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We Must Do Better

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We must do better as a community to foster: volunteerism, national social loyalty, economic parity, private social responsibility, considerations of the charter school educational experiment, or education reform, and to end corruption in government.

We can start with education. Our education has to not only teach us the basic rudimentary educational sciences of Arithmetic, Biology, and Social Studies. It has to do it in the correct way respective to our reality, history, and at the correct time, and format. Learning practical math earlier will give any child more time to master arithmetic at higher complexities through practice, creating more opportunities and choices.

We can start to learn about our own biological science in school: our melanin, our digestive system; how is it different, and is our diet filled with options that is not good for our specific digestive system and a cause of obesity, heart disease, diabetes and other health problems? Understanding our own unique peculiarities can lead to better health, longer life, and inspire the community to value life. Value the culture of cooking at home and not spend 30 minutes in a Wendy's line. A national focus on our health in school during the formative years can lead to more local nurses and interest in health or medicine. Our children and our people are a national security issue and our greatest natural resource. Studies have shown that people in better health make better choices.

Our nation needs to be ran by a government that is smaller and focused, something that does not need 15 senators or that redistricting can solve. Our senators are overpaid and so also arguably are our governors. We have a bloated government, that cannot sustain itself.

We have some major private businesses not providing health insurance for their employees while raking in huge profits with food prices 100 - 150 percent higher on average to stateside prices and there is no stopping them from having a heart. No government or senator can speak to the owners and say 'what's up with that?'

We don't have enough social responsibility. Our people need culturally relevant events and informational enlightenment every year, repeating the same things at times until we get it solidly in a generation's head.

For one, if we can come up with national solutions that are highly evolved to the difficult challenges that we face, we will look sincere in trying to solve these systemic problems that plagues us: crime, poor transitions of life cycle to success, and a non-manufacturing portion of our G.D.P.

We can do better. May the year 2020 cause you to look back and see our way forward together.