



Ron Paul

When asked whether foreign aid should be eliminated:

“On foreign aid, that should be the easiest thing to cut. It’s not authorized in the Constitution that we can take money from you and give it to people in other countries. To me, foreign aid is taking money from poor people in this country and giving it to rich people in poor countries, and it becomes weapons of war. You know, no matter how well motivated it is. I would cut all foreign aid.” (GOP Las Vegas debate, October 2011)

<http://archives.cnn.com/TRANSCRIPTS/1110/18/se.05.html>

“Foreign aid is taking money from the poor people of a rich country and giving it to the rich people of a poor country. There’s nothing wrong with staying out of the internal affairs of foreign countries when it’s none of our business.” ([Remarks](#) at Conservative Political Action Conference, February 2011)

<http://dailycaller.com/2011/02/11/ron-paul-calls-for-end-to-foreign-aid-applauds-house-for-not-extending-patriot-act/>

“Forcibly taking money from the United States and sending it overseas is unconstitutional and immoral. The energy that lobbying groups and celebrities expend for charitable causes here on the Hill could be better put to use actually addressing problems...These efforts, though well-meaning, are misguided. The truth is all the foreign aid in the world will not transform Africa into a thriving, healthy continent.” ([Op-ed](#) posted on Paul Congressional website)

http://paul.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1729&Itemid=69

Mitt Romney

“The United States will apply the full spectrum of hard and soft power to influence events before they erupt into conflict...The tools of “hard” and “soft” power must work together to be effective. They are complements not substitutes for one another.” ([Campaign foreign policy white paper](#), October 2011)

<http://mittromney.com/blogs/mitts-view/2011/10/mitt-romney-delivers-remarks-us-foreign-policy>

When asked whether foreign aid should be eliminated:

“Foreign aid has several elements; one of those elements is defense. It is to make sure we are able to have the defense resources we want in certain places in the world. That probably ought to fall under the Department of Defense budget rather than the foreign aid budget. Part of it is humanitarian aid around the world. I happen to think it doesn’t make a lot of sense for us to borrow money from the Chinese to go give to another country for humanitarian aid. We ought to get the Chinese to take care of the people

that are taking that humanitarian aid today...But let me tell you, we're spending more in foreign aid than we ought to be spending." (GOP Las Vegas debate, October 2011)

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"End foreign aid to countries that oppose America's interests." ([Op-ed](#) in USA Today, November 2011)

<http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/forum/story/2011-11-03/mitt-romney-budget-plan/51063454/1>

"At a time when we are borrowing money to pay for things, I'm very reluctant to borrow lots more money to be able to do wonderful things, if those things can be done by people making charitable contributions or by other countries that are wealthy." ([Response](#) when asked at a campaign event if he would continue support for HIV/AIDS programs like PEPFAR, August 2011)

<http://thinkprogress.org/health/2011/10/11/340535/romney-im-very-reluctant-to-borrow-lots-more-money-to-fund-global-aids-prevention-programs/>

"The United States faces numerous challenges abroad. China is emerging, Russia is resurgent, and radical, violent jihadists seek our destruction. We must rise to these challenges to preserve our interests and promote peace. Mitt Romney believes that peace and prosperity around the world depend on a strong America. That requires a strong military, a strong economy, and a renewed diplomatic strategy that advances the cause of freedom, human rights, and opportunity." ([Statement](#) at FPI Forum, September 2009)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxlin00tFCw&feature=player_embedded