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Mr. Barack Obama
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White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
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Dear President Obama:

During the last seven years I have had the opportunity to broaden my knowledge and to expand my insight into the challenges of universal peace through living and traveling in Africa. The purpose of this letter is to share my knowledge from the position of an American business women and a citizen who was void of any international political, media, and humanitarian expertise or agendas.

I shall start by stating that it is of my opinion that mainstream America is ill advised on the realities of understanding, assessing and defending our core values and principles within the context of the international arena. It is my unwavering opinion that Americans are not falling behind in the matters of international diplomacy, economics and peace due to the lack of knowledge and skills; I believe it is our inability to share, explain and defend America's achievements and objectives in regards to equality, justice, freedom and happiness.

The United States achievements have and are being judged in isolation instead of utilizing our historical accomplishments to support the efforts of those people and countries who seek to live with the principles that our founding fathers established "that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights, among them are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". Sadly America's history is being distorted and taken out of context; instead of promoting the virtues of a democratic society we appear to be furthering the rationale for extremism, corruption and oppression.

One of the most devastating realities I have had to comfort is the growing and unchecked teachings of anti-Americanism, xenophobia and religious intolerance. Mr. President with all due respect the need to advise you on our military intelligence relating to radical extremism would seem imprudent. *However, as just as is our need to protect our country from extremist, I find it as critical and more important for the United States to confront and understand how the negative international "mainstream view" of America is fueling extremists and hindering efforts towards global peace.*

Mr. President it is my life experiences which have brought me to this moment in time, and I fundamentally believe that change is not altering the views of the tyrants or the extremists, it's uniting the goals and objectives of those who want equality for all, want freedom for all, want religious choice for all, and want happiness for all. Furthermore, it is my belief that America's inability to alter or position itself within the global framework is damaging not only our own efforts towards advancing our global economic development efforts; it is with disappointed

hindering our ability to support those people who seek the virtues of peace and democracy. Additionally, I do believe we are reaching a realistic and financial breaking point on how much security and resources will and can stop a terrorist; just maybe it is better to invest in uniting the good, instead of creating social fear and distrust which destroys Americas heart and soul.

The purpose of this letter is to focus on how I believe the protectors of peace and promoters of equality and democracy are unknowingly fueling anti-Americanism, which innocently gives the terrorists and the tyrants a false foundation for justifying, dividing and obstructing the world's overwhelming desire for universal peace. Interestingly, this historical tactic of the enemy dividing the good was utilized and defended by President Lincoln, President Jefferson, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela, Benazir Bhutto and Mohandas Gandhi. Which makes me question, why we have not chosen to listen and learn from these great political and spiritual leaders. History should serve as a tool to warn us that unless we unite for the principles of peace, our efforts will be destroyed by an enemy which is far more astute to the virtues of propaganda and hate.

Mr. President I have chosen to write to you directly, for I believe there are solutions that could change how America is viewed and respected within the international community. Furthermore I believe it is time for America to stand up and view ourselves in a light that is positive, one of pride, one of strength, one based on demonstrated accountability and proven progress, and most importantly one that is united and not divided.

My seven years in Africa has allowed me to fall in love with the hidden virtues of my America the qualities of humanity, pride, justice, acceptance, compassion, tolerance, freedom and humility. It is my America that wants to listen, wants to understand and explore, wants to have equality for all, and wants justice that is exact. I believe that Americas legacy remains in a core principle that with hard work and sacrifices any person can succeed irrespective of their race, religion, or political affiliation. From my experience this principle is the non-negotiable value which all Americans should preserve at any cost. Sometimes I believe the youth of America should not ask new and old immigrates why they came to America, but more importantly ask them to explain why they left their home lands. As Americans I think we have lost perspective or we have become complacent and immune to others plights and our own progress.

Mr. President I am well aware that a 48 years old white American woman has little power in facilitating the changes that are required at an international level or within the black and Muslim communities of America. That truth is a reality - for which I am sadden but ironically have to accept. Thus, it is of my professional belief that you are the person most suited to listen and to hopefully assist in leading a change in how American views itself and how we engage in international and domestic debates. On a positive note, I believe the solutions would take little time or money to institute, however people would have to be willing to listen and to open their minds to new perspectives and ways of thinking.

As I stated earlier, one of the most disappointing realization was recognizing how America and its allies have become some of the biggest facilitators in distributing and fueling the disparaging propaganda against America. It is of my belief that America's limited ability to understand and to recognize how our isolation within the international community has allowed those who are not

educated on real life democracy, real life equality and real life freedoms innocently misinterpret or take out of context America's history and achievements, especially relating to race and humanity.

It is my sound belief that the current messengers of international development and peace (academics, media, NGO's, politicians and the United Nations) continue to hinder and obstruct progress due to the inability to provide accurate perspectives and reasoning to international and domestic debates on peace, equality, humanity and justice. To give light to this point of view, Martin Luther King and Mahatma Gandhi both utilized Henry David Thoreau's essay "On Civil Disobedience" to refine their ideals and theory's on reform, peace, justice and equality. Martin Luther King stated that he "became convinced that noncooperation with evil is as much a moral obligation as is cooperation with good." Thus, Mr. President I am not tormented by the words of anti-Americanism, I am bewildered, saddened, anguished, by the effects that these words have on progress and furthering the causes of those who want peace, want equality, want happiness, and want to live in a safe, stable and democratically principled world.

It is my conviction that there are two core reasons that encourage anti-Americanism and diminish our ability to stand as leaders and facilitators of reform and peace. The first is Americas own inability to accurately report, analyze and lend perspective to the progress of our nation in respect to race, culture and wealth. Secondly, it's our innocence or naivety that the current messengers of international development and peace are delivering and implementing the strategies and building blocks that promote Americans principles of self-reliance, independence, tolerance, justice, pride, equality and peace.

It is my opinion that these two reasons exist because there has been no rationale based approach in defining what constitutes social harmony and equality when race, culture, and individual personality are situated within the context of democracy and globalization. Benazir Bhutto highlighted in her autobiography Huntington's argument "that globalization promotes xenophobia and cultural contempt rather than pluralism and tolerance". My time in Africa allows me to support this argument. However my experiences have also given me insight into understanding that global tolerance and pluralism will never be achieve unless we achieve these ideals first as individuals, families, communities, cities, regions and countries. It appears to me that we have decided to tackle tolerance at a global level before countries have established these ideals locally.

Mr. President my concern continues to remain that instead of defending America on its amazing accomplishments we have decided to overwhelmingly take the approach of passivity, under the pretense of diplomacy. I believe our inability to take and to share a rationale based approach to understanding our progress as a nation, hurts our morale, hinders our security, limits our freedoms and regretfully curtails our efforts to help others who seek peace and democracy. It is time for America and international peace professionals to lend perspective to international debates and to focus less on propaganda and self serving behavior to one which is truly based on independence and respect for differences.

My last seven years in Africa, can only be termed as transformative and educational, however my greatest passion lies in raising awareness to the financial and emotional damage that is being

wasted because we are unable to lend accurate, relevant, and balanced perspectives to those who seek equality, justice, and peace. Mr. President I believe the time has come to recognize why anti-Americanism exists and develop solutions to alter this disproportional and unfair assessments of our society.

It is my conclusion that world leaders who are seeking democratic virtues should unite to deliver messages that are tolerant and promote respect by utilizing history to lend perspective and provide guidance. Mr. President, globalization has the power to transform societies; however I believe anti-Americanism has threatened our countries identity which ironically hinders the advancement of democratic ideology.

Mr. President I believe any movement to changing propaganda starts with understanding how others function within their own societies and how this influences their assessments of America. The dominant influences in developing countries such as Africa are the dependency on governments, NGO's, media, United Nations and its affiliations. Where I believe an American lifestyle is influenced by private corporations, the media, a sports culture and our government plays a supportive role to our daily lives. Furthermore many of those who reside in the fields of development and politics reside in New York, Washington or Geneva, which I would argue has and is contributing to misleading concepts of American cultures and its peoples. My experiences have encouraged me to question, do these organizations create dependency or are they delivering and implementing strategies and building blocks that promote the virtues of self-reliance, independence, tolerance, justice, pride, equality and peace.

Now while trying to explain why America contributes to anti-Americanism we need to understand how our society evolved through upholding the principles of freedom of speech, equality for all, and exact justice for all. When experts judge a company's vision or mission statement they look to see if the company has developed and created the infrastructures, hired the talent and allocated the funds to achieve their objectives. Utilizing the corporate analogy we can now look to our countries history and reflect on our investments and polices focused on rule of law, freedom of press, civil rights, and discrimination.

Mr. President my time in Africa has allowed me to understand that our founding principles do more than shape our government; it influences how we think and act as people. Maybe time has hardened Americans and we have lost perspective on the virtues of not having freedoms, rights, peace and security. Mr. President I believe more time and effort needs to be placed on understanding that how we argue report and view Americas progress on race, culture and wealth influences internationals opinions and hinders our ability to engage in constructive and informative debates that are based on honorable intentions.

Mr. President I must admit that after seven years of accumulated experiences on anti-Americanism and racism, I am tired. It breaks my heart to recall hearing a prominent elderly black woman from Africa discussing on African television her concerns with American racism and the need to support the 44th President of the United States; it deflated my spirit when I heard a South Africa academic tell me a young black American student thought racism in America was worse than South Africa. It was dispiriting to see and hear that the educated youth of Africa are

already deeply influenced by the rhetoric of propaganda and tears form when I see the poorest children of Africa looking to the white man as their savior.

However, the agony of these experiences was I knew the truth. I was living in a region of the world challenged with deep hatred and social disparities and instead of sharing the experiences of how we have transformed America and might assist or advise in their development; we have their citizens, brightest minds, media industry and politicians focused on Americas perceived sufferings and challenges. Mr. President instead of being viewed as a partner our opinions are interrupted as ill-advised and of colonialist in nature.

Mr. President, I am a woman who grew up in Walpole, New Hampshire, I attended a State University in Indiana and I was fortunate enough to experience professional and financial success in San Francisco. My experience though at a lesser magnitude then yours, was the foundation for what I wanted the world to ascertain from your rise to the most powerful position in the world. I wanted the media, the believers in peace, the academics, the UN to utilize your success to show the world, what can happen when a country establishes the governmental framework that enables it citizens to succeed based on a man's accomplishment irrespective of their race, class, or religion.

I wanted the world to analyze and report on the policies, institutions, and the values that enabled the United States of America to advance to the point where a nation with over 300 million people could elect a President from a thirteen percent minority group that in the 1700's were classified as slaves. The story was more than how did America transformed its social disparities on race; it was an opportunity for the world to question and rationalize the propaganda relating to America's anti-Muslim culture. It was the time to challenge extremist through the use of factual evidence that your religion was influenced by Christian and Muslim faiths, and Americans were able to judge a man on his qualification irrespective of his religion. The world was to reflect on how a man could be elected to the position consider the most powerful job in the free world, without any historical wealth or class delineation.

I wanted the world to discuss and to put into context the civil rights movements, to reflect on how a group of highly education men such as Martin Luther King and President Kennedy were willing to die for minority rights. I wanted African elites and academics of all races to reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King's role in transforming our society, to understand how a man who was influenced by the great depression, raised by parents who were college educated, and lived in a community defined as average income contributed to transforming history. Lastly, I wanted the community of highly educated Africans who have decided to leave their countries to reside in democratically advanced countries to reflect on Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy. Here was a man that didn't need to worry about the anguish of segregation or to care for those less fortunate; however, he knowingly sacrificed his life, knowingly left his wife and children without a father, knowingly did what was just for the hope and belief that not only his children, but all children should have an opportunity for a better life.

An in the same light I wanted the world to understand the pride and unselfish attributes of the American majority population. Mr. President your presidency was not only the dream of civil rights leaders and black citizens it was the dream of our founding fathers and all American

citizens. It was the society that the majority of us have envisioned and worked towards and others have died and fought to create, preserve, and maintain. The world was to observe that not merely in words but in practice, America is a society where hard work, dedication and accomplishments are rewarded.

The world was to understand that we did not elect you into the highest office in the world because you were black, Americans voted you into office because you were the most qualified candidate for the job. That was the message I tried to share, that was the message I wanted every teacher in the developing world to explain, that was the message I wanted American children to embrace. But with disappointment the focus of your election became that of race and I can in part be proud of that fact. However, maybe the greatest moment in world history was lost because of our inability to lend perspective to our accomplishments in the context of global politics. Mr. President our country achieved the ideal of democracy, we validated the principles of men like Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Nelson Mandela and Abraham Lincoln and it is the dream that all people from minority groups aspired to witness in their own societies - to be equal to all.

Sir, my time in Africa has given me the opportunity to reflect on how majority groups can influence societies positively or negatively. My eyes have seen the torment that can be imposed on minority groups and on those without rights, voices or power. Thus, I want my fellow citizens who are classified as minority groups in America to view our country through a different prism; to understand there is a reason to be proud and to recognize that perfection has not been met; however there has been historical societal transformations which is unprecedented in the world. As harsh as my words may sound my experiences has allowed me to see that the majority population of America has taken the path of dignity and upheld the words of our founding fathers 'that all men are created equal'. Mr. President my time away from the United States has now allowed me to see that our majority race could chose to inflict unfathomable hardships on its minority populations, which are documented daily in the news and furthermore in the stories of our modern immigrates. Mr. President our majority population could choose to be tyrants, we could hoard our wealth, and we could use our power to be racist and inhuman; instead we choose to live in a society based on humanity and the belief that any man or women can become the President of the United States of America.

Mr. President I am not naïve, I have listened to all the arguments and positions against America by foreigners and from my fellow citizens, I have heard the lies and I have heard the truths. However it remains my conviction that none of it furthers the causes of humanity or provides the solutions to improve mankind. Instead the propaganda fuels extremism; disempowers children, and establishes cultural mindsets that take the path of isolation, negativity, and failure. Instead of sharing the qualities and institutions that are required to empower, motivate and give children a sense of pride, we pollute their minds with words of failure instead of enlightenment. Mr. Presidents, I lean towards the center and I am a believer of reason, logic and perspective. The crisis of anti-Americanism is found in those three words.

Mr. President, the overwhelming majority of people in this world are living in countries that are plagued with inequalities, income disparities, tribal racism, classism, majority rule, women and child abuse and xenophobia. Mr. President it is time that anti-Americanism is tackled, its unjust,

it's selfish, it's wrong. Furthermore, it is time that all religions, nationalities, and races recognize their role in altering the unfair evaluation and critique of our democracy in the context of global conditions. Additionally it is time that arguments are positioned through the global standard of minority and majority groups and populations.

Before attacking some solutions, I find it pertinent to discuss the military side of the arguments of anti-Americanism. The historical impact of our how our conflicts have impacted others and influence propaganda. However before I begin I must state that many believe the current onslaught of anti-Americanism is based on the Iraq conflict; however it my experience that the opinions and debates derived from this War lack reason, logic and perspective. If the argument is an abuse of power, it may be just, however in the context of self reflection it does seem to be rather benign when a white South Africa berates an American on the Iraq conflict, however forgetting the atrocities of Apartheid; a Muslim who argues against this intrusion of Iraq, however remains silent on the crisis in Darfur; the Europeans who teaches African children the ills of President George Bush, Iraq war and Americanism, while remaining silent on the plights of colonialism and the contributions of Tony Blair to war; and the Asian community who remains silent, when their voice could help to lend perspective to the challenges, violence, and impact of tyranny and dictatorships.

We have become illiterate in our arguments and void of perspective, I will be the first to state that the invasion of Iraq was unjust for the reason it was defined on the argument of having weapons of mass destruction. However, at the same time, I am able to lend perspective; although there were no weapons of mass destruction; our principle of wanting to stop tyranny is a cause that is worthy. Mr. President the hypocrisy remain in the fact that Americans and the United Nations are regarded as evil and selfish for the their delays in comforting human rights conflicts around the world, such as in the case of the Rwanda, Darfur, Germany and Kosovo genocides.

Disappointedly with Iraq the arguments becomes centered on theories and opinions that are situated within the context of America obsession with oil and the revenge of President Bush Senior, instead of understanding why the majority of Iraq citizens don't benefit from the riches of the oil fields and struggle with basic rights.

Thus, this is my argument in the international community, what is the goal, what is the purpose, what is the role and responsibility of the United States of America. Who decides when it's just to lend support, who decides who are the most vulnerable to needing AID, who evaluates the causes that are most worthy, who decides what race, nationality, and religion has the poorest, most vulnerable, most needy. Who decides if a child should have an education over an adult getting antiretroviral medicine, who decides if a clinic should be built before a sanitation plant is constructed.

The sustentative agreements I believe are needed and less emphasis placed on Americans woes, it's time to rethink our debates on race, culture and individuality so we can contribute to those in the United States that want the skills to progress and so we can help others outside of America. Sometimes on the arguments of immigration I think we have got it wrong, maybe instead focusing so much time in having people come to America, we try to help others so they can stay and live happily in their home lands. Provide people with the skills, resources and knowledge

that truly develop democracies and human rights. Its Americans goal to attract all the brightest minds in the world to further our economy and lifestyle, I think we might have it wrong.

The argument on America's racial divide, our cultural intolerance and our obsession with wealth has been excessively documented, redundantly taught, and widely disseminated. This at face value would seem fair except for the fact that generosity, minority success, and differ with popular opinion. It time that constructive debates are made in creating a rational based approach in understanding that many conditions that exist today are not based in racism, they are based on personality, culture and

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We use race to much in defining our problems with personal achievement, and we are wasting resources and energy on those who truly are inflected with racial intolerance. We need to ensure that new immigrates value the same rights as Americans, I see an erroson of the qualities that allowed us to build America. The intolerance, gender bias, racial problems others have in their home lands they are bringing here, we need to ensure they uphold our principles and do not make us into this cold and hard society which many of them came from.

Culture defined as tolerant and not assimilating to be like everyone. This must be addressed within the Muslim culture thus far it's we are intolerant to their life; I find this is a minority view. However I challenge the view Muslims have of Americas, and women. We are focusing too much on what others view of American instead of the problem being teaching tolerance.

Which is why if there is one message I can send it is those that we trust the most to

The role the historical lessons have on children, give perspective, take them out of isolation, give them hope to over come fear.

It would be my assumption that a society evolves; maybe we are not perfect however there is not a place in the world that is more cultural and tolerant than the United States. Has America evolved, yes and maybe the question to ask all the complainers is what in the world do you want. My fear for Africa is not the 40-80 years old views and opinions, it is the shocking thoughts and opinions the children of Africa have developed. I am so concerned with their inability or concern for others.

Today, I saw the last element of this whole perspective, which is if America changes how it views its condition and recognizes that we may not be perfect but we have done a pretty good job and maybe we should look at setting an example. Then maybe we should be asking the rest of the world to work towards supporting our efforts, instead of bashing us then maybe we (mainstream) would be more ready to help support the causes that other would like our help with, outside the typical political, activist, academic world. But doing what we have been doing is a waste of time, waste of money, and little long term change has happen. Solutions for changing. We are just to outdated, to project oriented, and to generalized and disbursed in our

efforts, MLK discussed that he saw this failing to many messages instead of a clear cohesive objective that is measurable and sustainable. We just have too many young kids with no experience or direction in the field.

AIDS biggest failure and sales job, set the wrong example, I think it is just an activist money target and has nothing or minimal influence in Africa to change longterm culture.

Interestingly, Benazir Bhutto discussed in her autobiography that during her time at Harvard, and I must say in her autobiography she stated “reality and intellectual honesty demand that we look at both sides of the coin”.

Instead of educating others to use their voice to further democracy we have unwillingly created voices to discuss Americans woes. I think this is the most unjust perspective we stand on our own we can fend for ourselves we can protect ourselves. This seems unjust. Academics and politicians should be helping others. African elites, etc. The children, the women, the

My generation wanted even one that worked hard, people who were kind, ethical and hard workers to succeed. Maybe the doors are not being open anymore, maybe the anger is growing because, people have worked for this grade of peace and equality and once we are almost there, we are told that whites and Americas are slaver owners. When no one else has been able to do anything for the minorities anywhere else in the world.

Maybe America has to focus not on race but how individuals succeed, for we have endless example from every minority group that has made it from humble existence. We have immigrants that arrive every year and create new business which they were unable to establish in their home lands. Maybe, instead of blaming everything on race it is time for us to evolve into understanding what are the principles or attributes that lead people to success and secondly the recognition that some people knowingly choose lifestyles that provide little stress, wealth or accolades, however they balance it with family time and less. It is time that Americans take responsibility for why they fail instead of blaming everything on race. Each day I hear the stories, the cab didn't pick me up because I was black, I am fat, I am muslim, I am gay, the driver is racist – how about reengineering how we think, maybe the cab driver didn't see you, maybe the cab driver thinks certain people tip better than others, just maybe the cab driver was from a foreign country and its own historical beliefs.

views of what America is and what it stands for within the context of the international world. When academics of all nationalities, when UN officials of all nationalities, when international media consultants of all nationalities and when United States government officials speak and propagate negative views distorted by personal gain and void of the principles of equality for all, or factual perspectives of America's history then it's time for Americans to ask questions. Did we evolve, did we fight for equality, did we create a society that is the most diverse and void of inequalities in the world to be called the tyrants and racists. Did the white population fight for and want minorities to have the same freedoms of the majorities to then have international academics and media leaders promote America as a mecca of racism. Has one lost all concepts of perspective: in Africa, black majorities have not allowed black minorities to evolve and news

papers spend more hours on American racism. Americans we should be ashamed that we are allowing the rest of the world to worry about America and racism, we should be using the strategies and principles that we used for the white cultures and the black cultures to promote equality and peace. We have truly lost all perspective within the global context of peace and equality. Our inability to know the truth of inequalities in other countries hinders our ability to defend America, however more sadly it hinders our ability to help those most afflicted by true injustices. Too much global time is spent on America and not the frontier mentality of developing peoples own countries.

Instead we have an international media organization that continue to harp on race everyday not recognizing how these views distort the media and those future generation. Their inability to understand the abuse in around the world

Redefining how Americans report and argue race, including culture versus race. WE have lost our ability to put our achievements into perspective. The inside of Lincoln highlights that slavery was 1.8 of the population. MLK highlights it is was 18% of black population and the majority prevailed. We have somehow lost this argument or lack of reality. Today we have the principles of slavery in many of these international communities.

We are dumb Americans and listen to this diplomacy that is hurting and allowing others to ridicule us and instead of taking the rational and principles that allowed us to get to such an integrated society we have taught kids to hate the racism of America. We have taken the wrong path. This is because the majority of Americans are lacking in international perspective and when we get into business discussions, we have no idea how to respond, because it is not our America, it is one that is distorted.

(Personality anger, moody, rude; cultural: identification, customs; democracy, (low, middle, upper class). (Tami this is your frustration with UN and Africa, they make them unique and that everyone has to be like them, no its teaching the world to judge on character, ethics, moral standing, passion for religion or faith (no matter religion). Tolerance for personalities, dress, culture, it's not assimilating to be alike its striving to respect even though we are different.

Do people even know what race and culture is, I believe the United Nations is creating and teaching a principle that one must speak the same language, dress the same way, talk the same way, and believe the same thoughts. This is also a principle with the Muslim world; we are not focusing enough on cultural and religious tolerance. The good people of the world should be working on judging people on their characters, on their purpose, on kindness. Somehow we have lost the basic principle that there are idiots that are Americans, Africans, Asians, Australians, Europeans, there are people that are evil that are catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Christian. However these people are the minority in all cases and we need to care less about the external and more about our purpose and internal conditions. Gandhi recalled an experience that transpired with the Indian writer Narayan Hemchandra before attending a meeting with a cardinal he recalled commenting on his dress, Narayan responded with “ You civilized fellows are all cowards. Great men never look at a person's exterior. They think of his heart.”

Instead of allowing people to state these arguments of slavery on the Americans, war on the Americans. I am sorry our inability to state excuse me more kids are killed by HIV/AIDS due to morality, the colonization argument, when we have apartheid supports trashing Americans and Americans defending these views in the context of diplomacy we have lost everything that is American. We are not sharing the principles that have allowed us to grow to. Sometimes I sit and listen to the words of America, we are materialist, greedy, loud, and racist.

Is it time to recognize that racism will always exist however just maybe America is not the slavery ridden hate place for blacks but the only place in the world where cultures from around the world are integrated. Culture I hear over and over that it's a bunch of white people living in that neighborhood so that is racist, you do not talk the same language so you don't appreciate others, you don't dress that same way so you are not as worthy. This injustice is as bad as racism. The UN I do blame extensively for this, don't one of our past spiritual leaders is such rhetoric. Cultural tolerance is you judge people on their honesty, character and their values not on their country, religion or color. The international foundations of peace in my opinion must change this concept to ever stop exist or to promote peace. We are allowing the extremist to fuel and divide the good through principles of racism. We must change our arguments we change how and what we are trying to achieve in the world. If communities want to be muslim, jewish, white irish, or congo, French, that let them. Why when a white polish, white French, white irish choose to develop communities its not racist however when muslims, Indians, etc do the same we are so quick to use this as benchmarks of race. Just as I believe that communities that are based on politics, arts, and international careers will reflect a more ethnic diversity, however I would argue that all are fine and that the principles of racism is not determined by its populations.

I must be able to articulate :all countries must act on their own : I think I have its against anti Americanism, I believe we have a right to defend ourselves.

My ultimate frustration remains with the academics, media professionals and political leaders who continue to misrepresent our country's progress in isolation and in relationship to the world. Furthermore, the image projected through the mediums of TV, print and the internet appear to be directed towards extreme minority views, built on the premise of shock, which divides instead of unites America.

In addition to these two reasons one cannot forget to mention or question the roll of media in disseminating information which is most often used as a tool to promote anti-Americanism and to distort the progress of our nation.

The first perspective that I believe needs immediate and careful analysis is the responsibility of media in directing and facilitating extremism or peace, hope or despair, promoters of equality or racism, development of women or the sexualization of women, leaders in development of children or the demise of our children. The role of TV, radio, print, cable, satellite and the internet are global and how each story is interpreted and applied is base on peoples own experiences, perspectives and countries, this core factor is going unchecked and needs careful consideration.

With all due respect to a powerful industry, I do believe that media has fallen into the role of dividing the good through selective and minority thinking and programming. This is evident in how reporters have taken the extremist / radical Muslims point of view and transferred that into the majority view for all Muslims. This strategy is not only racist, however more importantly it is dangerous for it alienates a population that is overwhelming good and wants peace. Instead we have created an environment where the majority of the Muslims are on the defensive, instead of being our supporters in fighting terrorism and promoting the virtues of freedom and equality.

Furthermore the media infatuation with the sexualization of women is a minority segment of our society, how it is the majority view in TV programming. The consequences again I believe are going unnoticed and unchecked, the damage it is doing to our majority society which does not reflect those values. If media giants want to repeat the same arguments Americans buy it so we produce it, should think again, just because a 6 year can drink wine doesn't mean you give them wine, just because a child wants candy for dinner instead of chicken, doesn't mean you give it to them, just because people want to kill us because you produce hate TV does that mean you produce it. In Africa people watch desperate house wives, Jerry Springer, Soap Operas and murder shows, thus we are exporting an image I do not understand. Again this is how people view and form opinions, they meet very few Americans. What they know about Americans come from media and our political leaders. So why do we not value or expect more of this industry, we are concerned with international money, international AID, but we don't think about how your international image is created. Could we not give free PBS licenses instead of free concerts.

We are rewarding those who are tyrants and extremist with media time, I have to ask the moral question does money and rankings justify altering the moral code of the majority of society. Our need to over sexualize and report on the most negative stories is destroying and furthering extremist's rhetoric about the minority negativity of American society.

It has become evident to me that its time global leaders focus less on nationality, sex, religion and the age of its business partners but more on their intent and how their efforts will benefit their people in the short and long term. One of the most disturbing trends I saw in Africa, was how globalization had the ability to attract some of the worst Americans, worst Chinese, worst Africans, worst Europeans, etc, for these men are willing to establish businesses or work in environments that promote corruption, dismiss injustices, and tolerate human rights violations.