sudan, Fidelity and similar companies generate income for the government of Sudan, nearly all of which funds the mass murder and rape.

I encourage readers to visit the [HYPERLINK "http://www.fidelityoutofsudan.com/"](http://www.fidelityoutofsudan.com/) FidelityOutOfSudan.com website to be sure that their pensions do not include investments in these problem companies, and to pressure Fidelity to cease sponsoring this crime against humanity.

To the editor:

In our public schools, we are introduced to the atrocities of the Holocaust. I remember thinking the exposure was excessive and I couldn't imagine us ever facing a similar situation. But today genocide rages in Darfur, Sudan. What use was our education if it didn't teach how to stop the slaughter? I can't believe people, with the same education and exposure to the Holocaust, can push these assaults on humanity out of their minds. Didn't we all agree that indifference is as culpable as support for genocide?

In my years of advocating for peace in Darfur, I was most surprised when I learned that MY pension funds are footprints to Darfur. Fidelity has invested \$1.5 billion in the Sudanese government's main sources of funding for the genocide. These Chinese oil companies yield a major portion of Sudan's national income, and nearly all of the money that funds the genocide in Darfur.

I encourage all readers to visit the [HYPERLINK "http://www.fidelityoutofsudan.com/"](http://www.fidelityoutofsudan.com/) FidelityOutOfSudan.com website to learn more about the campaign and sign a petition to pressure Fidelity to end its investments in genocide.

I hope we all remember our education and recognize our responsibility to live up to our promise, "Never again." It has been 4 years, and we have no excuse.

Sincerely,