

GOING GREEN, MOROCCAN STYLE

QUICK STATS

- ✘ **CONFERENCE:** Spending
- ✘ **TEAM:** Department of State
- **FUMBLE:** \$250,000 to Moroccan biodiversity
- **HOW TO RECOVER THE BALL:** Establish legislative restrictions to the types of grants federal agencies can fund so appropriations benefit the American interest

The evolution of the green movement in the last ten years has impacted almost every American family. A trip to the local store offers a multitude of choices in products for consumers, whether they are green, organic, sustainable, etc. However, in the last several years, the movement became fashionable throughout the nation and the world, and now American tax dollars are used to encourage green policies in other countries.

Earlier this year State offered a \$250,000 grant to kick-start the green movement in Morocco.¹⁸⁶ Yes, Morocco. The Administration promised to promote green growth and green jobs to help enhance biodiversity conservation in Morocco and improve management of ecologically important ecosystems. The U.S. and

Morocco signed a Joint Statement on Environmental Cooperation in 2006. The 2014-2017 Plan of Action reflects current priorities for trade-related environmental activities.¹⁸⁷ The Administration's failures involving "green" ventures domestically and failed energy efforts have deprived taxpayers of hundreds of millions of dollars. So why should American families really finance such a distant program?

RECOVERY

To prevent wasteful, unnecessary spending, Congress should include in future appropriations legislation restrictions on the types of grants federal agencies can fund so the grant-funded initiatives clearly advance American national interests.

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[U.S. Department of State: Morocco: Opportunites for Public Comment](#)
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