## America: Where do we go from here?

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Where can America go from here? America is made up of over 300 million people. When asking where America can go, you have to think about everyone that question includes. There are many people who are struggling right now for many different reasons. The people in this country need to work together to create a positive change that will help those who have been affected by any challenge. America needs to come together and work to reach common goals: advocating for optimistic change and helping those who have been experiencing hardships.

Some people may have been experiencing challenging times for a while, or they may have just recently been affected by them. Some people may have even been going through difficult times that had started previously and were only amplified by the effects of the pandemic. Sadly, challenging times are nothing new, but that does not mean we should just accept them and live with them while there are people who are struggling every single day. We need to address and correct these challenges. Anybody with solutions should make their voices heard, whether it's on a local, state, or national level. From calling for change in your community, to writing letters to your district or state representative, to voicing concerns about a problem you see affecting people throughout the country, every single action counts when it comes to making a difference that will help those who are going through difficult times. We have the right to advocate for change, and we need to use it.

This is just the beginning, though. After making concerns known, this is when work needs to be done to reach a solution; this involves unity. Without unity, achieving a common goal may become more difficult as people stop working together. Working together will allow for everyone

to help each other during their efforts to help others and create change. This change can take many forms, from expanding educational opportunities to providing adequate housing for people who are without it. It can take the form of giving assistance to those who have been affected by the pandemic or providing support for veterans. Change can be applied to many areas and has the potential to improve the lives of millions of people who are experiencing hardships. This is why it's vital that we come together to accomplish it.

So, where should America go from here? Every American should use their right to advocate for change. Everyone should make their voices heard so they can be a part of the progress that will provide a better future for those who are experiencing challenging times. There are over 300 million people who live in this country, and sadly, many of them are facing a challenge of some form. For example, the pandemic we are currently facing has tested our resolve. It has devastated our way of life as many families have experienced severe illness and even lost loved ones as well as their financial security. Those who are able have the responsibility to work together to help create a better future for everyone. We have the responsibility to not only look out for one another now, but to keep that effort going and look out for each other in the time that lay ahead. America's future and the future of everyone who lives here depends on how we help people today, so we must come together and unite to make that future a better place for everyone.