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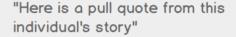
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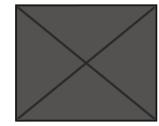


#### My Escape from the Iran-Iraq War

Shared by Dan Stover SHARED ON 10/5/17 COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Iran

I was born in Iran, and at the age of 10, my family and I absconded from the multi-systemic injustices and immigrated to the US in hopes of extended opportunities and freedom. I was about 3-years-old when the Iran-Iraq war started. My experiences as an immigrant child growing up in the US helped me gain an appreciation for the gift of life. This is because my immigrant story is tied to so much loss and despair....pain and anguish that has yet to heal 30 years later.





Through the years so many of my family members passed away (both grandmothers uncles aunts cousins), and I never got to see them again. I grew up here wishing that just for one holiday in my life I could have family around and feel the love that everyone else seemingly felt. Turning our backs on immigrant and refugee populations would mean we are no longer willing to nurture others like myself who have a chance to grow and contribute to what makes America already so great, I ask you to please continue to fight tyranny and injustice by keeping the conversation going. We cannot allow changes to the core American values that have been admired by the world through so many decades of exemplary practices of inclusivity.

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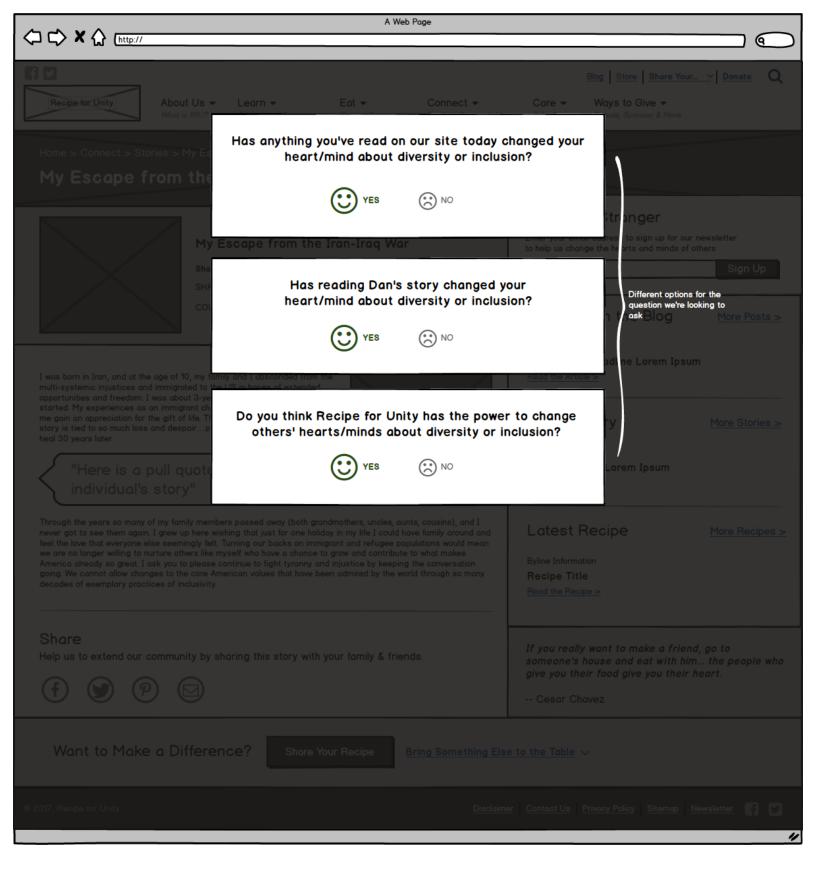
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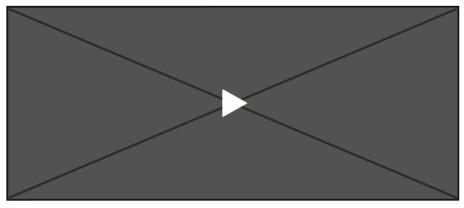
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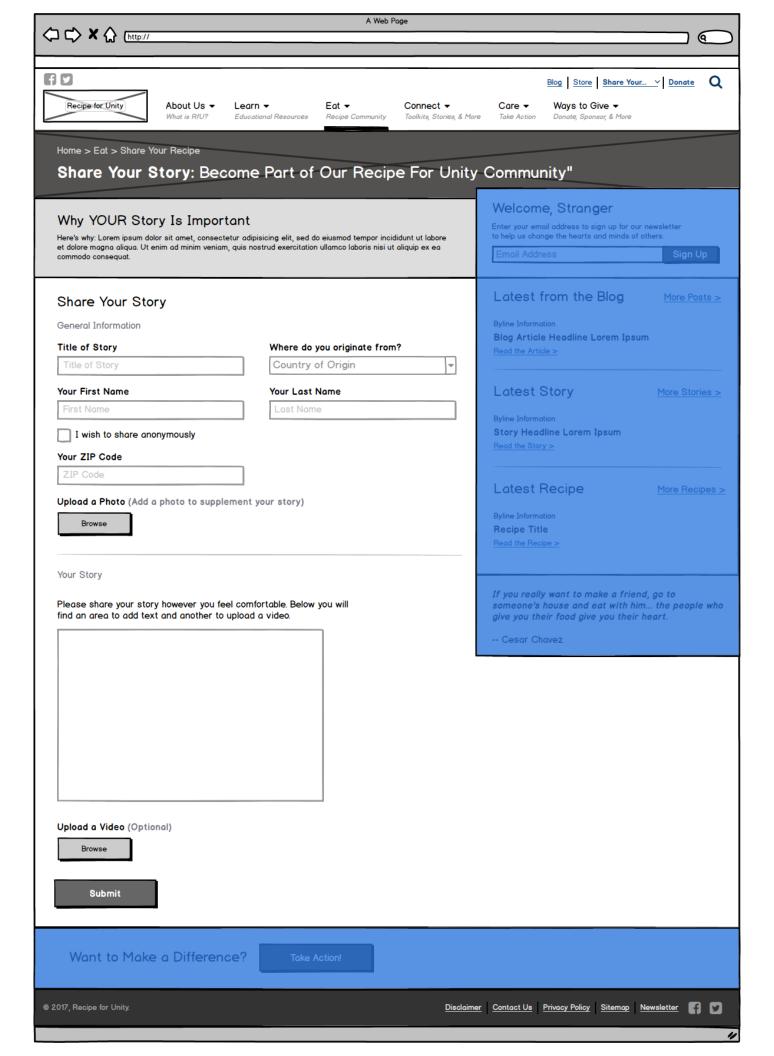
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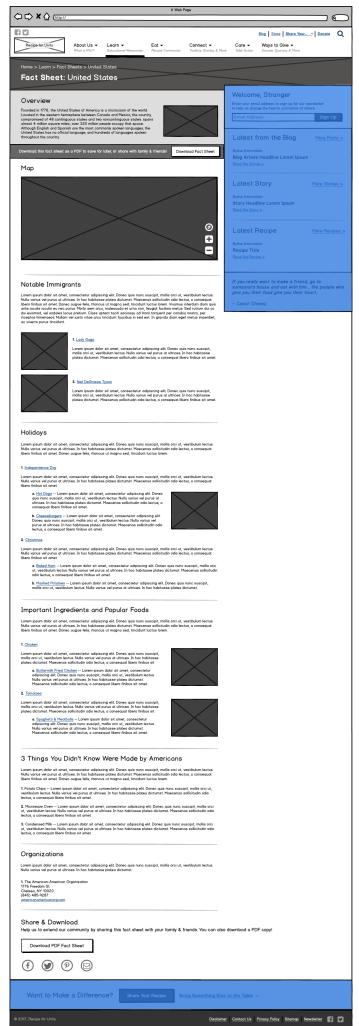
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