

Department of State administered
Pre-Program Survey
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Russian Delegates

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Please feel free to give us your honest opinions. This survey is not a test, and there are no right or wrong answers. Thank you for your participation in this survey.

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1. Which research group are you participating in? *Please choose one.*

Primary focus	✓
Anti-corruption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Education for Innovative Societies	<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy Security	<input type="checkbox"/>
Immigration Issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Infectious Diseases	<input type="checkbox"/>
International Security (Nonproliferation, Counter-terrorism)	<input type="checkbox"/>
NGO and Third Sector Development	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trade	<input type="checkbox"/>
World Economy	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. There are many different reasons people want to participate in this program. In the table below, please choose the **three** most important to you.

Reason	✓
To collaborate on policy briefs at U.S. think tanks, governmental agencies, and research centers.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To foster dialogue and partnerships between U.S. and Russian experts on public policy issues and processes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
To learn more about my field of policy expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>
To develop my professional contacts and network	<input type="checkbox"/>
To further develop and advance my professional skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
To gain greater depth and breadth in my work in this policy field	<input type="checkbox"/>
To experience being part of a larger policy community	<input type="checkbox"/>
To affect, to the extent possible, my country's policy on a particular local issue	<input type="checkbox"/>
To affect, to the extent possible, my country's policy on a particular regional issue	<input type="checkbox"/>
To affect, to the extent possible, my country's policy on a particular national issue	<input type="checkbox"/>
To affect, to the extent possible, my country's policy on a particular international issue	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: (please write in)	<input type="checkbox"/>

3. What goals do you have for this time in the United States?

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4. Please rate your understanding or knowledge of the following topics related to your program. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No knowledge	Less than basic	Basic knowledge	Beyond basic	Advanced knowledge
Policy making processes in your home country					
Policy making processes in your host country					
Institutions involved in shaping policy in your home country					
Institutions involved in shaping policy in your host country					
Your particular area of expertise					

5. Please rate your abilities in the following areas. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No knowledge	Less than basic	Basic knowledge	Beyond basic	Advanced knowledge
Collaborative policy research					
Statistical and analytical skills					
Networking					
Facilitation of policy discussions in my field					
Policy recommendation formulation					
Leadership					
Communication of various recommendations and options					

6. Do you think this program will enable you to strengthen policy discussions in this field, in your home institution?

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7. Do you think this program will enable you to extend and strengthen policy discussions in this field, in your home country?

8. What are your expectations of the collaborative work process?

9. Have you done this type of work process before?

Yes_____ No_____

10. Please rate your understanding or knowledge of the following topics. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No knowledge	Less than basic	Basic knowledge	Beyond basic	Advanced knowledge
U.S. democracy					
U.S. economy					
U.S. values and culture					
Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States					
Freedom of speech and the press in the United States					
Voluntary community service					
Daily life in the U.S.					

11. How do you view the United States government and the American people?

	Strongly unfavorable	Generally unfavorable	Neither favorable nor unfavorable	Generally favorable	Strongly favorable
U.S. government					
American people					

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12. How do you view the United States government and its relationship with your home country?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
The United States government is a trustworthy partner for my country.					

13. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statements below?

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Voting is important because real decisions are made in elections.					
Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of democracy.					
An independent media is important to the free flow of information.					
All citizens in a country should have equal rights and protections under the law, regardless of circumstances.					
The Rule of Law is fundamental to a functioning democracy.					
Individuals and organizations have the right to free speech and to voice opposition.					
Democratic principles enhance the workplace. Supervisors should incorporate democratic principles into their management practices.					

14. Please describe the organization or company that you work for. *Please check one.*

University	<input type="checkbox"/>
Research institution	<input type="checkbox"/>
Government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-profit organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
Private organization	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: (please write in)	<input type="checkbox"/>

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15. What is your job title? _____

16. Home city/town: _____

17. Geographic location:

I live in...	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
My country's capital city	<input type="checkbox"/>
Another major city in my country other than the capital	<input type="checkbox"/>
A small city, town or rural location in my country	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. Date of birth (day/month/year) Ex: 20/10/1978:

19. Sex:

Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Male	<input type="checkbox"/>

20. What religious group do you consider yourself a member of or feel closest to? *Please choose one.*

	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Baha'ism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shintoism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Buddhism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sikhism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christianity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Taoism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confucianism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Zoroastrianism	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hinduism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not close to any group	<input type="checkbox"/>
Islam	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jainism	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <i>please write in.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Judaism	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

21. Which language do you consider to be your native language/mother tongue?

22. Thank you for completing this survey! If you have any additional comments you would like to make, please do so here. We value your thoughts.

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23. How long did it take you to complete this survey? ____ minutes