

## THE WORLD GOES SHOPPING

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**OBJECTIVE** // To demonstrate spending priorities of different countries.

**TIME** // 15 minutes

**GROUP SIZE** // Any

**MATERIALS** // Markers, large sheets of card paper, a prop (an object – optional) to represent these spending areas (listed below).

**PREPARATION** // Prepare 12 cards, each with one volume of spending written on them:

\$1,300,000,000; 2x \$5,000,000,000; \$10,000,000,000; \$11,000,000,000; \$16,000,000,000;  
\$18,000,000,000; \$19,000,000,000; \$20,000,000,000; \$21,000,000,000; \$25,000,000,000;  
\$1,500,000,000,000

**HOW TO PLAY** //

- Let the group know they're going to look at what our global spending habits are.
- Have participants guess which numbers go with which spending areas. This can be done by having a member of the group choose where to put one number, by building consensus among the entire group, or by majority vote.
- When the group has settled on matches, reveal the REAL expenditures in each area.
- Discuss, using the questions below as a guide

### DISCUSSION//

What did you find the most surprising?

Who encourages these spending habits?

Who decides? *(Note some spending categories are mostly individual consumers and some are state or regional budgets)*

How would you want to order these?



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GLOBAL PRIORITIES	IN \$US BILLIONS:
Alcoholic beverages in Canada	21
Clean Water for everyone in the world	10
Pet food in the United States	20
Basic nutrition for everyone in the world	19
Makeup around the World	18
Ice cream in Europe	11
Universal literacy	5
Military Spending in Canada	25
Home electronics, computers, cameras in Canada	16
International Aid in Canada	5
Military spending worldwide	1,500 (1.5 Trillion)
Immunization for children worldwide	1.3

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