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The world was robbed of the 21st-century Twin Towers most of us always wanted.

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**James Donalds** Citizens of Other Nations 8/21/2013

I was only five years old when 9/11 happened. I just remember waiting for my parents to take me to school, but their jaws were wide open on the horrific news coming from the television. Obviously I didn't know a thing that was going on at the time, but the fact that I still remember that moment astonishes me and makes me realize that I remembered it for some purpose. Obviously this day must be remembered for all. The Towers should and will be rebuilt. Their not only a significant symbol but an engraving footprint to humanity for strength, beauty, and peace. Not just for the nation of America, but for other nations around the world. Rebuilding these Towers will reunite us and bring us closer. Please rebuild the Twin Towers.

**Chelsea Green \*** Citizens of Other Nations 8/21/2013

**Gabriel Castro** All Other Americans 8/17/2013

The World Trade Center Towers were the symbol of our great Nation. We need to rebuild because we need to show those Terrorists that America will never stay Down.

**Matthew Adams \*** All Other Americans 8/16/2013

I think it's easy to say it's too late for this to happen or the current plan is done, but we must understand that the current plan being built was not brought upon us in the right way. This subject on rebuilding the Twin Towers has been a primary focus for me since 7th grade I am now heading into Sophomore year, I have never stopped believing that the 1,368 ft beauties will rise again because they had much higher expectations for the future rather than the 28 years they stood. I have come to appreciate all the things said by others on this site because we all believe one thing and that is that these iconic buildings need to rise again. Thank you and god bless.

**Xion Sparkle** All Other Americans 8/7/2013

**Scott Will** All Other Americans 8/7/2013

From early childhood, I had viewed the Twin Towers as the most magnificent architectural wonders I had ever seen. I was so enchanted by them. This enchantment only grew over the years, I had to be able to see them one day, to see them with my own eyes. I never got the chance, they were destroyed before I could. I can feel so much empathy with the loss of life and the deep helpless emotion that we have all been robbed of something that runs so much deeper than their physical, awe-inspiring presence, it's our spirit and what they represented to the people of New York and the world. The Twin Towers should

**Lisa Studdert-Kennedy** Citizens of Other Nations 7/12/2013

I visited New York in 1995 with my dad and sister. The World Trade Centre was the first place we visited. We went up the South Tower, all the way to the roof. I still remember looking over and seeing the ariel on the North Tower. It made a buzzing noise on our video camera.

Those buildings were so iconic of NY and the skyline simply isn't the same without them. My jaw dropped when I saw the pic of the Towers looking golden in the sunlight- I keep saying to my sister that the Twin Towers should be rebuilt, and coloured gold! I wish they would rebuild the Twin Towers and am all for your efforts to get it done!

**Evan Wightman \*** WTC Tenants Who Would Return 7/4/2013

I want the twin towers 2 to be built. I want them built because they symbolize our country, our nation of our freedom. We deserve the right to choose on what the tower design should be and not the design of the freedom tower. I went to New York City 2 weeks ago and saw what they were doing. I was disappointed. I wish that they would rebuild the twin towers the right way instead of the wrong way like they did with the freedom tower. We can still do this if we all join together and say we want our symbol back of our country. WE want the twin towers back and make them stronger then ever before.

**John Reardon** All Other Americans 7/1/2013

I believe the twin towers should be rebuilt. That would be the most respectful memorial to those who lost their lives on that world changing day.

We will never forget.

**Jorge Bartlett** Citizens of Other Nations 6/24/2013

My fascination with the twin towers is unique like many other people's stories. I don't really know where to start. I didn't even know what those towers were called on 9/11, I just remember seeing them from somewhere and I thought they were really awesome. I was 7 when they were destroyed and I've missed them ever since. I think it's fair to say that people like them more now than ever before. It's that sense that you don't know what you've got until it's gone.


I live in Portugal, but I'm English, but I remember seeing those twin towers appear on TV quite regularly in movies, music videos etc. At the time (pre-9/11) I didn't really take much notice of them, I was only a very young boy (5 and 6 years old). The biggest moment though was the Limp Bizkit video does was shot on top of the WTC at night and for me, it's just

rise again in sure defiance and triumph over evil, free to grace that skyline once again, prouder and more powerful than ever before!


 **Rob Revercomb** All Other Americans 8/6/2013

 **Jan Salcman** Citizens of Other Nations 8/4/2013

It's time to say opinion... I'm 18 years old... September 11... that day i was 6 years old... in the 1st class... When I came to the living room and saw in TV news what has happend in New York City.. of course in this age people don't understand what is terrorist attack and what is happening... But now... almost 12 years later... I know what is the symbol of freedom and city, that is city of dreams for me... Twin towers... Only Twin towers are the icon of New York City... And what I know is that families, firefighters which have lost family members are supporting this thing... and they are absolutely right... because what is more recovering from attacks on September 11 than rebuild the World Trade Center that stood on Manhattan since 70s?

 **Brian Morrison \*** All Other Americans 8/3/2013

Please Re Build.... We need this to heal.

 **James McAughey \*** Citizens of Other Nations 8/2/2013


As a child, growing up to see the WTC being made. Whether it be books, tv etc I always thought they would stand tall and strong and be a symbol for the great land of opportunity. I miss them, despite never seeing them I know the strength and power they achieved and all I want is to have them back, taller and stronger but look the exact way they did. Please just make them again. It's a tragedy but it makes humans seem weak in front of the monsters who destroyed them. If we all pitched in whether it be signing a petition to the workers rebuilding them we know we will all feel special that we done our bit to overcome the tragedy and to create a new Skyline a bigger and better America and a bigger better New York. Thank you.

 **Euan Campbell** Citizens of Other Nations 8/2/2013

I had just turned 5 in August, and then in September the tragedy happened, I was young, but at that age I still vividly remember the news and the towers, If the towers were recognized by a 5 year old from a different country, why choose not to rebuild these great buildings!? The world needs an icon, America needs a signature, two that tower over all of Manhattan. May the spirit of these towers exist in the hearts and the souls of everyone.

*Euan left a second signature, which we had to delete, so we are appending his second comment here:*

I have hope that the towers will be made again. I'm sure everyone will agree with me on that. They made New York what it was, without them New York will not be the same. I will continue to have a huge scar that may never heal. If only America had a chance to repay debts to those whose lives were taken that day, it is what they would have wanted, what the families want, what America wants and what the world wants. New York is an iconic place, so why not rebuild that which was taken from us, why not fight for your freedom, why not stand up and rebuild the towers? Everyone wants them back, we must fight for them! Never give up hope America! May the towers always remain in the hearts of many.

 **Will Lupson \*** Citizens of Other Nations 7/30/2013

I was 1 when the world lost two friends, 110 floors of beauty and wonder capped by windows on the world. The place that was, a critic wrote, so high all worries were invisible. Due to evil he was proved wrong. Every design feature of freedom one is influenced by terrorists. The twin towers are free, fabulous, and fantastic, so incredible that they completed planet earth and turned it into a safe space. Evil stopped wonder, rebuild the World Trade Center.

 **taylor holeman** All Other Americans 7/27/2013

I would love for these buildings to rise again because i was visiting my uncle in New York during 9/11 and he died when he was called in to help with evacuation he died in the collapse of the Norh Tower and i would greatly appreciate to have them standing again!

the most beautiful sight in the world. I always had a fascination with skyscrapers and they were the best ones ever built.

I love USA and I think since 9/11 your country has taken a turn for the worse and you, the people need to stand up and make it mighty again. I'm not gonna go into politics here. USA like most countries in the world has a shit, corrupt government, but your people are awesome and your endeavours, free thinking, and never give up attitude has inspired me and others all over the world.

 **Colton Weidner** All Other Americans 6/23/2013

Hi my name is Colton and ever since 9/11 happened, I've always wanted the Twin Towers back. I have no idea why New York decided to build the Freedom Tower, but I feel that America would be losing to the terrorists if we don't build the Twin Towers again. I also feel that is disrespectful to the people that lost their lives on that tragic day.

 **Santiago Del Angel** All Other Americans 6/13/2013

What if the towers are 2,001 feet above air at roof height and then add a 700 foot spire, which makes it around 2700 feet which is around the amount of people who died in the towers. It would also make it the tallest building in New York, the US, and the World.

 **Davide Gamba** Citizens of Other Nations 6/10/2013

I made a research about Twin Towers and 9/11 and I presented it in my class. I'm Italian and that day, not only New York, but all world lost those buildings, a symbol, a symbol of the work of thousands people and a symbol of freedom.

I never visit the WTC, and my dream is I can do it, but I don't want visit One WTC, but the Twin Towers, rised again from their ashes.

 **Matt Whitman** Lwr. Manhattan Residents & Workers 6/9/2013


One of the reasons I decided to attend graduate school here and why I will stay here is because I want to see the twin towers rebuilt and I have hope that they CAN be rebuilt and that they WILL be rebuilt in my lifetime.

 **Mikhail Vladimirov** Citizens of Other Nations 6/5/2013

Although I've never been to New York and USA I think WTC 1 & 2 were one of the most beautiful buildings I've ever seen in my life (by photos and videos). Manhattan had such a recognizable skyline. They should have been rebuilt and I hope they will be.

 **James Johnson** All Other Americans 6/4/2013

The new tower is butt-ugly. Not only is it that, it looks like a middle finger! Bring the old towers back! They truly symbolize that we as a nation are united.











 **Benjamin Corley \*** All Other NY & NJ Residents 6/3/2013

As a New Yorker myself I think it is a disgrace to America for the towers not to be rebuilt. What is there now shows the monsters who took them down that they won. I think there should at least be a second freedom tower even though that would not be what should be there and the whole site should be called "Freedom Trade Center" or something like that.


 **Jon Joseph Price** All Other Americans 5/23/2013

Hi, my name is Jon. I'm 14 and I live in Detroit, Michigan and 5 years ago I seen the Twin Towers on a movie that had Eddie Murphy in it, and then I seen McCully Clunkin on top of the Twin Towers. I told my parents one day im gonna try to go see the Twin Towers and then they replied "Impossible" and I asked why? Then they replied "They don't exist anymore since 9/11 happened." (I didn't know much about 9/11 at the time), then I said what's that. So they told me and showed me what happened and I was shocked, and in denial about it and also cried a little. So as years passed on I heard people say by building the new wtc we're taking back what the terrorists took from us. I didn't believe that one bit. Rebuilding the twin towers is taking back what the terrorists took from us.

 **Jorge Bartlett \*** All Other Americans 5/21/2013


-  **carlos vasquez** All Other Americans 7/27/2013  
please build the twin towers. new york is not the same with out them. build them bigger and taller. let's show the world in america we don't give up, the freedom tower is not the same. by building the twin towers back again the whole world would want to be part of it and come to see it, invest in it. new york would have the best tourist and financial city in the world.the economy impact would be good for new yorkers. and who ever invest their money in the project. after all we all love america and want the best for it.
-  **Michelle Segarra Beltran** All Other Americans 7/25/2013  
Please let's make this dream come true and bring them back as Mr Trump said. Each time I watch a NY picture, I can see them on my mind. We can win this fight. Both are terribly missed.
-  **josh lloyd** All Other Americans 7/21/2013  
simply put, 1 for 2 does not = bigger and better
-  **Kolby Martin** All Other Americans 7/20/2013
-  **Bennyamyn Malovrh** Citizens of Other Nations 7/16/2013  
My Biggest wish is to rebuild WTC.
-  **Jason Britland** All Other Americans 7/14/2013  
We are America. We don't back down! Let alone admit defeat. If the towers are left unbuilt it would remain a symbol for all the world of our vulnerability and the the sacrifices of many will have been in vain. Build them taller and make them the most beautiful structures ever created by man. It will be a place of not only remembrance, but a place where we stood together as a nation and overcame the most horrible assault on our nation.
-  **Patrick Webb \*** All Other Americans 7/14/2013  
Put God 1st in all matters and all things!!!
-  **Cassandra Nipper** All Other Americans 7/14/2013  
Build the towers according to the desire of the American People, more specifically the Great Citizens of NEW YORK.
-  **Steven Owensby** All Other Americans 7/14/2013  
The Twin Towers should be rebuilt as the People of New York want it to be built!
-  **alina nancoo \*** All Other NY & NJ Residents 7/13/2013
-  **Everett Estrada** All Other Americans 7/13/2013

I loved these towers. I remember seeing them on TV and movies when I was a young boy and I was shocked when they collapsed and I hold this building in my heart. America needs to become great again, rebuild these legendary, beautiful, great towers.

 **Shalynn Caldwell \*** All Other Americans 5/15/2013  
The towers symbolize who we are what we fight for and they offer new opportunities for the future of business.

 **Casey Wojcik** All Other Americans 5/13/2013

 **Hanuman Gowda** All Other Americans 5/12/2013

 **Evan Sandford** All Other Americans 5/11/2013

As long as we don't build the stronger, safer, taller Twin Towers II, Bin Laden wins. He looked at the original Towers and couldn't stand we had them, so he destroyed them. Gov Pataki and Mayor Bloomberg respond to this by putting an inferior building in their place...

 **Richard Hammond** All Other Americans 5/10/2013

Before the events of September 11th, the Twin Towers were the most awe-inspiring buildings in North America. They were truly a masterpiece; rising high above the streets and civilians of New York City, reaching up to touch the clouds. Today, the One World Trade Center is un-inspiring, created by a man with no inspiration, no intelligence, no creativity. In my opinion, World Trade Center Phoenix would be an improvement over the so-called Freedom Tower. Bring back the grace that once flowed over the Big Apple, over New York, over the United States of America.

 **Chris Montana \*** Citizens of Other Nations 5/4/2013

The twin towers where the best in the world. You expect that one tower that is barely taller with less space can 'replace' two towers that were twice as big if you put them together. What about those other buildings? They dont even look like towers they are there to try to satisfy you, to get you to forget about the towers. The towers that give you confidence, that give you a reason to take the long way to work so you can take a nice look at the buildings. What I'm trying to say is we need those towers, New York needs that icon, not one tall building and little buildings that just take up space. New York needs TWO buildings that are the tallest in the city or country, strongest in the world, and give tourists another reason to vist New York City.

 **Sarah Glover** Our Armed Forces & Families 4/28/2013

 **Melody Halzel \*** All Other Americans 4/25/2013

I think the twin towers complete the NYC skyline and should be rebuilt

 **FranĀşis Roche** Citizens of Other Nations 4/21/2013


The freedom tower is not the height to replace the twin towers. Rebuild the Twin Towers.

 **Payton Reingardt \*** All Other Americans 4/17/2013

Twin towers should be rebuilt. I actually think it is really stupid on building the freedom tower! Nobody likes it. I mean come on. It's been on CNN that New Yorkers want the original Twin Towers! Ok governor or mayor or what ever. It is right in plain view. open your eyes!!!!!!

 **Joshua Streit \*** All Other Americans 4/13/2013

I have only been to New York once, and I don't remember it very well but my mom says she took me to ground zero. I want to say I remember some of it but I can't say for sure. I have seen dozens of documentaries and I know the progress on the new buildings continues. I think they're neat but belong elsewhere. I am very much in favor of the TWIN TOWERS II by this architect by the name of Kenneth Gardner. I never got to see the world trade center in person until after they were destroyed. Although I don't live in New York I have always wanted to see NYC. I have always loved architecture and would really love to go back and see all the buildings. I think it's a shame what their doing down at ground zero. I think it will be a great disappointment.

 **Alex Papadopoulos** Citizens of Other Nations 4/9/2013

The twin towers were wonders of the world. I have marvelled at them and researched them to the best of my ability, and it saddens me that they're not being rebuilt. For New York to have something taken away, and replaced with something as ugly and lonesome as the freedom tower — let alone the fact that there aren't two! — it's saddening. I wish I could have seen them in person and for the sake of everyone I wish to one day see them standing tall in the NY skyline yet again.

 **Alexis Mack** 9/11 Families & Close Friends 4/4/2013

I wish that we could rebuild the towers. They were a part of our nation. Even though I was like four when they fell I look at videos of people on top of the towers on YouTube. They were so beautiful. They should listen to the people who had families in those towers and not just think of their selves. They need to rebuild those towers.

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