

# MANIFESTO

People have a need to perform. The love this generation has for celebrities causes a mindset, you are only worth anything if you have an audience. Social media has capitalized on this need, they have created a platform for people to perform to each other, creating the illusion that people's opinions have value to everyone. It takes the right person at the right place at the right time to make a significant difference. I am not that person, most people aren't. I'm a 20 year old straight white male, there were no barriers that I had to overcome to get where I am. Why would anyone care about my opinions or what I have to say, which is ironic to everything I am writing about right now. Manifestos are often failed by their creators, they lose sight of origin, blinded by the power and fame presented to them. It is almost as if the new goal of this generation is to achieve that 'power and fame' without the need to represent their political point. To make a difference takes an abundance of passion and complete humility, both things I happily lack when it comes to politics. I believe there are people who want to make a difference, they do not want personal recognition but only recognition of the topic they have a passion for. There are also people who seek fame, using a political stance as a moral justification to reach their goal. Who can blame them, they've been raised in a performative culture where it is believed that the larger your audience, the more you are worth. Based on my artifact I should be saying how humanity is destroying the planet, but that is not my personal manifesto, I would be lying. I created the artifact to represent the environment we live in, how, like the fire, peoples need to be heard is overpowering.