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Hi Julie, Steve,
I also wished to make a point about the G20.

Okay for a start I understand its origin and purpose however, its structure is highly unethical, biased and can be self-serving.

Here we have 20 of the top financial countries in the world discussing international financial stability. Last time the G20 was held in Brisbane Barack Obama held a discussion with students on climate change? How does that fit in with the objectives of G20. From the media review it seemed like half of those 20 countries didnt arrive on time, didnt participate in the discussion and most just ignored Putin because of his reluctance to take ownership of the role of his army in bringing down a jet plane amongst other things his followers have done with citizens.

So what i am saying is that Australia is part of the G20 but we are saying to the world we are rich and you who are not in the G20 you are poor and we are going to make decisions for you. How about this why not invite every country to attend the meeting via Skype or other secured teleconference line to avoid all the security costs associated with this meaningless exercise of rhetoric from one country to another. I find it frustrating to know that a less financial country misses out of high important talk because it doesnt have a strong currency.

The foreign policy talks about fostering good citizenship and supporting countries in need which is all good but allow the other countries a voice in these affairs.

The G20 is a case of the haves and have nots and any country that is part of the G20 is just saying to the rest of the world look at me we have our finances in order and we are rich and powerful and we can influence you. How conceited is that. Invite all countries to participate and develop strategies with the country or countries that may need help but ask them for their opinion and advice as to what has happened in their country and how they got to be in a financial mess.

Either get rid of the G20 or invite all who wish to participate using technology instead of travelling to the particular country and wasting money on security. Every G20 meeting is going to be a security nightmare and an opportunity for terrorism.

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