

Presidential Body

As the hands of the clock tick their way into a new era, the nation calls for change, and the system calls for an election; an election in which the previous persona leaves the floor for to a new political persona to take the light. This shift symbolizes the birth of renewed thoughts, diverse opportunities, and even revolutionary progress. Hence, it is told that our president is the representative and international reference to all countries. In other words, he is the face of the country. To that, I must object. We have seen throughout the years the result of an absent figure in our community. We have witnessed the devastation that comes after the dysfunction of the presidential body which is one of the reasons that lead us to the dystopia disguised behind a state. Therefore, not only should the president be the “face of Lebanon”, but he or she must be its heart, hands, and mind as well.

First and foremost, love drives behavior, just as my generation has seen in books, movies, and songs. When a husband loves his wife, he puts her needs before his in everything while he gives his heart to provide for her. When he loves with all his heart, he does not lie, deceive, or hurt. Rather, he provides, protects, and serves. Similarly, the next head of the state should fall blindly in love with his country to the point of self-sacrifice to save his beloved princess from her demise, just like the lover in romantic fairytales would do. A good commander would never prioritize the needs of a different society over his. Even more, he should work hard to unite his own society under the love of the flag. Like that, the president would not only be the face of Lebanon, but her heart as well.

As the hands of the nation, the next leader must surely have a hand in the economy. Work and productivity are crucial steps towards economic growth and should be the top priority for our representative. A body with no hands will forever be dependent on other’s provisions. Alas, that is what we’ve seen in Lebanon for ages and that is what reflected unto our public debt and budget deficit. Our president’s incapability to be present in our economic reality has led to some of today’s crises. This reality has opened the opportunity for international “states” to try and benefit of our weak “state” or status. Hopefully, our new political persona can and will hold Lebanon up with his/her own hands, for it to see the light again!

Most importantly, what makes a successful president is his inner world, his mind. Scientifically, the brain is the source of all nervous communication and is the basis and home of the decision-making process. An exceptional mind births exceptional ideas and innovations that transform any current disaster into a blessing.

Furthermore, what Lebanon needs the most are solutions which stem from a well-researched and educated brain. And for that reason, we, the Lebanese youth, will refuse to obey a closed mind unable to take rational, objective decisions unadulterated by any political alliance and greedy personal needs. Nonetheless, we shall faithfully obey a woke brain willing to absorb ideas and throw new ones on the line.

In conclusion, the presidential body should be able to work in sync with itself, and to reach its peak performance, it must be of a young physique. Lebanon will be a challenge to govern, especially in these hard times. Ergo, we are in dire need of a wise but young persona to lead so they can be the voice of the people. However, for them to be the voice, they must speak our language, the youth's language of diplomacy, peace, freedom, and human dignity. In a nutshell, I am aware that the density of responsibilities of the president are much bigger than for me, a mere 17-year-old girl, to comprehend. On the other hand, this country has forced me into maturity, awareness and craving for a Lebanon that suits me.

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