Economic Crisis = New Beginning

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I believe the economic crisis can provide a new beginning. We could take this opportunity to change many systems that are not working for our government and the people.

First, there is a problem with having an economic system that is based on greed. Greed caused the collapse of large banks, which has hurt all of us. Institutions in our society should be based on good values, like accountability and equality.

Second, we should fix our healthcare system, which fails to keep us healthy. Our government should make healthcare affordable for all with or without insurance, so everyone can have access to health care.

Third, we need a new kind of education in this country. We need schools that make students think and learn how to solve problems. The younger generation needs to learn about new technology, green ideas, and new areas of marketing, medicine, art, music and community planning.

Finally, we should find ways to make our communities stronger. Community is so important. By helping each other and being available for each other, we could think of the ways change could begin. This crisis is giving us a chance to change, to think differently, and to welcome positive alternatives.

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A New Economy is Possible!

Nothing is written in stone about how we organize our economy. People came up with the current systems we have for producing, consuming, and working. And people can make changes in those systems if they organize themselves to do so. What are some changes you would like to see? Use the chart below to organize your thoughts. (Recreate the chart on a separate sheet of paper so you have more room to work.)

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