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Dear Madam or Sir,

I am extremely interested in applying for the position of Operations and Communications Associate. I, along with Michael Moore, was one of the few to have predicted that Donald Trump would win his bid for Presidency with a promise to "drain The Swamp." In its job description for this position, New America is correct in the contention that the coming years will be an "unprecedented political situation here in the US, [in which New America] will face greater challenges and threats to [their] mission than ever before." And, I am exactly the person to provide the help to New America, that it is going to desperately need.

I am well-versed in the advancements of Internet technology in the past decades, as I have been researching and examining them extensively from a variety of perspectives. Not only have I been following the development of Internet software as business solutions closely over the years, but also issues concerning cyber-security. If Democracy in the USA, and globally, is to survive in the current political arena, it is essential that an open and secure Internet be assured. I am particularly familiar with the opportunities that an open and secure Internet can provide to communities and businesses, and why I came up with the idea for Global Expats in 2006. I am also well-familiar with the detrimental effects an insecure Internet has to political systems, economies, and societies; on top of entrepreneurial efforts of individuals, particularly women-lead businesses, due to my challenges of the past decade in creating Global Expats.

Victims of domestic violence (DV) are particularly vulnerable to cyber-security issues, and are well-familiar with the various forms abuser use to stalk and harass victims. (They must be, in order to survive.) Policy-makers could learn much from victims of cyber-stalking, and computer hacking, **if** victims were given a voice. Unfortunately, instead of protection and assistance from the judicial systems, victims are being revictimized, marginalized and silenced. As Karen Winner states in her book, *Divorced from Justice: The Abuse of Women and Children by Divorce Lawyers and Judges (1996)* "gender-neutral laws are being used as tools of discrimination and abuse against women, with a ferocity that seems unparalleled in modern American history. Women are now legally being ordered to give up their children, their home, their economic security. The fact that the undermining of the laws intent has taken place under the noses of the state judicial branches nationwide—and been openly acknowledged—makes this phenomenon all the more shocking."

As you can see on my resume, for the past 9 years, I have been preparing a case against the Spanish government on violence against women (VAW) as human rights violations, challenging the 2nd jurisprudence of VAW as human rights violations, *Gonzalez Carreño vs. Spain*, 2014, (CEDAW) of "inadmissibility due to judicial error, and a failure to exhaust." What I prove in my case against Spain, is that "judicial errors" are not errors, but rather deliberate manipulations of greedy and misogynistic divorce lawyers. While it had always been my intention to develop a career; due to 8 international moves in 20 years (and efforts of my ex-husband to keep me out of the work-force), I ended-up as a stay-at-home mom, and "trailing-spouse" to an expatriated Spanish banker—with no regrets, until my divorce in Spain. During my divorce, and attempts at re-insertion into the labor-force in Spain in 2004-'08, and in the USA in the past 8 years, I learned to what extent western feminists have increased the oppression of women, instead of 'liberating' them.

Before, the feminist movement, upper and upper-middle class, married women were oppressed because they were prevented from working in the remunerated work-force. Now women in society are oppressed, because if they 'opted-out' of the work-force (for whatever reason), society and family courts, consider them 'parasites' who should be 'ashamed of themselves' for not having gone out and "gotten a REAL job." These women, and their children, are 'marginalized' into destitution, with victims of domestic abuse particularly vulnerable to predatory customs in housing and labor markets—further eroding their rights, and increasing their marginalization, in society.

Feminists since the '60s have fought for the "right" of upper, and upper-middle class women to work outside the home after marriage. However, the misogynistic rhetoric, of these "defenders" of women's rights, and their disdain towards stay-at-home moms and 'trophy-wives;' is worse than the disdain women received from husbands and societies, in post-WWII American suburbia. It was Betty Friedan's book, *The Feminine Mystique*, and the 'Problem That Has No Name' that gave rise to the western feminist movement. President of New America, Anne-Marie Slaughter's book, *Unfinished Business: Women, Men, Work, and Family*, praises feminists (like Betty Friedan and Gloria Steinem) for breaking free of "stifling stereotypes that confined women to a world in which their identities were defined almost entirely by their relationship to others: daughter, sister, wife, mother." However, what Ms. Slaughter fails to realize in her analysis is that the ideological base of Friedan and Steinem were completely opposite. American feminists, like Steinem, are responsible for the alpha/dominance rhetoric and ideologies that dominate the social norms, and "invisible hand" in the USA; and which has rendered women more oppressed than she was before the feminist movement. 'Working women' are oppressed by the 'Second Shift' (Hochschild), and 'Stay-at-home' moms, are oppressed by their ostracism from the remunerated work-force, if they attempt to 'opt-back-in' after having raised a family.

In 1981, Betty Friedan sent a heartful cry to feminists like Steinem, with the publication of her book, *The Second Stage;* calling for a 'beta' construct, as opposed to the 'alpha/dominance' construct feminists like Steinem had been promoting, and I quote,

Contemporary feminism has taught us to reject the values conventionally associated with our sex. We are expected to pursue the male standards of success... simple dominance, either by winning the rat race or, if all else fails, by dominance over women... Through the 1970's we argued what kind of equality we wanted. Did we want equal access to the same system or the power to change it? Can you change the system only by becoming a part of it? Once you are in it, does it change you instead? We discovered that it is easier to fit in than to restructure. When the "male" standard is regarded as the "higher" one, the one with the most tangible rewards, it is easier for women to reach "up" than to convince men of the virtues of simultaneously reaching "down." It has proved simpler – though not simple, God knows –for women to begin traveling traditional (male) routes than to change those routes. It is simpler to dress for success than to change the definition of success.

Trump won the elections, with a slogan to "Make America Great Again," and Hillary Clinton lost with her slogan to "Keep America Great," because as Michael Moore points out 'America' was never 'Great' to begin with. The history of the USA is plagued with human rights violations, injustices, and oppression of racial groups, as well as women and children. In the present paradigm, names, gender, skin-color, and age of the oppressed, and their oppressors have changed, but the 'Rules of the Game' have not. One of the major reasons Clinton lost, was because the Democratic party, and the Clinton political machine, have lost touch with the reality of the American people. Many people blame the fact that the Clintons remained on the East Coast after Bill Clinton's Presidency, and did not return to Arkansas. However, the failure of the Clinton camp (and Democratic party) to understand the realities of those in Middle-America and the Bible-belt (who voted for Trump, out of spite for those in "The Swamp") is not entirely the fault of the Clintons, but rather the result of many different social movements in the past 60 years. Decades of urbanization; promotion of minority rights; affirmative action programs in education and the work-place;

women attaining positions of power in the workforce; escalation of corporate greed and the power of multi-nationals; break-down in the rule of law, and erosion of rights of citizens (due to rampant greed and negligence within the legal profession); on top of banking systems and financial markets which are increasingly unstable, due to concentration of high-risk/high-yield investing, greed, corruption, and lack of accountability (the list goes on and on, and are covered in my blogs and reports); is responsible for the present oppressive paradigm in "The Swamp."

At present, financial markets are being artificially inflated, but will eventually collapse. The economic crisis that will follow, will be worse and more profound than that of 2008. During my 7-year tenure at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), I read all the reports and papers IMF economists should be reading, and understanding, but are not. Apart from human rights law, and human rights standards, another academic arena where I have always shown exceptional excellence is in international economics. In addition to successfully predicting the '08 financial collapse a year before it happened, I received a near perfect grade in an international economics course at GWU, which even the "econ. majors failed at least once." Not only did I obtain a 98% on the mid-term, but I tutored fellow-students, who passed the final, as well as the course. In my coverage of the IMF/World Bank Spring and Annual Meetings 2016, I have déjà vue with the economists in the IMF and World Bank, and my fellow-students in GWU in '85, and professor Robert Dunn.

While economists at the IMF, under former Managing Director Dominique Strauss-Kahn, were effective in crisis management, in the aftermath of the '08 crisis; since then, they have failed to properly prevent another financial collapse from developing. The documentary, <u>*The Inside Job*</u>, and Michael Lewis's non-fiction book, <u>*The Big Short: Inside the Doomsday Machine*</u>, expose the dysfunctionality, and level of greed and corruption within banking systems globally, with the Americans at the Lead. In Ms. Slaughter's book, *Unfinished Business: Women, Men, Work, and Family*, "Part 1: Moving Beyond Our Mantras," she refers to Betty Friedan and *The Feminist Mystique*,

When Betty Friedan wrote The Feminine Mystique, she titled her opening chapter "The Problem That Has No Name." She described it as "a strange stirring, a sense of dissatisfaction, a yearning that women suffered in the middle of the twentieth century in the United States." She began to believe that it laid in the "discrepancy between the reality of our lives as women and the image to which we were trying to conform."

The "sense of dissatisfaction" that Friedan felt in the early '60s was not just a "dissatisfaction" for women, but rather a "dissatisfaction" as to the "reality of our lives" and the "images to which we were trying to conform" for women, as much as men. While I grew-up in the '60s and '70s, I never identified with feminists, as I found their rhetoric too 'man-hating'—and as my research has since shown, it was. Susan Faludi, in her book *Backlash: The Undeclared War on Women*, explains how the 'patriarchal rights' movement, supported by 'conservative activists' in the Reagan Administration (ie. Phyllis Schlafly), were a backlash to the extremist, alpha/dominance feminist movement, of Smeal, Holmes Norton, Steinem, McKinnon, etc.; who instead of promoting a holistic women's rights movement, promoted a "women make it in a man's world" ideology, and paradigm.

In 2014, I began blogging on a Spanish, women's professional networking platform, Womenalia.com, entitled 'Having It All,' as well as for the Huffington Post, and Linkedin. In these blogs, I explore many of the same issues as Anne-Marie Slaughter did in her article "Why Women Still Can't Have It All," (*The Atlantic*), and her book *Unfinished Business: Women, Men, Work, and Family*. However, since I 'opted-out' of the work-force in the late '80s, and have been 'marginalized' and rendered destitute by misogynistic family courts, mediators on the HuffPost and Linkedin are silencing me, in violation of my freedom of speech, rather than promoting my rhetoric. Since my return to Washington in '09, I have been lobbying feminists and women's rights groups to build coalitions, and examine issues from an intersectional, holistic, and human rights perspective. However, no one has been interested in listening to

victims of domestic, and legal abuse, nor have they been interested in working together. One of the reasons men are better in "building" Revolutions is their superior ability to build coalitions, and work towards the betterment of the community, rather than themselves and their off-spring.

In 2010, I met with one of the lobbyist of the many 'window-dressing' domestic violence NGOs in the USA, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV). She told me what was needed was a new 'Women's Rights' movement, like the Civil Rights movement of the '60s. So, in the interim I have been producing the rhetoric necessary for that movement; which is essentially the same rhetoric as Ms. Slaughter's in the past 5 years. However, at present it is imperative, that this rhetoric (which is similar to that of Riane Eisler, and Betty Friedan's in *The Second Stage*,) be transformed into reality. It is imperative as well, that this rhetoric be given a 'Voice' in the White House, Congress, Justice Department, State Department, and throughout "The Swamp." Not only do women need proper legislation that will protect their rights, but they also need the jurisprudence that will effectively implements that legislation, under human rights standards. The elevated level of apathy, ignorance, and immorality that is the dominating force in Washington—is why Donald Trump won the elections with a promise to "drain The Swamp."

A good friend of mine from India (married into an extremely wealthy Indian family), once told me that in India husbands could say "I divorce you, I divorce you, I divorce you," take a woman's children, and throw her on the street with nothing—adding her husband would not do so, due to the social norms of the Indian elite, and social stigma of doing something so cruel to a woman. And, I thought "how horrible to live in a country where women have no rights." Unfortunately, it was I, the American in Spain, a country with one of the most progressive Constitutions and legal systems in the world, that suffered the same demise of the poor, Muslim and Hindu women in the Middle-East. What this anecdote demonstrates is that it is not the laws which guide a society, and community, but rather the social norms of what is commonly considered 'acceptable' behavior by the Ruling Elite. The obsession of western feminists over the Muslim's Veil is rather ridiculous, given the dire state of affairs of women in the USA and Europe.

As explained in my report <u>*FfD: A Midsummer Night's Dream*</u>, it was Nancy Reagan who was the dominating force during the Reagan Administration and responsible for enculturating *laissez faire* politics, and apathy for the plight of women in society, that has dominated the political scene in Washington since then. Hillary Clinton in her memoirs, *Living History*, explains how the Clinton Administration was not more effective in implementing REAL change, because the Clinton's were 'outsiders' to the Power Elite in Washington. Obama's Administration was plagued with the same challenges, during his tenure as President.

The coming years under the Trump Administration, are going to be difficult for anyone concerned with protecting democratic procedures, freedom of speech, women's rights, civil rights, human rights, etc. Ms. Slaughter, and New America, has produced much of the rhetoric and ideological base needed to confront the trials and tribulations that will come during the Trump Administration. However, this rhetoric must be transformed into reality on Capitol Hill, in the White House, in the Justice Department, and in the State Department, as well as in the international organizations that permeate "The Swamp." I believe my life experiences and research in the past 4 decades, would be of great value, and assistance to New America in fulfilling its mission, during the difficult years ahead. I have included my resume for your perusal, and I would appreciate the chance to further discuss this opportunity with you in person.

Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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