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The Forum's Omnipresent Star

For the past two years, as the chief economic spokesman of the Obama administration, Larry Summers delivered self-contained, disciplined performances at Davos. This year, Summers, the former Treasury Secretary and Harvard President who incurred public wrath for his retrograde pronouncements about women and the sciences is ubiquitous, liberated—even a little *evolved*. At a dinner talk Wednesday, paired with Yale's Tiger Mom, Amy Chua, he stepped back from his prior pronouncement that achievement was the best route toward self-esteem, not the other way around. These days, he mused, creativity might trump discipline and accuracy and rote learning—a la Harvard dropouts Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates. Kids should have a chance to be kids. "People on average live a quarter of their lives as children. That's a lot. It's important that they be as happy as possible during those 18 years." Elsewhere, Summers has been omnipresent—appearing on several panels and strolling through the Congress Center unmolested. At a session on the politics of low-growth, he responded to a poorly thought out question without condescension, and threw in self-deprecating cracks about his appearance. Agreeable isn't the first adjective that Summers brings to mind. But when told that he looks relieved to no longer bear the burden of speaking for the Obama administration's economic policy, he nodded vigorously.

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