

Investors Against Genocide

Draw the line at investing in genocide



Genocide-free Investing

- ⇒ Years after the genocide in Darfur was publicly acknowledged, millions of people are unknowingly and inadvertently investing in the companies that are funding this genocide.
- ⇒ Investors entrust their family savings and pension funds to mutual fund and other investment firms, which in turn invest those savings in companies which help to fund genocide.
- ⇒ A broad base of major financial institutions invests in a small set of problem companies, particularly PetroChina.
- ⇒ When confronted with this problem, these investment firms ignore the moral issue of investing in genocide.
- ⇒ Once they become aware, Americans are overwhelmingly opposed to being financially connected to genocide.
 - 84% of respondents say they will withdraw their investments from American companies that do business with companies that directly or indirectly support genocide.
 - 88% would like their mutual funds to be genocide-free.
 - Millions of shareholders have voted for genocide-free investing at mutual fund shareholder meetings
- ⇒ Reasonable people may disagree about what constitutes socially responsible investing, but few people want their savings to be complicit in genocide.
- ⇒ Join us in asking mutual funds and other investment firms to commit to genocide-free investing.
- ⇒ Contact us at info@InvestorsAgainstGenocide.org to find out how individual investors can easily submit a shareholder proposal on genocide-free investing to their mutual fund or investment firm.

Making a commitment to Genocide-free Investing

We want mutual funds and investment firms to make a commitment to genocide-free investing. The key section of our genocide-free investing shareholder proposal submissions says:

Shareholders request that the Board institute transparent procedures to prevent holding investments in companies that, in management's judgment, substantially contribute to genocide or crimes against humanity, the most egregious violations of human rights.

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Financial institutions' connection with genocide

⇒ **Investment companies, often through their mutual funds, are major investors in oil companies that help fund the genocide in Darfur**

⇒ **Major investors in PetroChina, the worst offender in Sudan:**

Mutual Fund companies

- **BlackRock** - iShares
- **Fidelity** – Fidelity, Fidelity International funds
- **Franklin Templeton** - Franklin, Templeton funds
- **Vanguard** - Vanguard funds

Other Financial Institutions

- **Aberdeen Asset Mgmt**
- **Credit Suisse**
- **HSBC**
- **Invesco**
- **JP Morgan Chase**
- **KBC Group**
- **Sumitomo Mitsui**
- **UBS**

⇒ **Sudan's oil revenue provides arms and funding for the genocide, rather than development for the people of Sudan**

⇒ **Hundreds of thousands of people have died, millions are displaced and millions more are at risk**

⇒ **Many families invest their savings with these problem investment companies but are unaware of their connection to the Darfur genocide**

⇒ **You can act against these problem investment firms**

- **Your personal action can make a difference**
- **Many states, colleges and cities have already taken a stand and divested from Sudan**

⇒ **You have alternatives with major firms**

- **TIAA-CREF made a commitment to genocide-free investing and divested**
- **American Funds applied their human rights policy and divested**