



Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program [Insert Year] Pre-Program Survey

Please know that your answers will be strictly confidential and will in no way affect your participation in the program. We will use the data for analytical and evaluative purposes only.

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. Please identify your exchange group:

	✓
[Insert Group 1]	
[Insert Group 2], etc.	

2. In your own words, what do you hope to achieve by coming to the United States and participating in the Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program?

3. There are many different reasons for participating in the exchange program. In the table below, please identify your **three** most important reasons for participating.

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To gain experience and knowledge about leadership	
To learn about community development (how to improve my neighborhood and community)	
To increase my understanding of the United States, American society, people, and culture	
To learn about government in the United States	
To make friends with American students and their families	
To make friends with other Iraqi participants in the program	
To share my culture with others	
To represent my country abroad	
Other (Please write in): _____	

4. Please rate yourself on the following abilities. *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 (respectful) of others different than you				
Leading a team and motivating others				
Being flexible				
Solving problems				
Planning for the future				
Managing your time				
Managing money				
Discussing your beliefs/values				
Willing to make changes in your community				

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

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree Nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
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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					

6. Please rate your current knowledge and understanding of the following topics and themes highlighted in your Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program. *Please check one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Less Than Basic	Basic Knowledge	Beyond Basic	Advanced Knowledge
Leadership					
Community service (for example: people helping others in their neighborhood, community, or local organization)					
Community Development (for example: people working together to improve their neighborhood and community)					
Local government (for example: government in individual provinces, districts, towns or villages)					

7. What does community service mean to you?

8. 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					
United States values and culture					
Religious and ethnic diversity in the United States					
Freedom of speech and press in the United States					
Voluntary community service in the United States					
Daily life in the United States					

9. 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
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United States Government					
American people					

10. 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					

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

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

13. Which of these fields are you considering studying or working in when you graduate from high school?
Please check one box.

	✓
Agriculture	
Arts and Humanities (history, languages, literature, art, theater)	
Athletics	
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)	
Social Sciences (sociology, economics, psychology, political science)	
Social Work	
Teaching English, English language instructions	
Not Sure	
Other (Please write in): _____	

14. Which best describes the geographic location where you live. *Please check one box.*

	✓
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	

15. Age: [Drop-down list]

16. Gender:

	✓
Female	
Male	

17. Which religion do you most closely identify with? *Please check one box.*

	✓
Baha'ism	
Buddhism	
Christianity (for example: Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant)	
Confucianism	
Hinduism	
Islam	
Jainism	
Judaism	
Shintoism	
Sikhism	
Taoism	
Zoroastrianism	
None	
Other (Please write in): _____	

18. 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 have not touched upon, please do so here. We value your thoughts very much.

19. How long did it take you to complete this survey?_____ Minutes