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Rethinking intimate partner violence, Domestic and Sexual Violence. ADD TO. LDL is missing, please recover. ADL Digital - National Coalition for theÂ . Rethinking intimate partner violence, Domestic and Sexual Violence. ADD TO.Report: Firms Making \$15 Billion a Year from Kids Google, Facebook, Apple, McDonald's, Walmart, and other household names likely won't mind if you knew that firms like theirs bring in many billions in profits on the backs of children working at factories and farms. In some instances, children are used to break down one product into constituent materials, which are then assembled into different products to be sold, often overseas. In other instances, children are used to produce entire products. These products typically are sold, in North America, back to the same or another firm. If you're a parent, you should be concerned about this. If you're a consumer, you should be concerned about this. Ineffective and corrupt regulation is one reason we find ourselves in this situation. Grist's comments come in the wake of an exhaustive new report by the International Labor Rights Fund and a range of other NGOs documenting abuses against children in the global supply chain. The report, titled Child Labor and Forced Labor in the US and Global Supply Chains, finds that, according to U.S. Department of Labor records, at least 1.3 million people, mostly children, work in U.S. factories at an annual cost of more than \$15 billion. That number is almost certainly a gross undercount, according to the report's authors. "While the U.S. government was able to learn and compile reliable data," the report explains, "for many of the other countries, such as Bangladesh, China, Cambodia, and the Philippines, efforts to estimate the numbers of children working in abusive conditions are either nonexistent, insufficient, or marred by government corruption." These workers are trapped in a cycle of poverty, where they can never hope to escape. According to the report, the economic benefits of some companies' sourcing activities - including "the manufacture of tractors or mining equipment for Caterpillar or textiles for Forever 21 or construction of commercial buildings and ships for L.A. Gear - have allowed employers to spend tens of millions of dollars on goods or services that, in turn, support the purchasing power of consumers."

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