

In these few minutes, I would like to frame three lessons from your Pomona education that I encourage you to take with you as you leave this campus.

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publicly, in the hopes that others will not recognize a fact as a fact. Then such an issue can be presented as a subject on which different conclusions may be drawn and on which further study is needed.

But this denial of objective reality corrupts public discourse and is fundamentally contrary to

f the twentieth century was a time when there were big problems but also the confidence that new ideas could help the country to address them. We face an even larger set of problems at this point in our history, and I hope that your education has taught you that, now more than ever, we need big ideas and the commitment to make significant changes. A retreat into thinking small and reflecting wistfully on the past will not help us to move forward.