## **Authoritative Aid:**

# The Manipulation of Humanitarian Aid by the United States in South Sudan

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Question: What obstacles prevent aid from reaching those who need it most and why is the system designed this way?





### **Neocolonialism**

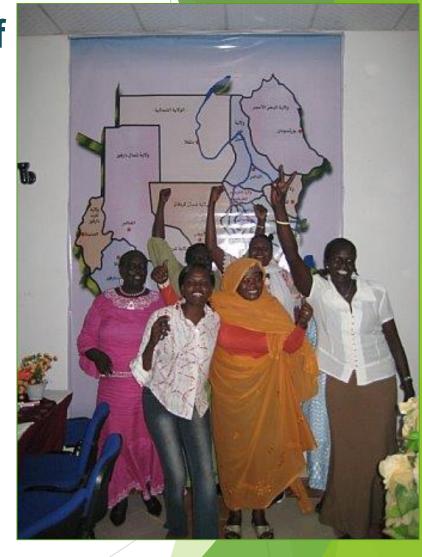


➤ US Peacekeeping aid in
South Sudan is a distinct
example of how Western
culture dominates the rest of
the world under the guise of
philanthropy.



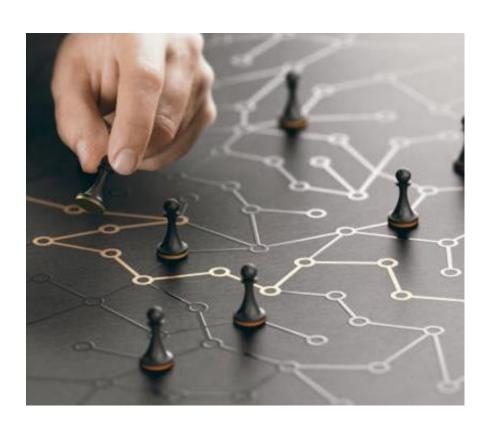
# Motivation and Methods: We are part of a rapidly evolving global community

- ➤ Literature Review of South Sudan: history and independence; cultural experience; development policy; and media representation of international interventions
- ➤ Interviews: Project Manager and Consultant for the United States Institute of Peace in South Sudan
- ➤ US Government data on budgeting and aid





### US geopolitical strategy



- > Food Aid
- Black market currency exchange for monetary aid
- > Conditionality



#### How do we do better?



- ➤ Eliminate the othering of the communities and peoples in need.
- ➤ Build decision-making from the ground up!
- **➤** Using education as activism

