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## Foreign-Policy Pain

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To the Editor:

Vinca LaFleur is correct when she contends that the Clinton Administration and Sandy Berger, the national security adviser and Ms. LaFleur's former boss, have a vision of foreign policy that has created opportunities for American businesses around the world (letter, Aug. 29). But the idea that the policy has "lifted the lives of people abroad" and helped Russia manage its "historic transformation" is bewildering.

The Administration's promotion of economic reforms and trade liberalization has enriched American companies at the expense of most people in the developing world and Eastern Europe. With increasing impoverishment and expanding inequalities have come the destruction of local production and intensified alienation, social instability, debt and financial crises.

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