



女孩要勇敢而不必完美

题目：Teach girls bravery, not perfection

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So a few years ago, I did something really brave, or some would say really stupid. I ran for Congress. For years, I had existed safely behind the **scenes** in politics as a **fundraiser**, as an **organizer**, but in my heart, I always wanted to run. The sitting **congresswoman** had been in my district since 1992. She had never lost a race, and no one had really even run against her in a **Democratic primary**. But in my mind, this was my way to make a difference, to disrupt the status quo. The polls, however, told a very different story. My **pollsters** told me that I was crazy to run, that there was no way that I could win.

几年前，我做了一些非常勇敢的事，或许有些人会说很愚蠢的事。我参选国会议员。很多年来，我安全地存在于政治活动背后作为资金筹集人，作为组织者，但我的内心，我一直希望参选。我所在选区的国会议员女士从1992年起担任这个职务。她从未输过一场选战，没有人真正认真地在民主选举中与她竞争。但在我心中，这就是我创造不同的方式，改变现状。民意调查，然而，显示出完全不同的故事。我的民调专家告诉我我要参选简直疯了，我不可能会赢。

But I ran anyway, and in 2012, I became an **upstart** in a New York City congressional race. I swore I was going to win. I had the **endorsement** from the New York Daily News, the Wall Street Journal snapped pictures of me on election day, and CNBC called it one of the hottest races in the country. I raised money from everyone I knew, including Indian aunties that were just so happy an Indian girl was running.

但我还是参选了，在2012年，我成了崛起的新秀参选纽约市国会竞选。我发誓我会赢。我得到了《纽约每日新闻》的认可，《华尔街日报》刊登了我在选举日的照片，美国全国广播公司财经频道称之为全国范围内最热的选战。从我认识的每个人那里筹钱，包括印度阿姨们她们很高兴一个印度女生参选。

scenes

n.场景

fundraiser

n.资金筹集人

organizer

n.组织者

congresswoman

n.国会女议员

Democratic

primary

民主选举

pollsters

民意测验专家

upstart

n.暴发户

endorsement

n.认可

But on election day, the polls were right, and I only got 19 percent of the vote, and the same papers that said I was a rising political star now said I wasted 1.3 million dollars on 6,321 votes. Don't do the math. It was humiliating.

humiliating
adj. 丢脸的

但选举日，民调是对的，我只拿到了19%的选票，那张曾称我为新兴政治明星的报纸现在却说我浪费了130万美金在6321张选票上。不要算数字。太丢脸了。

Now, before you get the wrong idea, this is not a talk about the importance of failure. Nor is it about leaning in. I tell you the story of how I ran for Congress because I was 33 years old and it was the first time in my entire life that I had done something that was truly brave, where I didn't worry about being perfect.

现在，在你们得到错误观点前，这不是一个讲述失败有多重要的演说。也不是说女孩要向前一步。我讲述的故事是我如何参选国会议员的因为我只有33岁这是我人生中第一次做出真正勇敢的事，没有担心完美。

gravitate
v. 被吸引

And I'm not alone: so many women I talk to tell me that they gravitate towards careers and professions that they know they're going to be great in, that they know they're going to be perfect in, and it's no wonder why. Most girls are taught to avoid risk and failure. We're taught to smile pretty, play it safe, get all A's. Boys, on the other hand, are taught to play rough, swing high, crawl to the top of the monkey bars and then just jump off headfirst.

on the
other hand
另一方面来说

headfirst
adv. 不顾前后地

我不是一個人：太多女士曾告訴我 她們多么被職業和專業吸引 她們知道她們會做得很好，她們知道她們會非常完美，不足為奇。絕大多數的女孩被教育來規避風險和失敗。我們被教育要有漂亮的微笑，不要冒險，課程拿全A。男孩們，另一方面來說，被教育成要更加勇猛，衝擊更高的目標，爬上單杠最高的那層然後往下跳。

And by the time they're adults, whether they're negotiating a raise or even asking someone out on a date, they're habituated to take risk after risk. They're rewarded for it. It's often said in Silicon Valley, no one even takes you seriously unless you've had two failed start-ups. In other words, we're raising our girls to be perfect, and we're raising our boys to be brave.

当他们成长为大人，无论他们是在谈判加薪 或是约某人出去玩，他们习惯于接受一个一个挑战。他们也为此得到回报奖赏。在矽谷有这样的说法，没人把你当回事 除非你创业失败两次以上。另一句话说，我们教育培养女孩子们追求完美，我们教育培养男孩子们要勇敢。

Some people worry about our federal deficit, but I, I worry about our bravery deficit. Our economy, our society, we're just losing out because we're not raising our girls to be brave. The bravery deficit is why women are underrepresented in STEM, in C-suites, in boardrooms, in Congress, and pretty much everywhere you look.

有些人担心我们的联邦赤字，但是，我担心我们的勇气赤字。我们的经济，我们的社会，我们在遭受损失，因为我们没有教育女孩子们要勇敢。勇气赤字就是为什么女性 在科学技术工程数学（STEM）领域，在企业高管层，在董事会，在国会，在你所看到的任何地方都未被充分代表。

In the 1980s, psychologist Carol Dweck looked at how bright fifth graders handled an assignment that was too difficult for them. She found that bright girls were quick to give up. The higher the IQ, the more likely they were to give up. Bright boys, on the other hand, found the difficult material to be a challenge. They found it energizing. They were more likely to redouble their efforts.

在1980年代，心理学家Carol Dweck 观察研究了五年级学生 如何处理一项 对他们来说太困难的作业。她发现，聪明的女孩们很快就放弃了。智商越高的女孩，放弃的可能性越大。男孩子们，将困难的材料视为一个挑战。他们为此精力充沛。他们更倾向于双倍努力。

negotiate
v.谈判

habituated
adj.习惯的

start-ups
启动

federal deficit
联邦赤字

underrepresented
代表额不足的

boardrooms
n.会议室

redouble
vet.再加倍

What's going on? Well, at the fifth grade level, girls **routinely outperform** boys in every subject, including math and science, so it's not a question of ability. The difference is in how boys and girls approach a challenge. And it doesn't just end in fifth grade. An HP report found that men will apply for a job if they meet only 60 percent of the **qualifications**, but women, women will apply only if they meet 100 percent of the qualifications. 100 percent. This study is usually invoked as evidence that, well, women need a little more confidence. But I think it's evidence that women have been socialized to **aspire** to perfection, and they're overly **cautious**.

发生了什么？嗯，在五年级，女孩总的来说比男孩在各个科目的表现都要好，包括数学和科学，所以这不是能力的问题。不同点在于男孩和女孩如何看待挑战。这不止于五年级。一份惠普报告指出男性会递出工作申请如果他们只达到60%的招聘要求，而女性，女性只有在100%达到招聘要求的时候才会递出申请。百分之百。这份研究通常会被作为证据来说，嗯，女性需要更多的自信。但我认为这是证据说明女性长期被赋予追逐完美，她们太过谨慎了。

And even when we're ambitious, even when we're leaning in, that **socialization** of perfection has caused us to take less risks in our careers. And so those 600,000 jobs that are open right now in computing and tech, women are being left behind, and it means our economy is being left behind on all the innovation and problems women would solve if they were socialized to be brave instead of socialized to be perfect.

即使是当我们雄心勃勃，即使我们向前一步，社会对完美的要求让我们在职业发展中选择冒更小的风险。现在，在计算机和科技领域，有六十万个开放申请的工作职位，女性被抛在了后面，这也意味着我们的经济被远远抛在了后面女性可以解决的创新和难题如果女性被教育要勇敢而不是完美。

routinely
adv. 常规的

outperform
v. 胜过

qualification
n. 资格

aspire
v. 渴望

cautious
adj. 小心

socialization
n. 社会化

So in 2012, I started a company to teach girls to code, and what I found is that by teaching them to code I had socialized them to be brave. Coding, it's an endless process of trial and error, of trying to get the right **command** in the right place, with sometimes just a **semicolon** making the difference between success and failure. Code breaks and then it falls apart, and it often takes many, many tries until that magical moment when what you're trying to build comes to life. It requires **perseverance**. It requires imperfection.

在2012年，我创办了一家公司教女孩如何编程，我发现，通过教她们如何编程我令她们更加勇敢。编程，是一个无止境的过程 实验和错误，试着将对的指令放在合适的地方，有时只是一个分号 就能决定成功还是失败。编码出错了随后七零八落，时常需要很多很多次试验 直到那个神奇的时刻 你想要搭建的程序完成了。它需要持之以恒的努力。需要接受不完美。

We immediately see in our program our girls' fear of not getting it right, of not being perfect. Every Girls Who Code teacher tells me the same story. During the first week, when the girls are learning how to code, a student will call her over and she'll say, "I don't know what code to write." The teacher will look at her screen, and she'll see a blank text editor. If she didn't know any better, she'd think that her student spent the past 20 minutes just staring at the screen. But if she presses **undo** a few times, she'll see that her student wrote code and then deleted it. She tried, she came close, but she didn't get it exactly right. Instead of showing the progress that she made, she'd rather show nothing at all. Perfection or **bust**.

我们立即发现在项目里 女孩们害怕出错，害怕不完美。每个女孩的指导老师 都和我说一样的故事。在第一周，当女孩们试着学习如何编程，一个学生叫她过去 她说到，“我不知道要写那个编码。”当老师看她的屏幕，会看到一个完全空白的界面。如果她不知道原因的话，她也许会想 她的学生在过去的20分钟里 只是盯着屏幕发呆。但如果她点击几下撤销键，他就会看到她的学生 写了代码随后又删掉了它们。她尝试了，她接近目标了，但是她没有完全答对。比起展现她经历的过程，她宁可什么都不展现。要么完美要么什么也没有。

command

v. 命令

semicolon

n. 分号

perseverance

n. 毅力

undo

v. 解开

a few times

几次

bust

n. 破产

It turns out that our girls are really good at coding, but it's not enough just to teach them to code. My friend Lev Brie, who is a professor at the University of Columbia and teaches intro to Java tells me about his office hours with computer science students. When the guys are struggling with an assignment, they'll come in and they'll say, "Professor, there's something wrong with my code." The girls will come in and say, "Professor, there's something wrong with me."

结果显示女孩们 非常善于编程， 但教给她们如何写代码 是完全不够的。我的朋友Lev Brie， 是哥伦比亚大学的教授 他教授Java编程 他告诉我他对电脑科学学生开放的 咨询时间里发生的故事。 当男生们艰难应对一个作业的时候， 他们会过来然后说，“教授，我编的程序出了点问题。” 女生们会过来然后说，“教授，我出了点问题。”

We have to begin to undo the socialization of perfection, but we've got to combine it with building a sisterhood that lets girls know that they are not alone. Because trying harder is not going to fix a broken system. I can't tell you how many women tell me, I'm afraid to raise my hand, I'm afraid to ask a question, because I don't want to be the only one who doesn't understand, the only one who is struggling.

我们必须撤销 对女性社会化的完美主义， 我们必须要将这和 建立女性支持系统一起 让女孩们知道 她们并不孤单。 因为再努力地尝试也无法修补一个破裂的系统。 太多的女性朋友告诉我，“我害怕举手发言，我害怕问问题，因为我不想做那个 那个唯一不懂的人， 那个唯一挣扎的人。

When we teach girls to be brave and we have a supportive network cheering them on, they will build incredible things, and I see this every day. Take, for instance, two of our high school students who built a game called Tampon Run -- yes, Tampon Run -- to fight against the menstruation taboo and sexism in gaming. 当我们教女孩们要勇敢 我们要有支持她们的系统 来鼓励她们， 她们会有伟大的成就， 我每天都看到这些事。 举个例子， 两个高中学生制作了一个游戏叫做卫生棉逃亡。对，卫生棉逃亡-- 来反对游戏中的月经标记 和对女性的歧视。

struggle
with
与...斗争

undo
v.撤销

sisterhood
n.姐妹关系

Or the Syrian **refugee** who dared show her love for her new country by building an app to help Americans get to the polls. Or a 16-year-old girl who built an **algorithm** to help detect whether a cancer is benign or **malignant** in the off chance that she can save her daddy's life because he has cancer. These are just three examples of thousands, thousands of girls who have been socialized to be imperfect, who have learned to keep trying, who have learned **perseverance**. And whether they become coders or the next Hillary Clinton or Beyoncé, they will not defer their dreams.

或是叙利亚难民 她展示了对新国家的爱 制作了一款应用程序 让美国人轻松了解民调。 或是一个16岁的女孩 她建立了一套运算系统 来帮助测算癌症是良性的还是恶性的， 抱着一丝希望能救她患癌症的父亲。 这只是成千上万个例子中的三个， 成千上万个女孩 被社会化为不完美的， 她们学习如何不断尝试， 学着如何持之以恒。 无论她们未来会成为程序员 或是下一个希拉里·克林顿 或是碧昂斯， 她们不会推迟自己的梦想。

And those dreams have never been more important for our country. For the American economy, for any economy to grow, to truly innovate, we cannot leave behind half our population. We have to socialize our girls to be comfortable with imperfection, and we've got to do it now. We cannot wait for them to learn how to be brave like I did when I was 33 years old. We have to teach them to be brave in schools and early in their careers, when it has the most potential to impact their lives and the lives of others, and we have to show them that they will be loved and accepted not for being perfect but for being **courageous**.

这些梦想对我们国家来说 是多么重要。 对美国的经济， 对任何成长中的经济， 对真正的创新开发， 我们不能丢下半数的人口。 我们需要社会化地教女孩们 适应习惯不完美， 我们现在开始就要这样做。 我们不能等到她们 自己去学习如何勇敢 就像我33岁时那样。 我们要教她们勇敢 在学校 在职业起步的时期， 在能够影响她们的人生 以及其他人的重要的人生 重要的时期， 要让她们知道 她们会被爱被接受 不是因为完美 而是因为充满勇气。

refugee

n.难民

algorithm

v.算法

malignant

adj.恶性的

perseverance

n.毅力

courageous

n.勇气

And so I need each of you to tell every young woman you know -- your sister, your niece, your employee, your colleague -- to be comfortable with **imperfection**, because when we teach girls to be imperfect, and we help them leverage it, we will build a movement of young women who are brave and who will build a better world for themselves and for each and every one of us.

我需要你们每个人 告诉你认识的每个年轻女士 -- 你的姐妹，你的侄女，你的雇员，你的同事 -- 习惯接受不完美，因为当我们告诉女孩不必完美的时候，我们帮助她们平衡这样的关系，我们会有更多勇敢的年轻女士 这些女士为她们自己 和我们每个人建立更好的世界。

Chris Anderson: Reshma, thank you. It's such a powerful vision you have. You have a vision. Tell me how it's going. How many girls are involved now in your program? Reshma Saujani: Yeah. So in 2012, we taught 20 girls. This year we'll teach 40,000 in all 50 states.

克里斯·安德森：Reshma，谢谢你。这是非常强大的憧憬。你很有眼光。现在进行的怎么样了。现在有多少女孩 加入了你的项目活动？

Reshma Saujani：是的。在2012年，有20个女孩参与。今年，我们有4万名女孩 来自美国50个州。

And that number is really powerful, because last year we only graduated 7,500 women in computer science. Like, the problem is so bad that we can make that type of change quickly.

这个数字真的很厉害，因为去年我们只有7500名女性 拿到电脑科学的学位。问题很严重 所以我们才能快速做出改变。

CA: And you're working with some of the companies in this room even, who are welcoming graduates from your program?

CA：你和现在会场里一些公司合作 它们欢迎你结业于 你的项目的学生吗？

imperfection
n. 不完美

RS: Yeah, we have about 80 partners, from Twitter to Facebook to Adobe to IBM to Microsoft to Pixar to Disney, I mean, every single company out there. And if you're not signed up, I'm going to find you, because we need every single tech company to embed a Girls Who Code classroom in their office.

RS: 是的, 我们有大概80个合作公司, 从推特到脸书 还有Adobe, IBM, 微软 皮克斯, 还有迪斯尼, 我是说, 每一家公司。如果你还没和我们签合同, 我会去找你, 因为我们需要每个科技公司 都能够编程的女孩 在他们的办公室工作。

CA: And you have some stories back from some of those companies that when you mix in more gender balance in the engineering teams, good things happen.

CA: 你有一些故事 来自于那些公司 当公司性别更平等的时候 在工程队, 有好事情发生。

RS: Great things happen. I mean, I think that it's crazy to me to think about the fact that right now 85 percent of all consumer purchases are made by women. Women use social media at a rate of 600 percent more than men. We own the Internet, and we should be building the companies of tomorrow. And I think when companies have diverse teams, and they have incredible women that are part of their engineering teams, they build awesome things, and we see it every day.

RS: 太棒的事情了。我是说, 对我来说这样的事实 简直令人发疯 85%的消费行为来自于女性。 女性使用社交媒体的比率 是男性的六倍。 我们拥有网络, 我们未来会创建公司。 我想, 当公司的团队 更加多元化, 他们的工程队有卓越的女性, 他们会建造美好的建筑, 我们每天都看到这些。

CA: Reshma, you saw the reaction there. You're doing incredibly important work. This whole community is cheering you on. More power to you. Thank you.

CA: Reshma, 你看到了现场观众的反应。 你在做卓越又重要的工作。 整个群体都在为你欢呼打气。 希望你更加成功。 谢谢。

social media
社交媒介

engineering
n.工程

incredibly
adv.难以置信地

cheer on
鼓励