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Max Boot could not be more correct when he chastises the world for its passivity relative to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. ("What Do We Do About Darfur?" April 14, 2005). As for our responsibility, until Americans demand that our leaders make the cessation of genocide a priority, the horror of Darfur will be relegated to periodic news coverage and occasional resolutions, as the mountains of corpses continues to grow. Where Boot is mistaken, is that it is not true that the only Westerners who have "shown any sustained interest in the Sudan are evangelical Christians" disturbed over the death of Christians in Southern Sudan. The Los Angeles Jewish community, which has no co-religionists in Sudan, has mobilized and formed Jewish World Watch, an organization solely dedicated to fighting the genocide in Darfur. Nevertheless, Boot's point that Americans have failed, as a people, to demand that action be taken to stop the genocide is well-taken. If our country and others continue to stand by idly, merely observing the murders without taking aggressive action, we become culpable as bystanders, a status which is only incrementally better than those who are pulling the triggers

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