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| The conflation of volunteerism with tourism has received much criticism.  Many people have good volunteer intentions, but they lack the skills to be effective and needed.  “the altruism of voluntourism may be a warped form of narcissism, citing hashtags such as “#instagrammingafrica”  “If six people go on this two week trip, that’s more than enough money to pay for a local doctor’s annual salary.”  “Voluntourism is one of the drivers of family break up in very poor countries. It incentivizes orphanages' that are run as businesses.” | I think this is fine, so why should I be criticized? This will bring more people to volunteer activities.  Indeed it is. As a Chinese proverb says: "Good intentions do bad things". There are times when what we think we are doing to help others gets in the way of their normal lives.  Indeed. If volunteering is coupled with showmanship, then there is no point in volunteering.  We should volunteer in the right way so that we can maximize the results.  That's why volunteering is a double-edged sword. If we don't use it correctly, it may cause bad consequences. |