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Dear Mr. Birnbaum:

I am coming to you to alert you that MSNBC has inadvertently omitted Andrew Yang's photo on your slate of all Democratic 2020 Presidential candidates. Despite the fact that a handful of your hosts and hostesses interviewed Yang, his photo is still persistently left out from your Network screen at this writing, to my knowledge. If that has changed, please enlighten me by replying to this email.

I would like to mention a few of your shows broadcasted nationwide here as a reminder. Andrew Yang's photo was not included

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in a recent Andrea Mitchell report on Democratic Presidential Candidates 2020. I am deeply troubled by the absence of his photo as MSNBC is my top of the list watch of all T.V. shows/ programs. I prided that you report accurate, fair, democratic and complete news.

Moreover, it appears to me just about all your MSNBC talk host shows from Morning Joe to the 11th Hour have reported very few (& limited airtime) almost next to nothing, Andrew's policies for America. Morning Joe gave him 5 minutes & 20 seconds and Andrew Yang did not come in till the very ending session of his show. I woke up at 3:00 AM (PT) and waited until 5:50 AM (PT) to catch a glance of this interview.

I twitted to just every MSNBC host/ hostess I watch daily about this situation. As of this writing, nothing came back to me. This includes the following names: C Mathews, C Hayes, R

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ents were immigrants from Taiwan. He is an American and he loves America like all Americans, if not more. Please check him out.
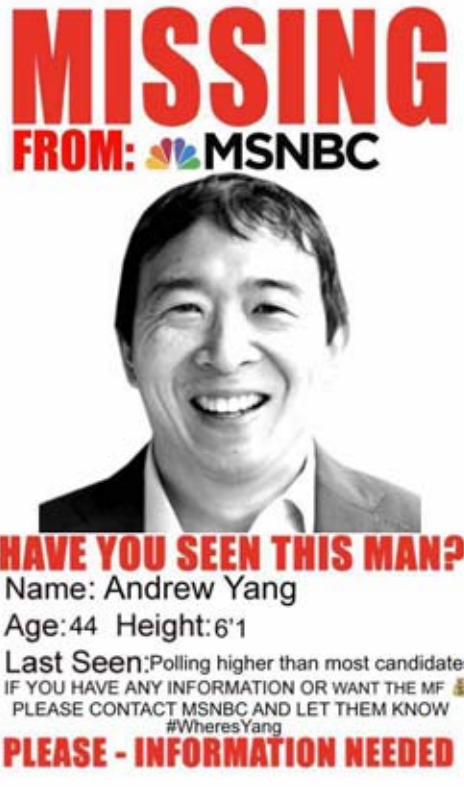
I sincerely hope YOU will look into this situation and fix it. It is not right to ignore (whether intentionally or not) a Democratic Presidential Candidate who really have something to offer our country without announcing him and letting Americans know. This negligence has already seen by some as deliberate disregard of people's will or DISCRIMINAT-TION against Asian Americans on the part of MSNBC, of which I hope you will prove these people wrong.

Maddow, L. O'Donnell, and B Williams, the hostess of AM Joy and so forth.

Andrew Yang was one of only 6 candidates who had met both the polling (greater than 1%) and number of individual donors (greater than 60,000; now more than 100,000) as required by DNC to be included in the first two debates scheduled for June/July. Why is this fact not reported by your shows?

Andrew Yang was born in New York City, New York and his par-

Thank you for your attention and I wait for your reply soon.
Sincerely yours,
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Dear Readers,

If you have been following the U.S. Presidential campaign of Andrew Yang, you may be aware that Leadership of the Democrat Party in Iowa noted that "Mr. Yang has the most detailed and comprehensive set of policy proposals we have ever seen at this stage in the campaign." As one who has been voter for over four decades, I believe it may be fair to say that Mr. Yang has the most detailed and comprehensive set of policy proposals that I have ever seen at any stage of a campaign.

Fortunately, as Mr. Yang details his ideas, vision and policy proposals on a wide variety of subjects, voters can begin to have a national conversation on them and I will be writing a series of articles covering a number of his proposals of which this is the first.

I was particularly intrigued by his vision to change the way we measure the health of our economy, from GDP and the stock market to a more inclusive set of measurements that ensures humans are thriving, not barely surviving. Mr. Yang's idea to create a new measurement brings to mind the ancient Greek concept of

By Cynthia

"Eudaimonia," perhaps best translated as "human flourishing" and is derived from words meaning "good spirit."

GDP, an abbreviation for Gross Domestic Product, by contrast, was never intended as a comprehensive measurement of human flourishing, nor even as a comprehensive measurement of the health of the economy, but rather was conceived as one of a number of indicators of the health of the economy. However, oversimplified thinking led some to equate GDP with overall national economic health which in turn oftentimes leads to the fallacious corollary that GDP is necessarily an indicator of human flourishing. Considering that there are many factors not included in the GDP calculation, such as whether people are earning a living wage, Mr. Yang is correct in noting that GDP cannot be expected to be a measurement of human flourishing.

Mr. Yang proposes creating a new measurement, stating "We need to evolve our measurements of economic value to include things that matter to us," noting also that this will provide "a clearer and more powerful sense of how we are doing both individually and as a society." He suggests that a new measurement would include factors such as Median Income, Standard of Living, Health-adjusted Life Expectancy, Mental Health, Childhood Success Rates, Social and Economic Mobility, Absence of Substance Abuse, levels of criminal activity, among others.

Some countries have already created such a measurement, with the Netherlands developing a "Wellbeing Index," and while Mr. Yang has not yet decided upon a name for his new measurement, he likens the concept to an "American Scorecard."

As an aside, in a witty play on President Trump's famous MAGA hats (Make America Great Again), Mr. Yang's supporters sport MATH hats (Make America Think Harder). It occurs to me that as many words have more than one meaning, MATH is also an acronym for Make America Thrive Holistically, which also supports Mr. Yang's policies. Whatever descriptor Mr. Yang ultimately decides upon for his new measurement, he can't go wrong using MATH as a multi-entendre subtitle!

What do you think of Mr. Yang's proposal to create a new measurement to describe the economy and human flourishing Comments and questions are welcome: ecj2@cynthiascenturies.net