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In the Saturday, 11 February 2023 edition of the Gazette on the editorial page under the title

VIEWPOINTS, was the question, " What are the reasons to love America?.

Patrice Onwuka answered it this way, and I quote, "..only in America can a poor "guy off the boat speaking with a thick Croatian accent rise to become one of the most successful businessmen and recognizable TV personalities today. 'Shark Tank's "Robert Herjavec. Only in America can a little Canbbean girl raised in a poor, crime -ridden Boston neighborhood go from watching PBS talk shows to regularly appearing on PBS as a commentator. That's me." Unquote

Newt Gingrich, in his book "Defeating Big Government Socialism" stated and I quote, "At its core, American exceptionalism is based on the belief that regardless of the background, gender, status, class,

or race, your only limits to success and advancement are your own self-doubt and effort." Unquote

According to Mr. Gingrich, a case in point is that of Alexander Hamilton. (1) Hamilton was born out of wedlock on the island of Nevis in the Caribbean in the 1250's. (2) His father left both his wife and son.

(3) His mother died while Hamilton was still young. (4) As an orphan, he came to America in 1772. (5) Citizens on the island raised money which allowed him to attend King's College in New York. (6) He took up the colonial cause and at the age of 17 and I quote, “wrote anonymous pamphlets that were so discerning they were thought to be

written by John Jay. "Unquote. (7) Rising through the ranks,

Hamilton became Washington's aide-de-camp. (8) He studied law after the war and passed the New York State bar exam (9) Hamilton was a delegate from New York to the constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787. (10) He wrote more than fitty of the eighty-five Federalist Papers. (11) Hamilton became the first Secretary of State. (12) He established the first Bank of the United States, according to Mr. Gingrich, and quote

Hamilton's rise from bumble beginnings to become one of our nation’s most

consequential historic figures embody the spirit. drive, and achievement that define Americanism.

Patrice Onwuks finished her reasons to love America. with this "Only in America do people of different back grounds, beliefs, and experiences defy the odds to change the trajectory of their lives and

their descendants' futures for the better. If we're not vigilant, the American exceptionalism that others risk their lives and life savings to experience will disappear.