*“As the generations pass and with all the changes that we have seen in our lifetime the question continues to be asked if once every generation, there’s a chance to make history.*

*The current generation of people living all around the planet are at a very important crossroad to the future, and they are asking what it is that they can do to protect and preserve and pass on a better world for their children and grandchildren.*

*Once every generation we have the opportunity to make history and determine what it is that will have an impact and change lives for the better. We are not only looking for change or impact we are looking to leave a legacy and make it better than we found it.*

*If you look around you right now you can‘t help but see and think there are a lot of things we can do to improve the planet we live on , but we also need to focus on our communities we live in. Once every generation, there’s a chance to make history and what you do today does make a difference for the next.”*

*by: Chip Sundman*

**Founding Story**

My name is Maryam Karriem, a native New Yorker born and raised, Combat Medic with the New York National Guard set to deploy in 2014, a track worker for NYCT MTA, single mom and thethirteenth child of sixteen children all born to and raised by the same two parents in a one family house in Queens. I feel that as an American citizen it is my duty to do “my part” in trying to find a solution for a better country. What part that is I’m not exactly sure. I watch various news stations quite often, read the papers, and consider myself to be a little above average in global awareness. I see the effort our President is making on behalf of the people and I find myself ashamed of the way Congress and various other politicians have been behaving. There seems to be very little support of Obama- OUR PRESIDENT! If he says right they go left just to hinder progress. Focus has been taken off the needs of the people and placed on ruining his legacy before he leaves office. That is madness. When I heard the plea to the people for ideas and contributions I decided that as a citizen there should be no such thing as not having the time to dedicate myself to, at the very least, contribute one idea to the cause. We watch in despair, complain in meaningless circles, talk back to the TV and don’t vote when disgusted with politics but we do nothing monumental to make change. I fear we’ve generally lost that proud fighting spirit that took us from colonists to Americans. Our founding fathers started this nation off on the path to posterity and left the power to abolish or amend anything we felt wasn’t working in our best interests. As of this day (if you believe the media) nothing is working in our best interests. President Obama has had some great ideas but he is only one man. Nothing fruitful can come forth if he’s met with power fueled money crazed opposition from big business and politics but no tangible support from the American people. I’ve spent many hours, days, weeks and months at work, on military duty, late nights, early mornings, on buses, trains, in the tunnels and walking the streets, piece by piece and minutes at a time sometimes putting this idea together. I live a very stressfully life and deal with a great many things that has my mind all over the place but the need I felt to do something, anything for my country trumps all. I’m no stranger to overcrowding, homelessness, welfare, hunger, discrimination, lost opportunities and hope. I know what it’s like to have no one by your side and nothing to your name. The life I have now I credit to faith in G-d, sheer determination, my daughter, my city, my country and the U.S. Army. For this I’m eternally grateful and I hope that my effort in this endeavor reflects my gratitude for having been born in and saved by the greatest country on Earth.

**U.S.A. & HOST COUNTRY**

**ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

**Entrant:** (1) year (**365** **consecutive** **days** for 8 hours a day) of **SELF** motivated, DOCUMENTED (some videoed) selfless community service for American entrant/ Foreign individual’s service requirements will be determined by program officials, documented and verified thoroughly by U.S. officials.

**Participant:** Everyone completes an application, passes a THOROUGH background check, MUST meet income requirements (below poverty level income from U.S. and borderline if not destitute from Host Country) essay and video on TWO hardships (one about being a victim of circumstance & one about self-accountable failure) that helped put individual in current situation- tell why and how your life’s been wasted thus far, its effect on people/community and why YOU need this opportunity for change, join government registry \*make one up for the purpose of this endeavor\*

**Community:** provides(4) years of education @ “sponsor college” for ALL participants. Foreign participant only spends (4) years in the U.S. on a student Visa, no citizenship granted nor is time served eligible to be used for applying for citizenship. “Sponsor college” teaches U.S. participant: education basic C.O.R.E. curriculum U.S. History, government and world politics, history of people of host country & host country politics they’re assigned to, tracks potential & progression through work evaluations and psychological evaluations. “Sponsor college” teaches foreign participants: nursing, teaching, construction, farming, irrigation, water filtration, sewage systems, police academy with their country’s justice system…various participants for the different occupations and lets them intern in respective fields on off-time from school/ the community each participant is from will pitch in to build his/her home in the time they’re gone .

**Company:** (4) years of unpaid labor from U.S. participants, company will build the work factory/warehouse and barracks type of shelter for participants to be housed, clocks participation time, participants will build products, pack and ship them, company provides meals?, uniforms? and personal items?. NO WORK ON U.S. HOLIDAYS- participants get to visit home on the holidays with (airfare provided by a sponsor?), at the conclusion of the program the company will hire natives from Host country and pay them appropriately according to that country’s cost of living scale. \*Meals, uniforms and personal items may be provided by other sponsors via care packages\*

**Government:** (1) year guaranteed internship in government politics upon U.S. participant’s return, sponsors and oversees participant’s time spent in foreign land, facilitates negotiations between potential democratic Host countries, the U.S. and big businesses. Host talks with foreign officials on improvements in health, technology, industry and the benefits of entering a new era of democratic justice and equality on a united front. Number of spots in the program depends on amount of land donated for homes, number of entrants, communities, companies, sponsors, donators and countries willing to participate in the program.

**BENEFITS**

**Entrant:**

* At-risk, under-represented young adults are given the opportunity to be a Change Maker as part of Generation Inception

**Participant:**

* At program’s conclusion, company **will** hire natives from host country and pay them properly according to the cost of living scale for that country
* Live abroad in a 3rd world country to gain perspective on the meaning of true hardship and how other people survive given their unfortunate life circumstances
* Will have earned free housing upon return. After internship, the chance to run for public office and represent underserved communities with the inside advantage of having been a part of that demographic

**Community:**

* Federal grants for support and service
* Opportunity for big city Mayors to champion the wave of “change” for a new era
* Eventual “true” representation reflective of the people in various levels of government
* Promotes social responsibility/ accountability and brings forth a united front for change
* International recognition, commercials, funding, and support from the world stage for the cause

**Company:**

* Big tax credits and benefits for participating and maintaining participation in program
* (4) years of “free” labor for overseas factories with each new wave of participants
* Use of the logo to promote partnership/ products
* Preference for business in Host Country
* Chance to discontinue running sweat shops and clear reputation (companies it pertains to)

**Government:**

* We educate their people and send them back to rebuild and be the future leaders of their countries (closely monitored) and stronger U.S. allies
* Promotes international fair trade
* Brings much needed large companies, jobs, business and trade back to the U.S.
* Similar company set up in sponsor country and they do the same
* Host country must agree to adhere to basic Human Rights laws and true democratic voting systems…must demonstrate willingness to implement change for advancement of its people
* Possibility for a truer representation of the 99% as local politicians and in Congress

**Solution**

Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela, President Obama, Mayor Bloomberg, Bill Gates and Steve Jobs are just some of the revolutionaries who’ve been instrumental in shaping this country- and the world- in making change for the betterment of society. Influenced by their beliefs and a set of my own, I propose a plan to introduce a new generation of leaders in America and potentially the world abroad. These individuals will be chosen in competition from amongst the people to be a true reflection in government of the constituents they serve.

This program is designed in a way that fairly represents and serves all parties involved: individuals, communities, local governments, big business, the federal government, foreign countries and potential allies. The plan allows for, at the very least, an open dialogue in support of the furtherance of ideas for reformation, contributing to a better, bigger, brighter future for America and the world as a whole. At the most, it will address and try to solve huge issues plaguing this generation of man. All it asks of the American government is the same high standards of strength and sacrifice that they ask of us.

***“To those peoples in the huts and villages across the globe struggling to break the bonds of mass misery, we pledge our best efforts to help them help themselves, for whatever period is required — not because the Communists may be doing it, not because we seek their votes, but because it is right. If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.”***

***John F. Kennedy***

***“My fellow Americans, the oath I have sworn before you today, like the one recited by others who serve in this Capitol, was an oath to God and country, not party or faction. And we must faithfully execute that pledge during the duration of our service. But the words I spoke today are not so different from the oath that is taken each time a soldier signs up for duty or an immigrant realizes her dream. My oath is not so different from the pledge we all make to the flag that waves above and that fills our hearts with pride.***

***They are the words of citizens and they represent our greatest hope. You and I, as citizens, have the power to set this country’s course. You and I, as citizens, have the obligation to shape the debates of our time -- not only with the votes we cast, but with the voices we lift in defense of our most ancient values and enduring ideals.”***

***President Barack Obama***

**Problems my solution addresses**

***There will be “…huge political backlash once it becomes obvious to Americans that a broad swath of our citizenry is being sold out in favor of vote-hungry politicians, corporations eager to cut labor costs even further, and military contractors trolling for still more pork.”***

*Bill Keller quoting an overheard warning*

**Economic Inequity**

* Big businesses fleeing the U.S. (nearly 100K+ jobs from N.Y. alone predicted by 2015) creating massive job losses and increased debt/ deficits across the country
* Big businesses sell out because of unwillingness to lose profits for no “foreseeable” benefits

**Immigration Reform**

* Illegal immigration/ refugees fleeing home countries due to a lack of better economy, health care, education and social justice in fellow “democratic” home nations

**Fair Trade**

* Inability of fed govt. to fairly and/ or effectively regulate big business dealings with the U.S. and abroad

**Social Justice/ Equality**

* Individuals, communities, local govt., federal govt., and big businesses aren’t properly held accountable (if held accountable at all) for their actions (or dare I say INACTIONS), shamelessly letting each other fall or get pushed to the waste side while life for the haves vs. the have-nots goes on

**Improving Foreign Relations**

* Businesses are viewed poorly because some underpay and abuse foreign employees
* A lot of people envy and/ or hate America for her abundance and “easy” living but if given the opportunity to have the same they would jump at it. Our Host Countries need to understand that we care about and respect their independence, individuality, cultures and way of life. We don’t want to change who they are as a people, just how they respect humanitarian law, life and interact with everyone else in the name of peace

**Humanitarian Efforts**

* Some targeted Host countries don’t always to adhere to basic Human Rights laws and true democratic voting systems
* Undemonstrated willingness of their governments to implement changes for advancement of its people, crimes against humanity and corruption trigger the flight response in immigrants and refugees
* American people are constantly asked to and do give aid to countries whose actions and hostilities towards the U.S. and others are sometimes questionable

**Military Issues**

* Military “non-essential” personnel seem to be the first to get cut when the economy takes a hit, making up an alarming number of joblessness and homelessness in statistics. Is that really fair considering they are supposed to be slightly better than the average man in giving up their family, civilian lives and jobs to the government, risking all that they are at the drop of a dime to defend America and her allies?

**Impact (how does my solution make a difference?)**

***“We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.”***

*Charles R. Swindol*

**Economic Inequity**

* No one is willing to do anything good or bad without a reason SO GIVE BUSINESSES A REASON TO STAY! Credits and incentives implemented the right way will allow companies to continue to turn the profits they seek, employ/ maintain more citizens on payroll, and still branch out to other countries without damaging the economy
* My solution addresses the majority of the March on Wall Street “99% vs. the 1%” issues. With assistance it will not only get the message out in a clearer, more organized fashion but potentially the underserved and unrepresented can gain enough power and representation to usher in an improved governmental system truly reflective of American society, its ideologies, beliefs and the world we live in

**Immigration Reform**

* Educate their people and send them back to rebuild and be the future leaders of their countries. Jobs, security and opportunities in Host Country = less immigration to America for the same…if it’s life in America they want why not help them model it in their home nations to decrease the desire to flee

**Fair Trade**

* Gives the federal government abilities to fairly and/ or effectively regulate big business dealings with the U.S. and abroad by including its own guidelines and restrictions as part of a package deal
* In return for all that the newfound partnership provides, Host Countries will have to comply with, meet and or sign off on FAIR trade agreements as well as meet and maintain the standards set forth by contract

**Social Justice/ Equality**

* Holding individuals, communities, local govt., federal govt., and big businesses accountable for their actions by **making** them active participants in the solution

**Improving Foreign Relations**

* Create social **inter**dependence nationally and internationally, reliability and accountability for the future and furtherance of America and mankind
* With this generation’s introduction of the internet and sudden dependence on social media, the world is a much smaller place. The task at hand is not so complex an idea in this new era of technology
* Make participating businesses adhere to American laws and standards while operating overseas if they want to maintain an American home base and be able to sell their goods to American citizens…to be clear, American rights will not be given to Host Country employees, their government will have their own laws set, but American based corporations will treat Host Countries’ employees to American standards or forfeit their rights to be America based, participate in the program, and sell their goods to the American public

**Humanitarian Efforts**

* Aid Host Countries’ efforts to grow to be able to help themselves and sustain implemented changes
* Educate and train the Host Country’s people then send them home with assistance to build a better government, in turn discouraging the desire to flee their homeland for the security America provides

**Military Issues**

* Can be a great opportunity and learning experience for National Guardsmen and Reservists to put to use the skills the government pays them to learn and maintain in order to meet readiness standards, we’re already on the clock but often times depending on job title find that there’s really not much to do state side as far as training goes
* Supplying the need creates opportunities to travel, teach or work which can help keep Guardsmen and Reservists off the streets.

**Impact (story example)**

On the evening of December 24, 2015 the President breaks into regularly scheduled programming to make a special announcement about: “Generation Inception” - a competition launch designed to find, train and incept a new generation of future leaders of America and the free world.

**“Generation Inception”- what’s in a name?**

**Generation- a group of individuals, most of whom are the same approximate age or are living in the same era, having similar problems, attitudes, etc.**

**Inception- the act of installing an idea into someone’s mind by entering his/ her dreams.**

Starting off with a quote from the film ““Inception” 2010 he begins: *“What's the most resilient parasite? An Idea. A single idea from the human mind can build cities. An idea can transform the world and rewrite all the rules.”* he explains the concept of Inception- the act of installing an idea into someone’s mind by entering his/ her dreams. What dreams? The dreams of the people are what he’s referring to. The 99% who feel under represented and underserved, betrayed by governmental politics and big businesses that care little for the economy or loyalty to our citizens. Dr. King had a dream. A dream where one day all citizens of America will be treated as equals and live as one. Writers of The Declaration of Independence dreamt. They envisioned that ALL men were created equal…that they were endowed by their creator with certain INALIENABLE rights…that among those were the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness…and the speech goes on…he gets to the details: there will be 100 foreign citizens from the “HOST” country swapped for every 100 American citizens chosen to pursue their dreams of building a better America. They will be the first generation of a world-wide movement to heal the world. Having true insight of life on the bottom, having lived in the lowest income tiers- those individuals have a truer understanding (grasp, if you will) of the struggles faced by their peers and are therefore the target competitors to effective change.

...around him as he gives his speech are representatives from various forms of government, businesses, Hollywood and international leaders signed on and in support of this endeavor. The world eagerly awaits reactionary commentary in the morning, Christmas Day, with hope, love, peace and excitement in their hearts. History will tell the rest of this story…

**Sustainability**

**Individuals**:

***“To those whom much is given, much is expected.”***

An awakening needs to take place making every American believe our country does care, every individual matters and the U.S. can and will provide for its people. The cost of being a citizen of this great nation must be made clear as well. Democracy and freedom are most definitely not free. Just being born grants us certain inalienable rights, no doubt, but the quality of such is determined by the efforts put forth to secure them. As proven by the March on Wall Street movement, protests and rioting of the citizens in European nations after the near demise of their monetary system, and the tidal wave of crumbling oppressive “Islamic” regimes around the world, the people have the power to make change. The people ARE the power. We must actively seek out those among us who represent the left behind demographic yet still have a strong will and desire to stand up to those whom oppose true democracy and social justice in service to their own agendas, hidden or obvious. They must be provided a chance to lead. Our current system and inconsiderate and/ or corrupt politicians are failing us as a people and a nation. We can’t change the law but we can change the people who make them.

Those among us who’ve been blessed with wealth, health, knowledge and/ or skills will be actively and regularly called upon to donate money, time and/ or works in the name of G-d, peace, country and humanity.

**Communities:**

***“The tragic death of Trayvon Martin, an unarmed child attempting to walk home from the store, will continue to drive our efforts to change those laws”***

***Mayor Bloomberg***

Crime, gangs, drugs and illegal gun violence continue to plague the country. Specifically, major cities like NYC, Newark and Detroit suffer terribly from these issues. Speaking as someone on the bottom and a former participant in the PTA I can assure you that the majority of these problems arise from a lack of money, empathy, opportunity and alternatives such as extracurricular activities. Pledged renewable funding must be set aside specifically for the execution of programs designed to address these issues**. It must be given to** **organizations proven to provide 100% assistance to the cause. They must be contractually employed and new ones established if not enough already exist**. City and State colleges are cornerstones of communities; as such, they should be required to have all of their students perform a set amount of community service- specifically and effectively (if they intend graduate) dealing with major issues burdening the neighborhoods that the college resides in and serves. The desire of the people and the will of newly appointed community members will be enforced so long as the spirit of hope, change, and peace are upheld.

Parents must be held more legally accountable for their children’s actions. Parents of children caught committing an offense must be legally required to participate in one of the community service programs addressing said offense.

Congressmen, Governors, Mayors, Assemblymen & women, Representatives, leaders from all houses of worship, institutions and educators will be called upon specifically and individually targeted to continuously participate in, devise new solutions for and promote the program to help individuals, their communities, local government, federal government and our Host Country participants as well as the Host Country itself.

**Companies**:

***“Calling on private sector to “step up” and help on jobs”***

***President Obama***

Big businesses such as Wal-Mart, AT&T, McDonald’s, Pepsi, M&M, Facebook, Apple, etc. for example should be required to donate a certain amount of profits annually to one of the organizations providing assistance to underserved and underrepresented people. They should agree to hire 95% of the staff from the residents of the town, city or state in which each of their companies are located.

Companies will be offered the opportunity to associate their businesses with the project and the U.S. government as part of the incentive package. Use of the program logo on their uniforms and products will be granted along with commercial advertising rights.

Companies opting not to participate will still have to contribute a pre-determined amount if they want to do business within the borders of any community within the United States. If individuals are required to pay a fine for not having health care just for being in this country then why can’t companies pay one for being here as well?

A coalition of governors and mayors must be formed across the country to back each other’s play and defend the people in fighting against any negative responses from companies. They must see to it that ALL funding goes to where it’s intended and the targeted demographic is aided.

**Government**:

***“…an absolute betrayal of working class Americans”***

***Sarah Palin on the Immigration Bill***

While the President is working on the status of immigrants in this country, the American people shouldn’t be overlooked in favor of big business profit gaining through the hiring of illegal immigrants. Companies not willing to comply should be sanctioned (penalty, specified or in the form of moral pressure, that acts to ensure compliance or conformity) so to speak. The power of the Legislative branch...the Commerce Clause gives Congress unlimited power to regulate business.

***“I think it’s very important to fix a broken system, to treat people with respect and have confidence in our capacity to assimilate people”***

***George W. Bush***

Illegal immigrants and refugees who still hold citizenship in the country they’ve fled from should be given priority to participate in this program and must contractually agree to return to their home countries to be the change makers there, attest to America’s generosity, and bridge and build on the friendships and foundations they’ve established with this country and theirs. If they can improve the lands from which they come, they’ll be less likely to flee to others for help. We will help them help themselves.

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