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of the World Bank governing board do not agree with Mister Wolfowitz ' s actions. They say it is not fair to deny a loan for purposes such as health care because some of the money goes to corrupt uses. Critics of the Bank ' s lending say it is not carefully supervising the loans and projects it finances. The Bank approves about two hundred forty new projects each year. And it has more than one thousand existing loans, each of which may contain many agreements. The World Bank is part of the World Bank Group. It includes the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which has one hundred eighty-four member nations. In two thousand four, the World Bank Group provided or guaranteed more than twenty-five thousand million dollars in loans.

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