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Debt for Pakistani Trans

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Thirty-two trillion dollars. That's a lot of money we don't have.

I checked the U.S. Debt Clock last night. The federal government was, at that time, \$200 billion shy of owing that amount, \$32 trillion.

It's such a big number that it doesn't seem real.

Maybe that's why politicians ignore it. And keep spending, adding to it.

All spending that seems fishy contributes to that debt. But so, alas,does spending that a majority of Americans may want. When you are over-spending, all spending contributes to the red ink.

Still, to witness elected government officials throw money around with reckless abandon is especially irksome. Consider all the taxes that pay for that debt, *continually* as well as *eventually*. And the misdirected investments that get derailed from productive activity just to fund that debt.

Today's example of idiotic spending? A mere \$500,000. Half a million bucks. Chump change — next to the trillions on budget lines.

So this half-a-million is slotted to go to Pakistan.

To train Pakistanis to speak, read and write in English.

But the kicker's in the <u>headline</u>, courtesy of *The Epoch Times*: "Biden Earmarks \$500,000 for Transgender Youth, Other Groups in Pakistan." The blurb makes the obvious point I wish to drive home: "Biden 'hell-bent on spending money we don't have,' said Rep. Ralph Norman's office."

Biden's prodigality will provide "intensive professional development courses for Pakistani transgender youth."

The old saw about such foreign aid runs, "Don't we have transgender youth in this country to help?"

But better to join Rep. Norman and point to the <u>debt</u> <u>clock</u>. And shake our heads.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.