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"Coyne's message is desperately needed within the development community. He develops a systematic theory that enables us to better understand foreign intervention, expertly revealing its application in a wide range of countries over time." (Benjamin Powell, Professor of Economics *Texas Tech University*)

"Insanity has been defined as doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result. Bringing public choice and Austrian economics to bear, Coyne explains why conventional approaches to humanitarian aid and longer-term economic development have failed miserably?and how to avoid repeating the same mistakes." (William F. Shughart II, J. Fish Smith Professor in Public Choice *Utah State University*)

"Coyne is to be congratulated for a book that strongly calls into question the conventional wisdom that we must look first to government to accomplish humanitarian ends." (George Leef *Regulation Magazine*)

"If you seek to assist people in need because of chronic poverty or natural calamities, steer clear of government aid programs and provide the assistance directly or via private organizations. Government aid programs have a proven record of failure, which is not coincidental, but systematic, owing to faulty knowledge and perverse political incentives. Christopher Coyne's new book provides the relevant facts and analysis to understand this important matter." (Robert Higgs, Senior Fellow in Political Economy *The Independent Institute*)

"Coyne offers a classic neo-liberal economic analysis to explain why the humanitarian project in its current state is doomed." (Zoe Cormack)

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