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“Where Sweatshops Are a Dream”
--Nick Kristoff

New York Times, 1/14/09
Turns out, **YOU** get to decide.

From nothing in 1994, garments is now 14% of Cambodia’s economy, provides 350,000 jobs, and helps 1 million people

How did this happen?
In 1999, US and Cambodia agreed to link labor to trade. Better labor = more exports.

3rd party labor standards monitoring of garments ➔ more export quotas. And guess what happened?
IT WORKED!!!

http://brookegoestochina.blogspot.com

The UN’s International Labour Organization was that 3rd party through its project:

http://www.betterfactories.org/
480 point checklist; one of which is 97% compliance with Cambodia’s minimum wage

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BUT, it can’t work unless YOU, as consumers, buy it.