

Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI)

Study of the U.S. Institute for Undergraduate Student Leaders 2007

[Program Name]

U.S. Pre-Program Exchange Survey

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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. In your own words, what do you see as the primary goals of the MEPI Study of the United States Summer Institute program?

2. There are many different reasons for participating in the MEPI Study of the United States Summer Institute program. *In the table below, please choose the three most important to you.*

	✓
[Insert Institute specific program goal 1]	
[Insert Institute specific program goal 2]	
[Insert Institute specific program goal3]	
[Insert Institute specific program goal 4]	
[Insert Institute specific program goal 5]	
[Insert Institute specific program goal6]	
Other (<i>Please write in</i>)	

3. Below is a list of different skills and abilities a leader might have. Please rate yourself as either poor, fair, good or excellent on the following characteristics. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Being self-reliant, being independent, relying on yourself				
Speaking in public				
Listening to other people's suggestions or concerns				
Expressing ideas and feelings				
Being tolerant of others different than you				
Leading a team and motivating others				
Being flexible				
Solving problems				
Planning for the future				
Managing your time				

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Managing your money				
Discussing your beliefs/values				
Willing to make changes in your community				

4. Please rate your current knowledge and understanding of the following topics and themes highlighted in your MEPI Study of the US Summer Institute program. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
Leadership					
Community service					
Political engagement and activism					
The structure of the United States government					
The history of the United States					
The role of an independent media in American society					
United States economy					
Business practices in the United States					
American values, society and culture					

5. While you are in U.S., do you think you will increase your knowledge and understanding of the following topics and themes highlighted in your MEPI Study of the US Summer Institute program? *Please check one box in each row.*

	No, not at all	A little	Somewhat	A good deal	Not sure
Leadership					
Community service					
The structure of the United States government					
The history of the United States					
The role of an independent media in American society					
United States economy					

	No, not at all	A little	Somewhat	A good deal	Not sure
Business practices in the United States					
American values, society and culture					
The structure of the United States government					

6. Please rate your current skills in these areas. *Please check one box in each row.*

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Read English				
Speak English				
Write English				
Make presentations in English				
Use the internet for research				

7. What do you see yourself as accomplishing or learning, during this exchange visit, that you could not accomplish or learn at home?

8. How much do you agree/disagree with the following statements about you as an individual? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Agree	Somewhat Agree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel I have many choices in my life					
I feel I can make a difference in my family					
I feel I can make a difference in my community					
I feel I can influence people around me					

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

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
United States democracy					
United States economy					
American values and culture					
Religious and ethnic diversity United States					
Freedom of speech and press in United States					
Voluntary community service in United States					
Daily life in United States					

10. How do you view the United States Government and the American people? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Strongly Unfavorable	Generally Unfavorable	Neither Favorable nor Unfavorable	Generally Favorable	Strongly Favorable
United States government					
American people					

11. 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					

12. What is the first positive thing you think about when you think about the United States.?

13. What is the first negative thing you think about when you think about the United States.?

14. Please respond with your evaluation of the following statements about the United States.
Please check one box in each row.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
Americans rely on a system of laws to protect the individual					
Americans are materialistic					
The United States is a violent country where people do not feel safe					
The United States is a well-functioning democracy					
Americans are not well informed about my region of the world					
Americans are not a religious people					
Americans are family-oriented					
Americans play an active role in their communities					
The United States provides equal opportunities for all					
The United States has even-handed policies toward Muslim countries					
The United States imposes its views on other countries					

15. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the statements below? *Please check one box in each row.*

	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					

16. What year of university/college have you most recently completed?

1 st year	2 nd year	3 rd year	4 th year	5 th year

17. What is your major field of study?

	✓
Athletics	
Arts and humanities (history, languages, literature, art, theater, etc.)	
Business administration, finance	
Computer science, information technology	
Education	
Engineering	
Environment	
Government	
Humanitarian affairs, development assistance, conflict resolution	
International relations	
Labor, trade unions	
Law, judicial, law enforcement	
Library and information science	
Media, mass communications, journalism, communication technology, advertising, graphics	
Medicine	
Military service	
Public administration	
Public health	
Religion	
Science (physics, math, chemistry, biology, astronomy, geography, agronomy, etc.)	
Social sciences (sociology, economics, psychology, political science, etc.)	
Social work	
Teaching English, English language instruction	
Teaching (general)	
Not sure	
Other (<i>Please write in</i>)	

18. Home city/town: _____

19. Geographic location:

	✓
My country's capital city	
Another major city in my country other than the capital	
A small city, town or rural location in my country	

20. Age: (Drop Down)

21. Sex:

	✓
Female	
Male	

22. Which religion do you most closely identify with?

	✓		✓
Baha'ism		Shintoism	
Buddhism		Sikhism	
Christianity		Taoism	
Confucianism		Zoroastrianism	
Hinduism		Not close to any group	
Islam		Other: <i>(Please write in)</i>	
Jainism			
Judaism			

23. Thank you for completing this survey! If you have additional comments you would like to make, about any of the things above, about your participation so far, about what you have been proud to share, or something we haven't touched upon, please do so here. We value your thoughts very much.

24. How long did it take you to complete this survey? _____minutes