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## Impromptu

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### SPEAKERS

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**B** Brenna Fuhr 00:03  
Barbie is not my feminist icon.

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To be fair, it's Thorn from the Hex Girls,

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(Laughter)

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I was a great child. Barbie has recently been trying to make more feminist iconic Barbies to try and help give representation to marginalized groups, so they've made Barbies of color Barbies with different body types and recently Barbies with disabilities. Barbie is trying to change the way people see Barbies, but they're starting to get ahead of themselves. As they rush so quickly to get out these Barbies with disabilities. They didn't ask any people with disabilities to help. So all of the Barbies don't have proper aesthetics, aren't having visibility with the disability community and many are even offensive.

Because Barbie rushed further into their situation, trying to help prevent a problem that hadn't happened yet. It hurt them in the long run. And this is the exact idea highlighted in today's Lawrence J Peter quotation, "To err is human, but when the eraser is gone before the pencil, you are overdoing it." What Peter is telling us is that we are all going to make mistakes to err is human. However, when we try to prevent these mistakes before we actually make them, trying to erase what we have before we have the eraser, it's that much more difficult for us to find success in the future. Because we're planning for things that haven't happened yet. Essentially, we can't anticipate mistakes. And we

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can agree with this for two key reasons. First,

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it can lead to further failures. And second, solutions often come in the moment. Initially, when we preempt ourselves planning for mistakes that haven't yet happened yet, it can lead to further mistakes because we're tripping up on ourselves, just like when we try to erase something without an eraser. And this idea can further be seen through the empowerment plan and Body Positive. Initially, if you're thinking I use the empowerment plan in prelims well, to quote national treasure Bethany Dain in last years AFA final, I will use it in a different context. The empowerment plan is set up by women who are homeless

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clothing for people who are homeless that turn into things that can help them during the winter, like sleeping bags and tents. The empowerment plan wants people to see that they're trying to end the mistakes that many people make when trying to help the homeless.

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However,

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they tried to use the eraser without actually having one
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as as they tried to get out this equipment so so quickly, they ended up having a backlash in their stock, and many of their clothes couldn't get out to homeless people not in their city. Because the empowerment plan tried to prevent mistakes that hadn't happened yet. They ended up hurting themselves. This same idea is highlighted with Body Positive in the UK. Body Positive is a catwalk that features people who don't fit the gender binary or have different body types. This catwalk wants to show people that they can have different body types and still be empowered.
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However, it was shut down by the
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UK's Government because Brexit am I right? The Body Positive was shut down because they were trying to anticipate further mistakes with their economy due to Brexit.
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So the Body Positive people weren't
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able to empower themselves. Rather, they've had to lose their state in the UK system, because the UK was trying to plan for mistakes that hadn't happened yet, trying to erase something that happened without an eraser. And it's both through the empowerment plan and body positive that highlights we can't anticipate mistakes, because it can lead to further failures.
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Second, when we try not to

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undo mistakes that haven't already happened yet, it can actually help us find solutions more quickly. Because often when we make mistakes, we can find solutions in the movement that are actually more focused on the mistakes we're making. Essentially, solutions often come in the moment and this is evident through Ocean Soles and Air-Ink initially, Ocean Soles is a company in Kenya that takes all the washed up flip flops from their shores. And recycles them into statues. Ocean Soles seeing the issue that climate change had on their society

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and how polluting in their oceans was hurting them

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decided that they were going to wait not preempt the solution and wait for the solution to come to them. And it made it more narrowly focused as now they're specifically taking those flip flops and repurposing them. Because they waited until they had an eraser, they were able to erase their mistake. This is also evident with Air-Ink. Now this product you can hook to the back of your car and it will take up exhaust engine in order to make ink. Can you imagine if the speech community did that with vape smoke

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(Laughter) We could literally save the world

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Air-Ink understood that there was a problem with pollution. So because they saw this problem, they decided they were going to wait for a solution that actually catered to the problem. They waited until they had an eraser and because when the technology came out that helped them they were able to make this effective product. And it's both through Ocean Soles and Air-Ink that highlight we can't anticipate mistakes, because solutions often come in the moment.

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Returning to today's quotation

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from some guy that I don't remember, because like

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I did a lot. Lawrence J. Peter told us "To err is human. But when the eraser is gone before the pencil you are overdoing it." What Peter was telling us is that we can't anticipate mistakes. First because it can lead to further failures. And second, because solutions often come in the moment. Barbie is probably still not my feminist icon.

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However, if we look at

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their mistakes and learn from them, we don't have to anticipate mistakes in the future. Rather, we can wait for them to happen and come out with solutions that directly solve the problem.