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Howdy,

I hope this finds its way to Suzy Amis.

My name is Paul Kulas. I'm writing you from Eagle, CO.

I have a blog that only my wife and occasionally her sister reads, it's here:
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I heard about the school from listening to Suzy Amis in the Rich Roll podcast. Rich and I have met.

My comments are sharp and critical. But I hope you find them to be respectful. It is not my intention to hit below the belt.

I believe it was Hemingway who said, "I didn't have time to write you a short note, so I wrote you a long one".

I'm not against capitalism, I'm not fond of handouts. I've been a tech entrepreneur since 1989, I'm by and large behind the thought that only the strong survive. However I believe that giving back and paying it forward are the fabric of our country. I don't believe in organized religion. But I think the Bible is a cool story. The #1 indexed phrase in the Bible is "help the poor".

In the podcast I got that Suzy wanted to align herself with giving back and helping others. That seemed to be a charade. Because most, if not all of what Suzy had to say in the podcast had zero connection to either.

Suzy made claims to the effect that Muse could be brought to children everywhere and that the Muse model scales. She inferred that the Muse model would reach the masses. How on earth could any of what she eluded to be true when tuition is \$28,000 per student? Surely you must agree that at even half that cost, tuition would still only be affordable by the uber rich.

Suzy voiced concern for children. Again, inferring all children. But instead of using her resources to call attention to what's wrong in public schools and becoming part of an effort that truly is far reaching, all I could ascertain is that she's chosen to help the classes. It seems to me that the underlying message of your school is, "public schools aren't good enough — so we built our own, because we can". That your message essentially boils down to, "our kids are the chosen few". Please explain how anyone but sycophants such as Rich could come to any other conclusion than what you've built is a walled off garden for the children of the .005 percent?

Is it that you think you're raising children to somehow go on help those less fortunate? But if they look at you as an example, aren't you a contradiction to that? Again, @ \$28k per student or half of that with student aid, who can afford to attend your school?

It's easy to see why conservatives feel the way they do about liberals, because of all the double speak. My parents were Democrats, I'm a registered Democrat. I'd rather vote for Bernie, but that would take votes from Democrats. So I'll hold my nose and vote for Hillary.

All conservatives have to do to get their fodder is listen to Suzy on the Rich Roll podcast. Suzy went on and on in the podcast about how her school is somehow part of some intangible effort, that'll at some point make its way to children everywhere. She was basically talking trickle down education. Trickle down didn't work for Reagan, it's never worked. Suzy claimed to be helping children, as if to mean children up and down the socio scale. But she conveniently left out the cost of admission. I found this to be so misleading, that she might as well have been giving a speech at a fund raiser for Republicans.

But the real kicker was the silence to one of Rich's questions. Suzy's silence, spoke volumes. About halfway through the podcast Rich asked Suzy about how the Vegan lifestyle (my wife and I are Vegan) could make its way to "everyone". Suzy paused. Then she fumbled for something to say and paused longer. After about 20 total seconds of silence she said, "I don't know".

Suzy's right, she doesn't know. She clearly doesn't know how her school will benefit children everywhere, probably because that's not the plan. She doesn't know how the Vegan lifestyle will get to those who need it most, because she most likely doesn't care.

If Suzy really wanted to make a difference she'd put her kids in public schools, then go volunteer at a public a few days a week. Instead, she's too consumed with making movies and fame, so she can build bigger fences around her children.

What our schools need are more parents being there helping. What our teachers need are higher salaries. It'll be a great day when teachers are wealthy and Suzy's husband has to have a bake sale to make a movie.

The people who need the most help aren't getting it and people like Suzy are a big reason why. Children of the middle class, children in depressed areas are falling farther and farther behind in education. The gap between the haves and the have nots is getting wider by the nanosecond. Only those with the means can afford to eat Vegan — go to Whole Foods and see for yourself.

People like Suzy have the means to make a difference. But instead of doing so, she gets on podcasts such as Rich's, which are basically one long celebration of each other

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Suzy is a walking talking testimonial to all that's wrong in our country. She builds a school that only her Hollywood friends can afford. Instead of using her ranch to grow vegetables, then bring the Vegan lifestyle to the inner city, she chooses a startup (redcarpetdresses.com) that's about consumption — the very same thing she claims to be against. The sunflower solar panels are great. My wife and I have solar on our home and office building. But solar is expensive, it's a luxury that most can't afford.

Instead of yet another startup that no one needs, solar that most can't afford, why not take that money and go into the poorest parts of Los Angeles and start a community where people walk to work? A community that creates good paying jobs with health insurance? Instead of a school that only children of the super rich can afford, or supporting a startup (thrivemarket.com) who's goal is eliminate yet more small businesses, why not convince companies to open offices in the inner city and hire people from the neighborhood?

Where we're heading (already there?) is a knowledge based economy controlled by a few corporate goliath's (Apple, Google, Amazon, Facebook, a couple others). If Suzy and her liberal friends really were who they say they are they'd be going into the inner city to teach kids what it's going to take to make it in said economy.

If Suzy really cared about bringing Vegan to everyone, she ought to stop preaching to the choir — rich white people. She needs to get the memo that they get it. No, they got it. Going on a podcast that reaches affluent white folks sells movie tickets, but not much else. People who are worried about paying rent or the mortgage (i.e. those on the other side of Suzy's fence) don't have time to listen to Rich. I wish Suzy would get that the focus should be an all hands on deck effort to bring the Vegan lifestyle to those who need it most — the 99% that are lower in the food chain.

I listened to Suzy. I tried to give her the benefit of doubt. But her actions and silence say it all. Sorry. Seems to me that all Suzy cares about is what she can see and feel within the walls that insulate her from reality. Your campus is proof positive.

Finally. I called twice to talk about my thoughts. I thought I was respectful. I was hung-up on both times. The very definition of liberalism is the discussion of all ideas and thoughts. If Suzy is a liberal, Gore Vidal is rolling over in his grave.

And you wonder why, what's going in the world? Never mind. It's clear to me those problems don't concern you.

Sincerely,

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