

Look at the young generation 借用年輕人的智慧

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They're here not just to, receive ideas, and be told, what to do, but to transmit their own knowledge and ideas. And this generation is a generation of content creators. This is a generation, of YouTube and Face Books, or My Space, who are very comfortable using the net to transmit their own knowledge to present their identities. And I think that makes us, have to look at young generation not just as persons in the making, but as active agents. As people who we have to bring into the conversation. Increase their participation, recognize their voices and make them part of the decision making process.

And when we look at the challenges that they face, I think there is a vertical challenge, and there is a horizontal challenge. There's a vertical challenge between generations. But I think the more important one is the horizontal challenge that exists among youths of the same age but in different countries. So it's the geographic challenge that we face. I think young people nowadays know what's out there, they're very well informed, they know what opportunities are, they know what they can achieve, but they also know that their chances of making it are greatly hindered by where they are born, where they live. Their geography is sometimes determined by their destiny. Their opportunities are sometimes limited because of the, situation in which they live. And I think trying to bridge that geographic, gap is one of the challenges that we face across the borders.

Education is one of the greatest equalizers. Technology helps us to standardize the quality of education, and it feels inherently unfair to me where all of us enjoy Internet access from our homes, offices, schools, whereas many millions of people languish in a digital desert where they don't even have the basic infrastructure to support just the most basic communication tools. So I think that gap is one that we really need to focus on.

It is my great pleasure to have the chance to address you today. Thank you very much.

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