

# Genocide: To Intervene or Not to Intervene

Even when asked directly, most governments (including the US) choose NOT to intervene when genocide occurs.

## Reasons **NOT** to Intervene:

- it is very expensive
- potential loss of life
- there may be no real economic or political gain
- it doesn't affect national security
- "national sovereignty" - no right to interfere in another country's matters

## Reason **TO** Intervene:

- it could affect national security
- it could be more expensive NOT to intervene (refugees)
- it might be an ally who needs help
- there may be something economic or political to gain
  - trade may be negatively affected without helping
- it may just be the "right thing" to do