

# YOUR VIEWS

## Remember less fortunate during holidays

The richest nation on Earth is preparing to celebrate the holidays. The privileged will feast at tables laden with food, and with gifts galore; it's expected that more than \$1 trillion will be spent in the U.S. in December. As you feast and make merry, here's something to consider.

Almost 3 million American families are food-insecure. Thirteen million children in these households — 1 in 6 kids in the wealthiest nation on Earth — often don't have enough healthy food to eat. Last year, for the first time in seven years, the U.S. homeless population rose, pushing the national figure up about a percentage point higher. In this same year, the world's richest gained a trillion dollars in wealth, the greatest growth in profit ever recorded. In the past year, our nation separated thousands of parents and children at our border. Many of those families still have not been reunited. The United States, once the world's beacon of hope, put children in cages; our military forces lobbed tear gas canisters across the border at mothers and children who were fleeing.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "A nation's greatness is measured by how it treats its weakest members." Remember the less fortunate this holiday season, and resolve to make America a better, kinder, more compassionate land in 2019. We the People have achieved this before — with will, hard work and determination, we can make America truly great again.

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