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1. Which of the following represents the most important factor in your decision to apply to the YTYA program?

- To better understand the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship
- To learn more about the culture and society of your host country
- To learn more about your professional field
- To establish networks with U.S. colleagues in your field
- To establish networks with Turkish colleagues in your field
- To gain professional or job-related experience abroad
- To build a network of international experts in your field
- Something else (please specify)

1a. Was there an additional reason or motivation that led you to apply for the YTYA program?

- Yes
- No

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1b. Please indicate which of the following best describes your additional reason for applying to the YTYA program.

- To better understand the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship
- To learn more about the culture and society of your host country
- To learn more about your professional field
- To establish networks with U.S. colleagues in your field
- To establish networks with Turkish colleagues in your field
- To gain professional or job-related experience abroad
- To build a network of international experts in your field
- Something else (please specify)

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2. Which of the following best describes the type of organization you worked for at the time you applied to the YTYA program?

- A community-based organization or NGO
- A think tank or research institute
- An academic or educational institution or organization (school, university)
- A trade organization or association
- A media organization
- A political organization
- The government
- A private business (corporation, for-profit)
- Self-employed
- Student
- Something else

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Instruction: For the following questions, please provide information related to the organization that you worked for at the time you applied to the YTYA program.

3. Which of the following topic areas does this organization focus on? Please select no more than 3 areas.

- Advocacy, social justice or human rights
- Arts/Culture
- Business
- Community development
- Cross-cultural dialogue/communications
- Economic development
- Education
- Employment and training
- Environment and energy
- U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship
- Foreign affairs beyond U.S.-Turkey
- Foreign aid/disaster assistance
- Health care/services
- Journalism/media
- Political and/or democratic processes
- Social entrepreneurship
- Social services
- Something else (please specify)

4. What constituencies, if any, does this organization primarily serve or focus on? Please select no more than 3 constituencies.

- Immigrant/Refugee populations
- Low-income/socioeconomically disadvantaged populations
- Policymakers/governmental officials
- Private sector
- Racial or ethnic minorities
- Rural communities
- University or post-secondary students
- Urban communities
- Women
- Youth
- Some other constituency (please specify)
- The organization does not focus on or serve a particular constituency

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5. During your YTYA exchange, did you participate in meetings or briefings on any of the following topics? (Select all that apply.)

- The U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship
- Broader Middle East issues
- U.S. political issues or processes
- U.S. economic or social issues
- Turkish political issues or processes
- Turkish economic or social issues
- The role of civil society in the U.S.
- The role of civil society in Turkey



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6. In your opinion, how much did each of the following components of the YTYA program contribute positively to the overall experience?

	Not at all	A small amount	A good amount	A significant amount	I did not participate in this activity
Briefings/meetings with government officials	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Briefings/meetings with NGO leaders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Briefings/meetings with other experts or leaders	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Attendance at or observation of political events/processes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Site visit(s) to a non-profit or NGO to observe operations and/or learn from best practices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Skill-building workshops, trainings, and simulations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Job shadowing experience with a YTYA colleague	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

7. Did you receive or participate in any trainings, briefings or skill-building activities related to the following topics during your exchange experience? (Select all that apply.)

- Advocacy
- Community outreach
- Conflict resolution or negotiation
- Cross-cultural dialogue/communications
- Fundraising
- Leadership development
- Non-profit or NGO management
- Public speaking
- Professional networking
- Social networking
- Social entrepreneurship
- Working with the media

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8. In your opinion, how much did each of the following components of the YTYA program contribute positively to the overall experience?

	Not at all	A small amount	A good amount	A significant amount	I did not participate in this activity
Dialogue opportunities with the Turkish participants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dialogue opportunities with the U.S. participants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The home stay with a YTYA colleague or a host family	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Online communications with YTYA participants	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Independent or collaborative projects	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community service or voluntary activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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9. Please indicate the extent to which the program contributed to the following outcomes.

	Not at all	A small extent	A good extent	A great extent
Increased your interest in keeping up with issues related to the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased your access to better or more reliable sources of information relevant to the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased appreciation for the importance of the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased your interest in following broader Middle East issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased your credibility in the eyes of others when speaking on the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Have you shared your YTYA program experience in any of the following ways? (Select all that apply.)

- Shared information about your experiences in conversations with friends, family and/or colleagues
- Participated in media interviews (newspaper, radio, internet)
- Gave presentation(s) to the general public or community groups
- Gave presentation(s) or led workshop(s) at professional conferences or events
- Published article(s) or opinion piece(s)
- Shared aspects of your experience online or through social media (blogging, videos, Facebook)
- Something else

If you selected "something else" above, please specify here.

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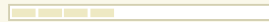
11. Did your participation in the YTYA program increase your knowledge and understanding of any of the following issues or policy areas? (Select all that apply.)

- Advocacy, social justice, or human rights
- Arts/Culture
- Business
- Community development
- Cross-cultural dialogue/communications
- Economic development
- Education
- Employment and training
- Environment and energy
- U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship
- Foreign affairs beyond U.S.-Turkey
- Foreign aid/disaster relief
- Health care/services
- Immigration/refugee issues
- Journalism/media
- Low-income populations
- Political and/or democratic processes
- Racial or ethnic minorities
- Rural communities/development
- Social entrepreneurship
- Social services
- Urban communities/development
- Women's issues
- Youth issues
- Something else (please specify)

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12. Please indicate the extent to which you feel that your participation in the YTYA program increased your knowledge and understanding of the following:

	Not at all	A small extent	A good extent	A great extent
Issues related to U.S. foreign policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Issues related to Turkish foreign policy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Issues related to the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Issues related to the broader Middle East	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
U.S. society and culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Turkish society and culture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
U.S. political system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Turkish political system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The role of civil society in a democracy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthening NGOs or community-based organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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13. To what extent do you agree with each of the following statements about the impact of the YTYA experience on you?

Through my experience in the program...

	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
I have more confidence communicating with people from other cultures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am more receptive to the views and perspectives of others, even if they differ from my own	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am more comfortable discussing politically or culturally sensitive issues with others	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am more prepared to plan and execute cross-cultural projects or collaborations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am more self-confident in my professional pursuits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am more self-confident in general	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



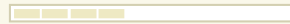
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14. As a result of the YTYA program, have you done any of the following? (Select all that apply.)

- Introduced an organization to new contacts or experts in the U.S.
- Introduced an organization to new contacts or experts in Turkey
- Participated in advocacy initiatives
- Provided training to your organization on techniques or skills you acquired through the YTYA program
- Applied best practices in non-profit and NGO administration and operations to your work

15. Since participating in the YTYA program, have you taken on a new or increased leadership role in your professional work?

- Yes
- No



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16. How much do you feel that your participation in the YTYA program...?

	Not at all	A small extent	A good extent	A great extent
Strengthened your ability to take on a new or increased leadership role in your professional work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Strengthened the organization(s) where you work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased your commitment to work or volunteer in the NGO or non-profit sector	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Increased your access to a network of international experts in your field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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17. Please indicate the extent to which your participation in the program encouraged any of the following career-related outcomes.

	Not at all	A small extent	A good extent	A great extent
Decision to get a new job within your same career path	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decision to pursue a new career path	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decision to pursue a career related to the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decision to pursue a career related to broader Middle East issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Decision to pursue an advanced academic degree or further formal training in field of expertise	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improved career network	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

18. Did you work on any collaborative projects with other YTYA participants either during the program or as a follow-on to the program?

- Yes
- No



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Instruction: If you worked on more than one collaborative project, please answer the following questions based on what you consider to be your main YTYA project. Tell us about your project, whether or not it was completed.

**19. Which of the following topics best describes the general focus area(s) of your collaborative YTYA project?
Please select no more than 3.**

- Advocacy, social justice, or human rights
- Arts/Culture
- Business
- Community development
- Cross-cultural dialogue/communications
- Economic development
- Education
- Employment and training
- Environment and energy
- Foreign aid/disaster relief
- U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship
- Foreign affairs beyond U.S.-Turkey
- Health care/services
- Journalism/media
- Political and/or democratic processes
- Social entrepreneurship
- Social services
- Something else (please specify)

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20. Which of the following audiences, if any, was your collaborative YTYA project designed to support or engage?
Please select no more than 3.

- Immigrant/Refugee populations
- Low-income/socioeconomically disadvantaged populations
- NGO leaders
- Policymakers/government officials
- Private sector
- Racial or ethnic minorities
- Rural communities
- The general public
- The media
- University or post-secondary students
- Urban communities
- Women
- Youth
- Something else (please specify)
- Not applicable/My project does not focus on any specific audiences

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21. Which of the following types of organizations or institutions, if any, was your collaborative project designed to support or engage? Please select no more than 3.

- A community-based organization or NGO
- A think tank or research institute
- An academic or educational institution or organization (school, university)
- A trade organization or association
- A media organization
- A political organization
- A private business (corporation, for-profit)
- Something else (please specify)
- Not applicable/My project did not focus on supporting a specific organization or institution

22. Please provide a brief description of your YTYA project below.

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23. Did any organization(s) support your project in any of the following ways? (Select all that apply.)

Instruction: Please do not include any support provided by the grantee organization that administered your YTYA program (Atlantic Council, Heartland International, University of Connecticut, or World Learning.)

- Hosted an event, training or activity associated with your project
- Provided (non-monetary) materials and resources
- Provided staff, trainers or experts
- Publicized or raised awareness of your project
- Provided funding
- Something else (please specify)

24. Do any of the initiatives you started as a YTYA participant continue to exist?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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25. Did you create any of the following end products through your collaborative YTYA project? (Select all that apply.)

- A published report, newspaper article, or opinion piece
- A website, online forum, or virtual community
- A film or video material
- A presentation or lecture
- A conference, workshop, or roundtable
- An intercultural exchange program or effort
- A formal training program or initiative
- Something else (please specify)
- Project was not completed

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26. Did your collaborative project lead to any of the following outcomes? (Select all that apply.)

- Strengthened the capacity of the organization where you worked
- Strengthened the capacity of another organization
- Created a new organization
- Created a new program
- Enhanced public awareness of social, economic, cultural, or political issues
- Established new linkages between a Turkish and an American organization
- Increased understanding of the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship
- Provided direct services to an under-served population
- Promoted greater mutual understanding between U.S. and Turkish citizens
- Project was not completed

27. Were there any specific challenges to implementing your project?

- Yes
- No



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27a. Can you please elaborate on any such challenges?

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28. Please indicate which of the following online platforms or tools you used to interact with your YTYA colleagues during the program. (Select all that apply.)

- Personal email
- Facebook
- An online platform provided by the program
- Twitter
- Blogs
- Skype
- Something else (please specify)

29. To what extent did the YTYA program introduce you to new online technologies or communication platforms?

- Not at all
- A small extent
- A good extent
- A great extent

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30. During the YTYA program, how frequently did you communicate online with your fellow YTYA participants to do each of the following?

	Not at all	A few times a year	Monthly	A few times a month	Weekly	Daily
Plan or work on a collaborative YTYA project	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Share information or resources relevant to the U.S.-Turkey bilateral relationship (politics, foreign relations, current events)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access the latest research or best practices in your own professional field	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exchange personal information about yourself or your daily life	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Some other pupose	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If you selected "Some other purpose" above, please specify below.

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31. Since the YTYA program ended, have you maintained contact (either online or in-person) with any of the following? (Select all that apply.)

- U.S. participants in your YTYA program
- Turkish participants in your YTYA program
- State Department or Embassy officials in Turkey or the U.S.
- Other professional contacts you made in Turkey
- Other professional contacts you made in the U.S.
- I have not maintained contact with any of the above



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32. Since the YTYA program ended, how often do you interact with your YTYA colleagues to do each of the following?

	Not at all	Occasionally	Often	Very often
Exchange professional or work-related resources or advice	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Discuss issues related to the U.S.-Turkey relationship (politics, foreign relations, current events)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Share articles or resources related to the U.S.-Turkey relationship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Keep up with each other's personal activities and lives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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33. To what extent did using social media during the YTYA program improve your ability to...?

	Not at all	A small extent	A good extent	A great extent	I did not use social media
Engage constituents or specific communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raise awareness of issues and initiatives	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Introduce the audiences/communities you work with to new media technologies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Use social media more effectively as a professional tool	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>



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The following questions are for classification purposes only.

34. What is your age?

35. What is your gender?

- Male
- Female

36. What is your highest level of education achieved?

- Associate degree (2-year institution)
- Bachelor's degree (4-year institution)
- Master's degree
- Doctoral degree
- Something else

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The following questions are for classification purposes only.

34. What is your age?

Female

35. What is your gender?

36. What is your highest level of education achieved?

- Associate degree (2-year institution)
- Bachelor's degree (4-year institution)
- Master's degree
- Doctoral degree
- Something else

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37. Before clicking below to submit your survey, is there anything else you would like to add about your experience in the YTYA program? (Please describe.)

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

Number of minutes

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