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## Toilets not enough in India

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**NEW DELHI** — Building toilets in rural India, where hundreds of millions are still defecating outdoors, will not be enough to improve public health, according to a study published yesterday.

India is considered to have the world's worst sanitation record despite spending some \$3 billion since 1986 on sanitation programs, according to government figures. The country is now gearing up to spend 10 times that amount, as new Prime Minister Narendra Modi makes garbage and sanitation troubles a key issue.

However, the new study — published in the Lancet medical journal — suggests India needs to look beyond building toilet infrastructure and focus also on educating the masses and changing centuries-old habits and people's preferences for doing their business outdoors.

For the study, Indian and U.S. researchers looked into the effects of a 2011 government sanitation campaign in 100 villages in the eastern state of Orissa.

They found almost no improvement in childhood rates of diarrhea, parasitic

worm infections and other public health scourges that experts say contribute to childhood stunting, malnutrition and some \$54 billion in lost productivity each year, according to the World Bank.

The program was "effective in building latrines, but not all households participate," lead author Professor Thomas Clasen of Emory University in Atlanta said in a statement. Poor hygiene practices, water contamination and unsafe disposal of baby poop also likely contributed to the problem, he said.

Experts note that many of the 640 million Indians still defecating in the open might opt not to use a toilet, even if they had one at home. "Many respondents told us that defecating in the open provides them an opportunity to take a morning walk, see their fields, and take in the fresh air," according to another study, published last month in *Economic and Political Weekly*.

Few understand there is a connection between their outdoor ablutions and the fact that, each year, hundreds of thousands in India die from diarrheal diseases, experts found.

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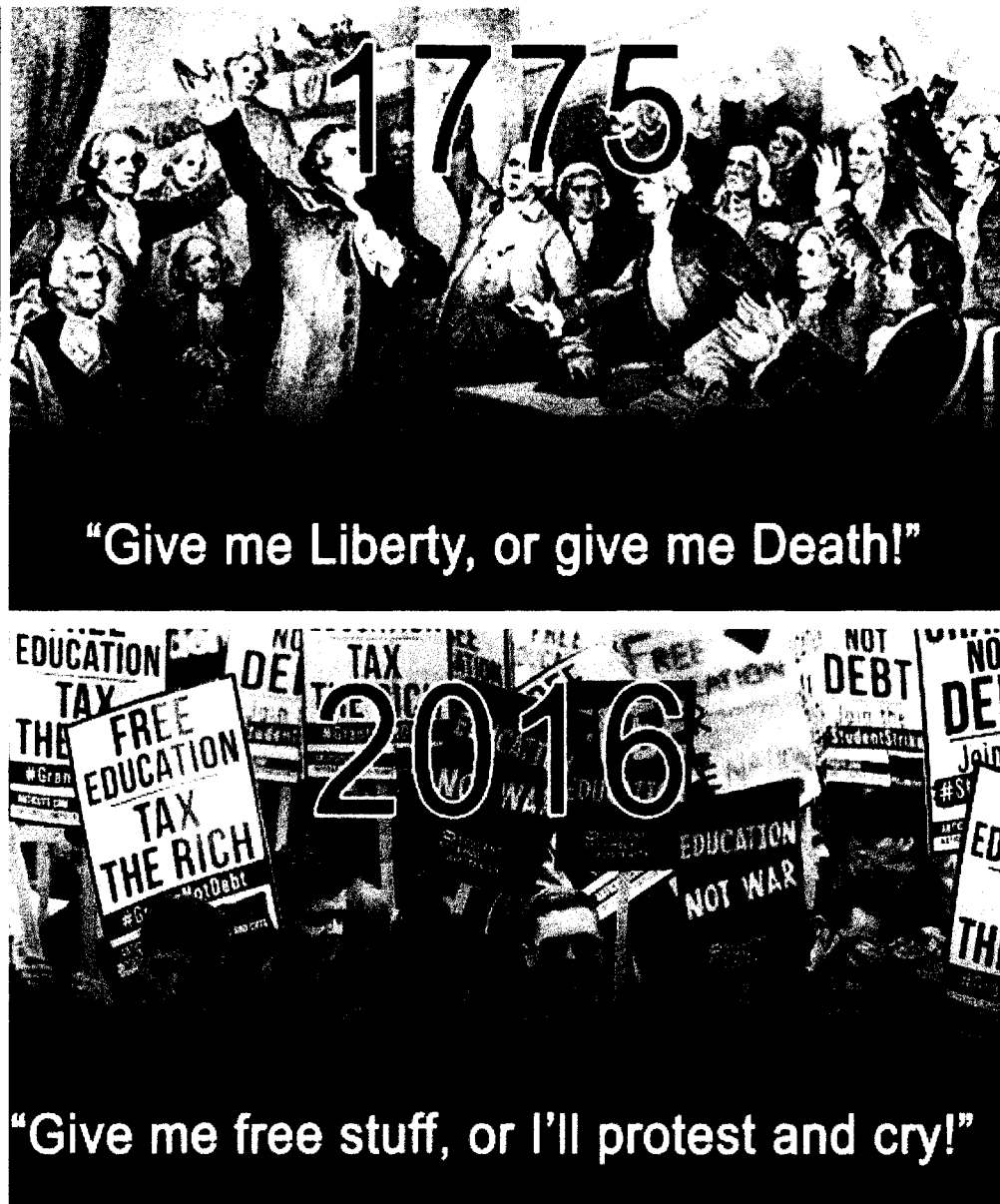
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