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The biggest reason we need Latina leadership lies in our communal inability to understand our inherent inability to actually comprehend why we have created the particular situation we keep trying to blame others for our personal suffering.

Even though a significant number of us actually are in endless pain and suffering because of their particular situation, that is entirely avoidable, at minimal societal cost, as has been utilized in other, admittedly more advanced countries, outside of these not so United States.

It is a fallacy that we are "exceptional" just because some European runaways kidnapped a number of Africans, stowed them in their cargo ports and dragged them, bound in chains, to this land, which was previously inhabited by truly Native tribes of the honest Americans, although they never Anglicized their territory, like we did by naming this country after Amerigo Vespucci, for political reasons I still cannot ascertain, although I leave that to the wealthy white men who inhabit mansions that are eerily familiar to Barbie's dreamhouse, with golf course style lawns that are lacking as much character as their legal philosophy they have "slapped" onto our Democracy, just to staunch the incessant bleeding of money, lives, and resources that we have come to affix a price onto, given that we live in a world of our own making where the only aspect of our society that determines value is its price.

We are in such dire need of a shift in focus of these Values.

I, for one (*who stands with the vast majority of our general population*) believe that money will be worthless when I can no longer purchase essentials such as clean air, healthy meals, safe housing, and the promise of a peaceful future.

Miss Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez also thinks like I do, and she has worked as hard as she was legally allowed to so that she could help her constituents begin to realize their own American dream, which we, as a nation on the old prosperous patch of Earth should be able to utilize to create a truly stable society that will be the model for other nations, be they developing countries or dysfunctional

democracies that aspire to be as free and accommodating as we have the potential of becoming.

So, to summarize, Miss Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez knows exactly what we can do to achieve the true Perfection that was only imagined, in rudimentary form, by our Founding Fathers, many centuries ago, long before they could ever imagine the extent of both our national and global development.

But, as a species, we have surpassed even the wildest dreams of our founding fathers, and it is now time for us to catch up to the "Beast" we have created and unleashed upon ourselves, with minimal forethought before we "released the Kraken"