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## Speaking up for a positive America

John Berthelsen does a good job showing the two sides of American exceptionalism. He doesn't mention a few more parts of the good side: America has been inspiring others to support health initiatives like the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and malaria.

Most importantly, Berthelsen doesn't mention that it is up to each of us to determine which side of American exceptionalism will be used in our modern world. Our calls and letters to our elected representatives and our new president can make sure we stay on the side of saving lives and bringing hope to people in our world, and help prevent the "dark side of American exceptionalism."

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