

***Data Collected in the  
WFUNA Human Rights Real Time Delphi***

***Collecting Judgments About the UN Declaration of Human Rights***

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## ***Preface***

***This document contains the raw data collected in a Real Time Delphi study performed on line for the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA) in the period between May 27 and June 20, 2008. Participation was by invitation of WFUNA and 118 people from around the world provided at least one answer to the questions. While there was a quantitative component, the answers sought (comments on the UN Declaration of Human Rights) were mostly qualitative. All responses including these qualitative comments are repeated here verbatim.***

***No analysis of the responses has been performed.***

***One important note: since the respondents were promised anonymity, email addresses have been removed in all instances in which a response could be associated with a single individual.***

***The assistance of Ms. Pera Wells of WFUNA is gratefully acknowledged; she defined and vetted all questions, and nominated and coordinated all contact with the respondents.***

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# 1. Introduction

Overall, the responses were characterized as follows:

2008/06/20

Distinct participants with unique email addresses, names, regions, and employment used with humri= 118

Total number of numerical questions answered = 854

Average number of questions answered per participant = 7.2

The maximum number of answers to any question = 102

The minimum number of answers to any question = 50

Percent of people who have signed in with unique email, name, region, employment and answered at least one question:

<b>Employment</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>%</b>
Author	0.00	Europe	24.58
Consultant	2.54	Latin America	7.63
Private Sector	5.08	Middle East	2.54
Government	4.24	North Africa	0.00
NGO	50.85	North America	38.98
University	14.41	Pacific Asia	4.24
Intl Organiz	8.47	South East Asia	9.32
Other	11.86	Sub Sahara Africa	12.71

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### 3. Importance of the Topics

Summary Table

		Questions
1	<p>TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?</p>	<p>Average: 8.97 Respondents: 102</p>
2	<p>TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?</p>	<p>Average: 9.40 Respondents: 91</p>
3	<p>TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights. QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?</p>	<p>Average: 7.91 Respondents: 80</p>

4	<p>TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems? Please give your reasons.</p>	<p>Average: 8.28 Respondents: 74</p>
5	<p>TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?</p>	<p>Average: 7.82 Respondents: 65</p>
6	<p>TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?</p>	<p>Average: 8.97 Respondents: 59</p>
7	<p>TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?</p>	<p>Average: 8.59 Respondents: 56</p>

8	<p>TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?</p>	<p>Average: 7.44 Respondents: 52</p>
9	<p>TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?</p>	<p>Average: 8.79 Respondents: 50</p>
10	<p>TOPIC: Organizational participation.QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.</p>	<p>Average: 6.80 Respondents: 51</p>
11	<p>TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?</p>	<p>Average: 8.48 Respondents: 50</p>

12	TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?	Average: 8.75 Respondents: 52
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Date: 20 June, 2008

## 4. Suggestions

### *From the respondents, verbatim:*

While the Declaration is universal as an enumeration of basic rights, the priority that individual countries attach to each right can be very different. In brief, the rights fall within two categories -- political (e.g., freedom of speech) and economic (basic education). And within these two categories countries/cultures can assign priorities. For example, to achieve subsistence for all families may impose some limits on the education that each child can have. These are hard choices for a society to make but what should be clear is that an economic right can not be used to trump a political one. It should be possible to achieve subsistence without abridging human rights (e.g., freedom of worship).

i like it the way the united nations do the work on peace keeping.

We would like to make a comment on answers given in number 4 (212) and number 9 (34). Article 16 of the UDHR states the right to marry. The fathers of the UDHR did not fit needed to add the meaning of marriage (union of a man and a woman). I would say that it is not accurate to call this “marriage inequality”, it is simply marriage. Other unions should not appropriate the word of marriage. I think that a question that is posed as aspects that impact positively the protection and enjoyment of human rights, to include overpopulation in an answer does not flow. Living in a country highly populated and where people are considered the best asset I would say that addressing inequality, distribution of resources, developing of rural areas to avoid overcrowded cities, policies on migration, etc. are instead points to be included in demographic policies.

## **5. Closing Comments**

### ***From the respondents, verbatim:***

I think is system is easy to operate and your questions are right on target.

As a psychologist who has designed surveys, I found this questionnaire long and confusing. I would have made it much shorter and required fewer written responses. I think you'll find that I and others just gave up after realizing what an investment of time it would take to complete it. Thank you, Marilyn Mehr, Ph.D.

First time I have used it. Seems fine to me. The questionnaire will take time to complete and I must return later.

It was not operating correctly. I submitted a response. I clicked for it to be recorded and the same page returned again.

I did not answer the questions yet as I am reviewing the sign in procedure for use in our networkks. It went very smoothly thank you.

Its easy to use the Real Time Delphi – Thankyou

Infact the system is good. I reasoned and answered all the talented questions you gave on the 20th June, 2008 at 22:40PM Cameroon time. Best Wishes to your work and hoping well as you continue with this spirit on human rights advocacy and education to the world. George Abang Tawoh General Commissioner(CEO) APWCR P.O.BOX 576 Limbe Tel:+237 77 98 57 59 Fax:+237 33 33 31 38 Head Office: Opposite Catholic Church new town Limbe Republic of Cameroon

## ***6. Reasons Provided by Respondents for Their Answers***

***From the respondents, verbatim:***

Response Number: 1

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: It strives to be universally accepted, and its goal is to be universally applied. The nature of the Declaration is to create universal expectations, values, and guidelines, and I think it does a very good job of being inclusive and expansive. The general principles are still universally applicable, but some updates (or additions?) are in order - such as the change in concepts mentioned before, such as brotherhood and mankind.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 2

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: In the world society, there needs to be some basic rules that are accepted as standards. The Declaration is such a set of standards. While in the future there may be changes, for the moment we need to build on this set.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-28

Response Number: 3

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I agree that it covers the basic human rights accepted universally but there is still a significant disparity between what is accepted at face value and what is practiced. The declaration provides a good basis of the rules and guidelines needed in order to uphold the basic human rights but, it lacks in the area of enforcement when these rights are violated. Often times the game of politics overshadows laying blame on the violater(s) and often times no one is held accountable or empty threats are carried out.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 4

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I agree that the Declaration has bring to our society the concept of Human Rights, wich is also totally accepted by every one. But even having those great concepts, the humanity wouldn't practice them at all, we can see all kind of violations every where. We....., the humans, need to learn and practice the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in our real life.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-05

Response Number: 5

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: no. keeping responsibilities out of the construct enables misuse of rights and declarations - there are other reasons that affect the Universality of Human Rights - namely the Indigeneous peoples appear to be left out -

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 6

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: The fundamental rights of a human being individually and collectively should be inviolable whatever the status. There are debates for example about the freedom of movement and the curtailing thereof for example while serving a custodial sentence. The freedoms therefore in circumstances like this enlist contest and controversy. However, I hold strongly that the observance of human rights and the debates to extend the related frontiers are part of human development.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 7

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: The universality of the concept of human rights is one of the few challenges [aside perhaps, for the arts] to an increasingly militarized, capitalized, and corporate-culture world. Human rights concepts counter these negative aspects of globalization. There is not yet a universal system of enforcement, and so there is too much room for denial and manipulation of these principles when victims attempt to get redress for specific violations.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-13

Response Number: 8

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: The UDHR reflects humanity's hopes and expectations for dignity and away from humiliation...-- "free from fear and free from want." Stalin was "successful" in "killing " socialism , global capitalism is eroding democracy. The UDHR has the vision and promise of both socialism and democracy and gives us a universal framework which has the power to assure the destiny of humanity in the 21st century. The Covenants and Conventions derived and guided by the UDHR give a holistic vision and practical

mission about equality and nondiscrimination. These are indeed the underlining wish of all human beings and offer the notion of human rights as a way of life. The question you pose as to the universal accepted concept of human rights is premature as most people in the world do not even know of its existence and those who might have heard about the UDHR hardly know its content or relevance to their lives. Therefore, with all due respect to the question posed, women and men at all levels of society need to first learn about human rights before we can ask if the concept of human rights is universally accepted. The Universality of human rights stands on its own through its intentions and moral authority. Indeed the declaration is absolutely universal and whoever learns about the UDHR any place in the world ( and I can attest to it.) fully agrees to its universality, even though it is presented somewhat in a patriarchal mode corrected by CEDAW. Twenty years facilitating the learning about human rights at the community level worldwide it is very clear to me that all human beings yearn to belong in dignity in community with others. Thus the universal acceptance or not does not eliminate or raise question to its universality which transcends culture, religion, ethnicity and of course gender. The UDHR does not create universal expectations it is an expression of humanity's expectations for well being, economic and social justice. If we understand human rights as a way of life we can than understand he call of eh UDHR for realization and the work to be done to overcome violations. Human rights are moral and political protected by law. Its vision evoked a framework of norms and standards that are constantly defined and redefined to become a powerful tool tool for change wherever people know them and claim them. ( The fact that some people and countries speak of human rights as "conditionalities" does not take away its universality but puts a responsibility on our shoulders to open an ongoing dialogue to assure is universality.

Email:

Date: 0000-00-00

Response Number: 9

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes I think it sets broad benchmarks for which Human Rights can be compared within and across countries. Their realization (or acknowledgement of gaps in their realization) by individual countries will more closely reflect the acceptance of the UDHR.

Email:

Date: 0000-00-00

Response Number: 10

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I believe that in the modern day these principles are generally accepted almost everywhere, but awareness of them still lacks unfortunately. In some areas where poverty flourishes and education is scarce, human rights are not achieved either and furthermore some conceptions of what is "moral" or "good" in a particular cultural context can contradict with the rights of minority or other vulnerable groups as women and children. Thus development remains crucial for the realisation of the universal human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-15

Response Number: 11

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: 1.Yes, it reflects universally accepted basic concepts of human rights.Their application in different regions of the world should be better known. There is a need to make the Declaration better known in most of continents. Insufficient translation and diffusion in less used languages. Knowing it in English, French, Spanish Portuguese in remote parts of the world doesn't help. It should be diffused among illiterate people.Different interpretations of the Declaration still exist.

Email:

Date: 0000-00-00

Response Number: 12

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I think that the concept is very interesting by its importance in the world and all that implies. Indeed, for the moment one of the only means has provision to fight against certain plague like the war

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 13

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: If I might look at some different wording today, the Decalaration remains a superb overall statement of principles under which virtually any specific can be accommodated - and has been, as the UN and other international bodies have moved to put general principle into formal treaty or law through a growing compendium of conventions that deal with specific human rights areas of concern (women,children, disabled, religion, torture, etc - the list goes on, and persumably will continue to expand). If not perfect it still reflects a high standard that has come to be universally recognized as basic, and applicable to all as indivuduals, groups or states.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 14

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I agree that the Declaration has bring to our society the concept of Human Rights, wich is also totaly accepted by every one. But even having those great concepts, the humanity wouldn't practice them at all, we can see all kind of violations every where. We....., the humans, need to learn and practice the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in our real life.so as to accept the article 1, where are born Equal.

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Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 15

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes, but incomplete, must be living and growing, for example to include groups not included in 1948

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 16

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: What does "universally accepted" mean? There will always be dissenters as individuals and countries, both from a principled position and a self-interested position. But I believe it is a framework that on the whole reflects the depth and breadth of human rights as a continually evolving concept. Room needs to be made for evolution, since political inequalities at the time of making the Declaration left out constituencies that are now recognized as having a say on human rights issues. While I don't know details of the history, one example is the way that people with disabilities are treated in the Declaration, where disability is only reflected as a reason to provide social security (i.e. assuming the person cannot work). There needs to be a clearer consensus about the creation of customary international law in the human rights field (which needs to include civil society/ individuals and organizations of relevant constituencies), and ways to address UN declarations that have become obsolete (I am not saying the UDHR has become obsolete, but others have, particularly in the disability field - e.g. Principles for the Protection of Persons with Mental Illness is superseded by contrary provisions in the new Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.) The human rights regime has grown geometrically and needs to be systematized in some way; the treaty reform process may or may not help but more needs to be done. (And systematized in a way that preserves the evolutionary quality coming up from the bottom, i.e. from social justice movements.)

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 17

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 6

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: 44. Its aim is to reflect universal rights but individuals and governments are not prepared to change their behaviour even in the face of growing international pressure. Unless the quest for power and the acceptance of corruption are not addressed adequately, the UN will struggle to reach the very people who need help.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 18

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: It was ratified or acceded to by all of the UN Member States. It says that all organs of society are obligated to carry it out. That is good enough for me and that should be our focus. We are all obligated to do our best to ensure that all of the rights of all peoples are indeed met and guaranteed.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 19

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I think it is important to define an acceptable standards for Human Rights. However, i feel that some countries accept it as a symbolic gesture and within their sovereignty they have their own version of 'Human Rights'.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 20

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: While I do believe the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights, after 60 years I feel the lack of accountability to the concepts for all nations, reduces the potential power of this document. The unfortunate results leaves the world not much better off when we consider the widening gap between the haves and the have nots, the

poverty crisis on a planet that has a Universal Declaration of Human Rights is staggering, and multinational corporations stand out side of the "law" and certainly this Declaration.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-18

Response Number: 21

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 22

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: It SHOULD be universally accepted since it does apply to all humankind, but in fact, it is often ignored

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 23

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: De mon point de vue elle ne le reflète pas complètement, c'est pour cela que j'ai noté d'un 8, car dans certains pays musulmans, les droits de la femme sont bafoués, et cela n'a pas été pris en compte: comme exemple la répudiation, la femme passe

souvent plus de 20 ans avec un époux et quand il a envie il la chasse malgré le nombre d'enfants qu'elle a sans aucun droit, sans rien, et elle est obligée souvent d'aller quémander afin de pouvoir subvenir à ses besoins, ou pire se prostituer. Il faut voir cet aspect.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 24

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: "NO" i think every country and individual has different ways of looking at it. In my opinion, the above concept is difficult to adopt as universal. We are in Hi tech world with mind blocks.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 25

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I strongly believe that UDHR reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights. I will like to add here that the general principles have successfully addressed the basic areas of Human rights. even if some nations refuse to apply it. There must be rules and regulations to check mankind. As we have evolutions, development and changes in all areas of society ,policies and all; there definitely has to be remodifications, adjustments and general updates to accommodate the overlooked areas and also emphasis or revisit the ignored ones

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 26

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: In their contemporary form, human rights are indeed reflected in the UDHR. While written almost exclusively by Europeans and those trained and raised in "Western" institutions, the UDHR is general enough to be meaningfully integrated into any cultural or social unit as the foundation upon which people relate to one another to enhance human dignity.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 27

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Most of the ideas in the Universal Declaration are recognized widely throughout the world. Having the Declaration available to people worldwide helps to promote the norms stated in it.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 28

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I don't think so. My impression is that it is an occidental construction which tends to impose its opinion to the rest of the world. But I hope I am wrong!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 29

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: While the universal declaration of human rights reflect a set of guidelines and standards that envisages a just, equitable and progressive society based on protection and promotion of fundamental human rights, it cannot be considered as universally accepted definition. The guidelines are contextual and can alter as per the needs and context of individual nation.

However, some fundamental issues like right to life, right to live in dignity, right to education, right to free movement, right to rule of law, can be considered as generally accepted concepts , which is also imperative in our pursuit to developing a democratic and just world.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 30

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: (41)Beyond the more general, philosophical question of whether anything in our pluri-cultural, multipolar world is truly universal, the issue of whether human rights is an essentially Western concept is ignoring the very different cultural, economic, and political realities of the other parts of the world cannot simply be dismissed.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 31

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes I think it does - except its language is a bit old-fashioned in places - especially the concepts of 'brotherhood' and 'mankind'

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 32

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Universal principles do not suffocate pluralism and difference. The efforts towards implementation of basic human rights throughout the past 60 years have only strengthened the basic understanding of what governments should not inflict to their people and a recognition of their positive duties towards their citizens. Moreover, today we only have more to share than in the past and an ever common vision to rely upon.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 33

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I think that despite this declaration, every country has its own idea of what human rights are.. so in my opinion, this concept is not universally accepted, but rather interpreted by countries.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 34

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes. It was negotiated at a time when all existing members states of the UN were not present, but over the last 60 years, new members of the UN have accepted its legitimacy as THE universal standard. As a matter of customary international law I would argue strongly that it now represents the basic principles which are applicable to all states and to the protection of all individuals, no matter where they live.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 35

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: We are in urgent need not only of universal human rights to be accepted world-wide, but for them to be understood and applied not selectively but as binding principles for all those in power and decision-making positions as well as standards of equality dignity and justice between people. Once each and every one subscribes to its concept and understands that each right applies to every human being without exception or excuse, we will remember our shared humanity and can start building a future without wars, domination, and abuse.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-05

Response Number: 36

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I think it does, but I also think much is left to individual interpretation by some nations.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 37

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: The Declaration states a universally accepted concept of human rights, but unfortunately, this concept is not universally accepted. Dictatorships usually portraits their own interpretation of the Declaration, falsely claiming that human rights

should be "adapted" to their own realities. It is strongly needed nowadays that we find mechanisms not only to bind and compromise signatory countries to comply with the 30 articles of the Declaration, but also to educate the common citizens about the spirit and letter of it, beyond political and religious considerations or interests. Millions of people in this world have not read the Declaration, and it needs to be part of popular culture in the modern world.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 38

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: No, as an indigenous woman and human rights defender of indigenous rights, I have noticed that not too many office workers, judges, lawyers or anyone for that matter, really cares about, or know of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I didn't know there was such a Universal Declaration, until about twenty years ago. In our indigenous world, there is so much violations of our human rights, that to me its a norm. In our world there is two sets of laws. One for the europeans and one for us as indigenous peoples. The word "Universal" baffles me. It's suppose to include "every human being" but I feel as if we the indigenous people are the only "invisible" beings in the universe, with no rights what so ever.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 39

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Most of what we think of as human rights are actually human responsibilities - responsibilities that we have towards each other. It is simply not possible to enforce the delivery of "human rights", for example no society in history has ever created a culture where everyone is in fact equal and free.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 40

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes, it does. It provides the guidelines upon which the rights of persons and things shall be given due regards in juridical relations, social, economic, and political affairs.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 41

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 42

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: No, because some countries and nations doesn't accepted and understood the UDHR. The declaration could reflect better the rights of devollopment and poor countries.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-14

Response Number: 43

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: To my view the UDHR reflects a universally accepted concept of Human Rights although their implementation is a different thing. In practice we see “accepted” infringements of those rights by the ones who “accept” them as a list in the Declaration.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 44

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: (617) The UDHR does touch all people globally. Through common international law can these principles be put into effect, however transparency is a major issue as well and not all states have ratified this declaration.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 45

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Not yet: See Beijing I for example: Some women were talking about the right to a gay marriage while others were talking about protection against FGM, access to safe birth centers, health care for mothers and babies etc. In some areas (global north), there may be a perception that all basic human rights have been achieved (gender equity, children's rights, refugees, etc). In these societies, there is a push to focus effort to newer frontiers (gay rights e.g). However, you scratch below the surface and find the same struggles as seen in the areas where democracy is still a dream. Even in the most powerful nation on earth - not everyone has a right to adequate shelter, health care or a fair trial (to name a few)

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 46

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights aim, since it was declared is to be universally accepted, but due to differences in culture and traditions, what westerns consider to be Human Rights are not fully thought so by easterns or southern. Because of this some countries intervene in others issues, accusing them for Human Rights violation, were the truth is that those are accepted traditions.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 47

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 48

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes it does because The HR Declaration is first of all a United Nations General Assembly Resolution. As we all know the General assembly is composed by all the States members of the Organization from all the parts of the world. In that way I'm convinced it reflects a universally accepted concept of human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 49

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Q-1 - UDHR Article 29. (1) Everyone has DUTIES to the community in which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible. DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES - should be given more Importance-- Duties- Most of what we think of as Human Rights are actually Human Responsibilities - that we have towards each other- where everyone is in fact equal and free, and knows his Responsibilities.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 50

Question: 1.TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?

Reason for Answer: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights seem ideal sets of principles to go by. However, from my point of view, there are some loopholes, and there are violation on certain rights that are hard to be accepted universally. E.g. freedom of speech is a basic human rights but this is not true to many countries, even in some affluent and developed countries.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 51

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: All human beings SHOULD be born free and equal in dignity and rights. These rights belong to all human beings, but are not always respected by their societies, governments..etc. They are often taken away. The international community should prioritize making this principle a reality for all the people in the world.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 52

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: The idea of being "born" free and equal comes from the 18th century Enlightenment, the idea being that inequality comes later as imposed by society. Probably, children are born "unequal" in intelligence, skills, place in social class, and it is up to the society to create forms of equal opportunity.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-28

Response Number: 53

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: I think it is the ideal principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights but in today's society where governments, economic, and social situations play a deciding role in the multi-level definition of what is free and equal, the principle is not upheld internationally or even regionally. I think that the UN as well as each individual country should strive to make this principle a reality by first realizing its practiced untruthfulness. Developing nations both socially and economically while paying close attention to human rights is a broad but necessary struggle that will in the long run ensure that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 54

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: It is a good statement of principle, but I fear is more honored in the breach than the observance. To take a glaring example, I live in a country (Canada) that is a constitutional monarchy. By definition, the head of state is born with more dignity and rights than his/her "subjects". Also unfortunate is that three of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council are notorious for their violations of human rights. In one of them, a candidate for their presidency is considered to be at a disadvantage because of his race. So much for equal dignity and rights. Another candidate in that race was recently eliminated and many attribute it to her sex/gender. Apparently that country is not ready yet for a woman president.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 55

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: If it is understood that this SHOULD be an operational principle, there remains a huge gap between the ideal and the actual. That gap is often not acknowledged, let alone addressed. That applies within countries, even those which go well down the road to meet this target. In many parts of the world it remains an elusive goal - one which is not even acknowledged in respect to some segments of the population. Recognition of the principle is only a beginning - an important beginning, but only that.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 56

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: It is a right principle but it should be obtain in the laws and regulations of countries so as to make it concrete and realistic.It should be based on an individual as a human being thus, just being one makes you free and equal in dignity.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 57

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 1

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: I think the principle of freedom, equality and dignity is so obvious and natural that it is almost a shame that the humanity took 2000 years in order to "declare" it officially. It is not because you recognize something officially or declare it, that these principles will be applied...

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 58

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 2

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Well, for one thing, the answer would depend a lot on the prevailing circumstances in which the question is asked. For example, one could expect an answer very different in Zimbabwe than if it were asked in, say, France or Belize.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 59

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Oui les gens naissent libres et égaux, mais je pense qu'il ne peut pas y avoir égalité entre les gens, du fait que quand on est pauvre, et que souvent on se dit qu'on a envie de mourir, et qu'on ne devrait même pas du naître car on est toujours derrière quelqu'un afin d'avoir de quoi manger, je me demande où est la dignité, et où est la liberté. On naît égaux, mais souvent pas libre, car il y'a aussi des gens qui naissent esclaves, c'est à dire comme propriété de quelqu'un.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 60

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Unfortunately, not true children born in North America and Europe have tremendous advantages over those born in Africa, particularly right to food and basic rights

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 61

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: It is a right principle, but it needs to be materialized with concrete laws and regulations to make societies accountable to it. The most important fact concerning this principle should always be that it should be centered on the human being, and not on the different interpretations about what means to be free or equal in dignity that any politician, government, religious leader or economic system might argue. To fully comply with this principle, THE PERSON HIMSELF OR HERSELF should be the one deciding what means to be free or equal in dignity for him or her, and not allowing anyone to decide for them what this principle means

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 62

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes, all human beings should be born free and equal in dignity and rights, but as others have said, this is not always respected by their societies, governments, etc...The international community should prioritize making this principle a reality for all the people in the world.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 63

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: It is a most essential principle - it underlines the whole notion of our common humanity. Without it the barbarities of slavery, trafficking in humans and myriad other forms of repression and discrimination could be perpetuated. It is bad enough that these have not yet been completely outlawed

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 64

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Q-2-(831) There are still great inequalities, and unless Human Rights & DUTIES are enshrined in Official Declarations and Legislation, this aspiration is likely to be ignored. There is a great need to protect the Human Rights of DISABLED persons & indigenous peoples.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 65

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9.5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Although people are born with a variety of talents or deficits, their rights should be equal. I put a score of 9.5, instead of 10, to allow for infants born extremely disabled and unable ever to respond, or people who suffer incapacitating injuries or disease later. They must be treated with respect and compassion, but some areas of human rights cannot apply if they are unable to make free and informed decisions. In an unequal world, international and national laws protecting human rights are important. There are still great inequalities, and unless human rights are enshrined in official declarations and legislation, this aspiration is likely to be even more ignored. There is a great need to protect the human rights of indigenous peoples, refugees and displaced persons particularly. My own country, Australia, has a disgraceful record on treatment of asylum-seekers in the recent past and of Aboriginal peoples since European settlement.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-14

Response Number: 66

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: There is no doubt that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Society, however, creates divisions. It is our duty to ensure that this does not happen. Several countries have almost achieved the goal to build fair and equal societies for all their members. This is thanks to the efforts made in the last 60 years and to the principles put forward by the UDHR. We can only continue to strive to implement all the principles contained in the UDHR.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 67

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: This particular phrase should be understood as "all human beings shall be considered as born free and equal in dignity and rights," since in reality not all human beings are born as such, and I do recognise the significance of this principle in understanding it that way.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 68

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: I think the principle is extremely important. Unfortunately the reality is that a very large number of people in many countries are unable to live with dignity. Poverty and corruption are still two of our biggest human rights challenges and the reality is that the major legal systems of the world do not necessarily accord as much importance to economic, social and cultural rights as they do to civil and political rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 69

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: The principle is of utmost importance; however, it exists just in words and as a rhetoric, since the society is built on inequality bases, of exploitation and discrimination which get perpetuated and are protected by the judicial, economic, and elections/representation structures.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 70

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: This is a given. Now we only have to ensure that effective action is taken to make sure that all people are indeed treated as free and equal in dignity and rights. this is our obligation.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 71

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: I support unreservedly the principle. But, immediately, we are confronted by the limitations on the fulfilment of this principle. Political, economic and social and attitudinal issues determne how effectively human persons can claim and live out of their equality in freedom and dignity and rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 72

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: The growing acceptance of this principle has been indicative of the evolution of humanity. When we learn to treat one another as equal in dignity and rights, a culture of peace will be born. May Peace Prevail on Earth!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-05

Response Number: 73

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: If every member of the society deeply understand this very important principal we shall have an ideal society! This is the main principal which was mentioned in the Bible.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 74

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: My religious beliefs teaches me that all human being are created with a dignity that automatically gives us certain basic human rights, i.e. freedom, equality, etc.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 75

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: It is a necessary and enough principle for peaceful and safe society.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 76

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: All human beings should be born free and equal in dignity and rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 77

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: From my indigenous woman point of view, I guess when human beings are first born, they are all born 'free and equal in dignity and rights', irregardless of race. Only after they have become teenagers, than adults, this free and equal in dignity and rights, ceases to exist, especially if they are an indigenous person. There is no dignity if indigenous people, in every corner of the world, are forced to live in poverty. Poverty exists because corruptions rule the world. In turn, corruption destroys our world, by environmental disasters, and there is no turning back. Indigenous people have no rights, what so ever. In Canada, its called Aboriginal Rights, but even those rights do not belong to us, as indigenous people. Aboriginal rights is written in the law books of Canada. In reality we, as indigenous people are an 'invisible' people, and invisible people have no rights at all. Although we have an indigenous peoples forum, within the United Nations, this does not make a difference. All the laws in the world, combined, will not change what this world has come too. You cannot turn back the clock and fix things, just like that. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is over 60 years old, and still there are indigenous people who are older than that, who live in extreme poverty and do not know if they have any 'RIGHTS', what so ever. To them, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, is meaningless or unheard of. I am over fifty years old, and it would be great to see within my life time, that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights be enforced and enshrined into all other existing laws of our country.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 78

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes, the principle of equality, freedom and dignity is the basis of peoples' power.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 79

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 80

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: All the rights has the same importance. It's impossible and it's undesirable to create hierarquies about rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-14

Response Number: 81

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: From my experience, the world would be fantastic if all the human beings were born free and equal in dignity and rights. I'm a middle class youth living in a third world country, were disparity and bad distribution of incomes is more than evident.

Were the poor suffer from hunger and health issues and were only the middle and high class have opportunities. Nowadays in my country modern slavery is still used in plantations and in wealthy people's homes, the sons od the maids are condemned to live in the same way, so they are not born equal to me.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 82

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Although born with difference in talents, health, environment, human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Freedom, dignity and human rights are a patrimony of the human person. Because these essential values were massively stolen from people, the UDHR was born as a world instrument to prevent further atrocities.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 83

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Life doesn't cost at all, there is absolutely nothing to do to be born, so why should any people think he has more rights or dignity than another? At the day of our birth we are all unconscious so where it comes that some might think they are superior to others. It only comes from social formating not from the reality.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 84

Question: 2.TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 85

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I think the right to one's own well being is the highest priority--as it includes many other basic human rights. It is the right to security, liberty, food, shelter, education, etc. One's well being is comprised of physical, social, psychological, and spiritual satisfaction.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 86

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Equality and freedom from torture--- both state and non-state.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-05

Response Number: 87

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: The most essential rights are basic survival: food, shelter and clothing. Then come medical care and security. Unfortunately, too many people in this world still do not have these basic rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 88

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I find it incorrect to prioritise rights particularly the fundamental ones. But I will hazard to add that the right to a dignified life in my view is the most critical.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 89

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Civil and political rights cannot be pursued by those without economic and social rights; the necessity of survival will overshadow other political pursuits.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-13

Response Number: 90

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: If those rights which permit basic survival are not met (shelter, food, water) then others really become moot. Assuming survival is assured then one moves to those that affect quality of life - health, freedom of thought, action, and community, etc. These are the rights that assure human dignity - and should permit conditions of human interaction which provide a basis for peace and equality.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 91

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I think the right to one's own well being should be given the highest priority as it includes many other basic human rights and necessities which is the right to, security, food, liberty, shelter, education and equality.If one must assume survival, then, these needs should be given priority.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 92

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: right to life

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 93

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 1

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: All of them equally. All are extremely important.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 94

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 1

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Rights don't have priorities. Rights are rights. But that means we shouldn't misuse right to mean wish.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 95

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 3

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: It feels like a "trick question" because difficult to separate out certain human rights as being above others. But I think that together, the right not to be hungry, and the right to not be tortured or enslaved, and the right to peaceful conditions in which each person can develop his or her unique personality and life project together sum up the basic elements. I see these rights in broad terms as I believe is required because human rights is not about something grudgingly given but recognition of the fundamental equality and worth of all people. I.e. torture includes rape and forced drugging (torture as seen from perspective of groups that have been discriminated against). UDHR Article 22 almost sums up what I think is most important, because it values the free development of the personality and recognizes its relationship with E/S/C rights, but it doesn't specifically address the right to free development in itself, which is better captured by freedom from torture and ill treatment. And from the work on the Disability Convention, we can't forget recognition as a person before the law with right to exercise legal capacity; important for full human and social citizenship status. Relationship of children to this is problematic and an area that needs to be addressed more fully.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 96

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: food, shelter, and clothing

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 97

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: 1)freedom of thought, religion, opinion and expression 2) life, liberty and security 3) standard of living 4) education 5) Art 24

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 98

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Food and Water

Email:

Date: 2008-06-15

Response Number: 99

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Human rights are inherently inter-dependent. While prioritizing certain types of social policies over others may be quite key to ensuring rights in certain contexts, prioritizing one right over another is not a helpful way to look at the issue.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 100

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: (80) Q-3 ( The Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights) starts off by affirming the 4 Freedoms - Freedom of Speech and Belief and Freedom from Fear and Want "as the highest Apspiration of the Common People". And "Right to Freedom of Information"- is essential for People to know their Rights in order to be able to Protect and Enjoy them.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 101

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I think all human rights are interdependent and indivisible so it is difficult to prioritize. The Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights starts off by affirming the 4 freedoms - freedom of speech and belief and freedom from fear and want "as the highest apspiration of the common people". I see myself as an ordinary person and would go with these as my top priorities. I would add the right to freedom of information - as it is essential for people to know their rights in order to be able to protect and enjoy them.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 102

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Right to a life in dignity: right to food, to water, to shelter, to health, to rest etc... Right to education Right to freedom from fear Right to freedom of expression Right to freedom of movement

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 103

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Access to clean and preserved natural environment.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 104

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I would give highest priority to all basic human rights to all human beings, equally. The first in line would be the right to food, as it is very hard to keep food on the table when you are an indigenous person of Canada. The price of food keeps skyrocketing, yet the money to get the food, stays the same, or gets lesser. Next in line would be water, as without water all living things will disappear fast. Than shelter is next, as every living thing needs a place to call home, whether it be humans or animals. Then medicines, as without medicines there will be so many sicknesses, even the animals know their own medicines. Than there is education, as without education a human being will die young. Than freedom of speech, freedom of religion, free to roam the world,

free to live where you want, free from discrimination and racism, free from intimidation and harassment from the authorities. But in reality, this is too much to ask, from an indigenous point of view. Mainly, because in this part of the world, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is unheard of, or of no use, or its completely ignored.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 105

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I agree that all basic rights set out in the Declaration are interdependent, and prioritizing is impossible. How can one say that one fundamental right is more necessary than another? The goal of the Universal Declaration is to guarantee that ALL basic rights of ALL human beings are respected.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 106

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: All of them equally. You can not exclude one in favor of others. Article 30 provides a good framework by stating that "Nothing in this Declaration may be interpreted as implying for any State, group or person any right to engage in any activity or to perform any act aimed at the destruction of any of the rights and freedoms set forth herein". It closes the gap for any misinterpretation or twisting of the principles stated by the Declaration

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 107

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Right to security, liberty, free from torture, maltreatment by police; freedom of expression and religion; basic rights food, shelter, education, health services

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 108

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I would give a very high priority to the right to security and the right to education.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 109

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: 1) Life 2) Freedom - movement, worship, civic engagement 3) Health 4) Education 5) Earn a decent living

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 110

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: All rights are equally important, but as a matter of practice we need to redress the imbalance of past practices - which have been to give a higher priority to civil and political rights. The reality, as the world conference recognised in 1993, is that not only are all rights equally important they are basically indivisible. In my own experience those most often deprived of their economic and social rights are those most likely to have their civil and political rights abused - whether, for example, we are looking at homeless peoples, indigenous people, people with disabilities or any other group that has traditionally been marginalised.  
Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 111

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: The right basic water and sanitation services is a prerequisite for all other rights. However it is not all ways clear and explicit.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 112

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I would rank freedom of speech as the highest. The rights to be detained without reprieve should be abolished. Some states imposed some form of internal security framework that permits them to arrest a suspect without offering them the chance to seek for a lawyer.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 113

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Right to food,shelter,medicine and education

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 114

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Acknowledging that all rights are important and interdependent, if freedom of expression would be enforced, and the principle of “one citizen-one vote/opinion” respected, including incriminating those who act against the will of the people or ethically-obvious values, might help progress on the other principles.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 115

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: It seems trite, but the American Founding Fathers had the right idea: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. These rights have been defined differently over time, but we all need to be secure in our lives, free from oppression, from hunger, from fear, etc. We need to be able to move around our societies, to go to school, find jobs and housing, etc. We need to be able to be happy, to marry regardless of our sexual orientation, to engage in activities that we enjoy and are not harmful to ourselves or others.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 116

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: It is the right to equality!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 117

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I would give the highest priority to the right to food. Without food life cannot be sustained.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 118

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: It is the right to liberty.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 119

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: ALL RIGHTS ARE RIGHTS!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 120

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Freedom of Life( Food/Shelter), Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Arbitrary Arrest, Freedom of Religion.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 121

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: The right to life and peace.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 122

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 123

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: freedom, food, housing, healthcare, emotional support, education

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 124

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: 44. The right to life from conception to its natural end. The right of all children to have access to breastmilk or another form of nutrition when the mother is ill. The right to access to medical care free from corrupt marketing 'dumping' practices. The right for all to education and employment. The protection of the mentally ill who are unable to care for themselves in the community.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 125

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: freedom of speech, religion, free from poverty,

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 126

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: I think that the right to liv is the one that should have highest priority, because all the others are applicable if this one exists.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 127

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: All Human Rights are important and no reduction should be made. Obviously, the Right to Life is a pre-requisite to be able to exercise all the other rights. Right to education, association, freedom of expression, participation in public life ..... will never be enjoyed by a child to whom the Right to Life was denied.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 128

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: (41)Right to Life.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 129

Question: 3.TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 130

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: Yes, the idea behind the Declaration is that all human beings are born equal, and should have equal rights. If different people would have different rights, the concepts of equality and non-discrimination would be negated.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 131

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: No, i do not think they are are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions, and value systems. Many groups believe their views are correct and so those that differ are inherently lower. Also, despite the fact that many cultures have a tradition of revering the concept of women, they are consistently oppressed and degraded. In addition to the disparity between men and women when it comes to human rights in many cultures, religions, and value systems--laws, double standards, and practices exist to distinguish children from adults--often leaving kids to face lower standards of living and having their human rights violated without their knowledge.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 132

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: (1111) First of all, Ethnic (race, religion, ect) equality and gender equality. After this has been solved, then the right to education given equally as well. The youth are those who suffer the most from gender and racial inequality, they are not given the same opportunities or benefits (health as well). The UDHR does not seem to spell out a specific right that seems to be more important than any other, but the rights to all. If one of these rights are missing or abused, than they all suffer from progressing.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 133

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: I believe in equal rights privileges for all

Email:

Date: 2008-06-18

Response Number: 134

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: (4)No,i don't think so because we've got different cultures,beliefs,religions and value systems whereby some are more considerable than others.Especially women and children are the most vulnerable groups all over the world.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 135

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: I do not think human rights are common to all cultures and beliefs. Most countries vary in their opinions and ethical values such that what may be right in one country can be wrong in another country. I think the universal charter should be able to make this declarations obtainable all over the world most especially third world countries.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 136

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 4

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: From my experience working internationally, I think that the rights in the UDHR (and some expanded ones) are in fact common in the sense that people of differing genders, cultures, religions, and income and stages of development of their countries, in fact can agree on certain key values. And I believe that all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems can adapt and learn, nothing should be static. We learn from others around us and from our own continual development - as individuals and collectives. There is also real dissent and political ways of enforcing one value system over another. This seems unavoidable. We can offer reasons and make it as coherent as possible, one way is by starting from a premise that no individual can legitimately oppress another - but then there would be dissent from someone who believes "collective" rights supersede those of individuals. I am not sure whether ultimately we can weave together a fabric of respecting diverse perspectives, that will actually work and have legitimacy and coherency everywhere.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 137

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: I do not think that human rights are common to all cultures and structures. They are certainly not to the corporate culture, nor to most political structures (including the most “recognized” democracies) and they are certainly not to many cultures that still promote gender inequality.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 138

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: In some countries like Iran which its policy and rule is based on religion, in some fields such as equality between men and women there are differences. It's because of the definition of equality between men and women (as the nature of men and women are different their rights are different too. It's believed that their rights are equal but different and it's based on their responsibilities).

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 139

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 6

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: No, I don't think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value system. Academic human beings think they have all the answers, and they control the world, but they know nothing about HUMAN RIGHTS for all. Money talks and human rights walks. Our environment is a man made disaster, all for the love of money. The ones who suffer the most are the indigenous women and children, especially if they were the land owners or land protectors. Our world is ruled mostly by men. Indigenous women are abused in every way, and there seems to be no way out. There are so many missing/murdered indigenous women in Canada, alone, and many of them did not know that they had any rights whatsoever. As an indigenous woman, myself, I thought that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights was only for the Europeans, or for the rich and educated. I did not know of

this Universal Declaration until, I was introduced to the computer era. Even so, many indigenous people, have no computers, telephones, homes, no education. Who cares about the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, when there is no food on the table, the children are starving, the water is contaminated and making people sick? As indigenous people, many of our cultures have disappeared, our beliefs were stripped off of us, when we practiced our own religion we were called pagans or devil worshipers. In the old days, our value system was very high, because there was no money back then, now things have changed drastically. As indigenous people, we are a dying race, in time all of the human race will disappear from the earth. Indigenous people do not need to be on the bottom of the totem pole forever, we need to be equal to all other human beings of the world.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 140

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 6

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems? Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: (42)The problem with the culture argument is that it subsumes all members of a society under a cultural framework that may in fact be inimical to them. It is one thing to advocate the cultural argument with an escape clause, that is, one that does not seek to coerce the dissenters but permits individuals to opt out and to assert their individual rights. Those who freely choose to live by and to be treated according to their traditional cultures are welcome to do so, provided others who wish to be free are not oppressed in the name of a culture they prefer to disavow.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 141

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems? Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: (80) Human Rights Should be made common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 142

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: The core values of the UDHR are universal not only because the document is the result of extensive consultations conducted by a group of enlightened leaders from diverse cultural, religious and legal traditions but also because the universality of its principles and of the rights it guarantees finds fertile ground in the intrinsic evolutionary element of all cultures and traditions. Thus, if the rights contained in the UDHR are not immediately intrinsic to a culture or religious belief, the UDHR represents a precious chance to influence the evolution of cultures towards integrating such basic principles, by articulating shared features within diverse normative systems.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 143

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: 44 If we accept that all people are born with equal rights, then this needs to be reflected in legislation and even more importantly in how men and women express themselves. Many of the anti-social or discriminatory activities we see are the result of learned behaviour either within families or through peer pressure. Having said that, there will always be cultural norms that display aspects of thinking/actions which may not be universally seen as for the common good.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 144

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: NO, not at all, as I mentioned in question one, what for an American is a right to an Arab is not or vice-versa. History has been witness of human rights violations due to cultural differences (genocides,tortures, female genital mutilation).

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 145

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems? Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: These are the fundamental things for human right to all cultures,beliefs,religions and values.But cultural and religious rights cannot be absolute, it depends on the kind of societies we live in. We know there are thirty article of universal declaration of human right but most common are hygienic food, safe shelter,improvised medicine and good education.People can never show their momentum without it.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 146

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems? Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: Yes I do think that fundamental human rights and freedoms are common to all people everywhere. One of the great insights of the Universal Declaration is the principle of non-discrimination of any kind - such as race, color, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 147

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: I do not think that human rights are common to all cultures. It always depend on values and education of the society you live. Abstract values like freedom or dignity cannot be schematized, often they are subjective and cannot be applied in an universal way. For example Article 24 concerning "the right to rest and leisure, including reasonable limitation of working hours" shows already how ambiguous this issue is. What is reasonable limitation in this case??

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 148

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: Human Rights trump religion and culture. Slavery was justified on both religious and cultural grounds and millions of lives were ruined needlessly. We cannot allow religion and culture to dominate my right to life, liberty and happiness. To take a little girl and hack off her private parts is wrong no matter what the culture or religion. To enforce marriage inequality based on sexual orientation is wrong regardless of the religion or culture. Religions and cultures have had to continuously adapt to end slavery, emancipate women, end racial segregation and to end bigotry based on sexual orientation. Religion and culture have also had to adapt to science to accept that the world is round and that it rotates around the sun.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 149

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?  
Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: Yes, I am to the same idea because it's important for the humanity to have equal rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 150

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: Yes, I believe all humans are created in the image of the Creator and since we are all created by the One Creator, our rights as humans is common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 151

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: Yes, because they are referred to the human being itself, and cultures, religions, beliefs and value systems are related to the human interpretation of their own reality. So human rights are universal, and these interpretations are particular. Human rights goes to the essence of humanity, the quality that defines the human race, and these interpretations go as how humanity is applied to a particular environment or circumstance.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 152

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: I think we must be careful how we use the world 'rights' and yes, then, these rights apply to all whom we think are 'human' . That then leads to explicit considerations of slaves, people with disabilities, 'useless eaters' and other ethical questions - perhaps a definition of 'human'.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 153

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: YES!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 154

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: General, however, due to poverty, ignorance, self-respect, and enlightened leadership they are not fully enjoyed by many.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 155

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: I believe that these human rights are inherent in the nature of the human being. I do not believe that these human rights are "recognized" as rights in all cultures, beliefs, religions and/or value systems because of the practices in those cultures, religions and/or value systems. That does not mean that we, i.e. all human beings, should not advocate and persuade for them. Too many cultures, if not all, give preference to males. Too many males become arrogant and try to dominate females. Too many religions say that females are equal "in dignity" and "rights" but don't practice what they preach.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 156

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: In many cultures, women are not sign as equally having rights to freedom and education in particular. They do not have equal rights in owning property and directing their own destiny

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 157

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: yes, the point in common is that we are talking about human beings

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 158

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: They should be. There should be no cultural excuses. It is important that the UN hold all countries to minimum human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 159

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: yes

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 160

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: There are cultural differences between beliefs in certain aspects of rights, such as the right to, and sole possession of, private property, especially land ownership. Determining whose rights are prior may require delicate and tricky negotiations among members of entire groups, such as collectivities. It is very important to recognize the principle of ACCESS to resources necessary for individuals' and group survival, and that such access is of utmost importance when it assures survival of persons and groups. In my view, the imposition of artificial restrictions and limitations on that access is itself a violation of human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-13

Response Number: 161

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: I think that the Human Rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions in the sense that they derive from the human nature. Human nature is what, we - peoples of different races, different colours and different backgrounds - share. Coming from Europe, I do feel belonging to the same human family as my fellow participant in this dialogue, the Indigenous Canadian.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 162

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: Yes I do. Human rights are not linked to a specific place, value systems, religions, beliefs and so on. They only concern human persons. Every people in the world wherever he lives has the same body (men and women), the same basic needs... That's the reason why I'm convinced all people are equal in rights and dignity and these human rights contained in the Declaration are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 163

Question: 4.TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems?

Please give your reasons.

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 164

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: It is not a contradiction, but a difficult balance. Human beings do not live their lives in a vacuum, they are members of family, of society, political actors, consumers, producers..etc. In order to guarantee basic rights for human beings these rights have to apply to human beings in all their roles, functions, and in all the groups that they belong to. In reality, there are many

political impediments to achieving these rights across all these sectors equally and universally, but they still must be considered together, and equally relevant.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 165

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Often when working collectively, not everyone is equal. For example, in the business world and within governments positions are hierarchical. But, as individuals we often told that we are all equal despite money and power. Sadly, money and power often trumps the principle and practice of upholding and even having basic human rights. Ideally, having human rights should not be something that one has to acquire or have to hold on to, but with the role that money and power play, as quickly as we are born with these rights, we are stripped of them.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 166

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: (65) Ideally there should not be. But again it is this 'Rights' - "DUTIES" and 'Responsibilities' dichotomy.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 167

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Although in principle there shouldn't be contradictions, the reality is that there are huge inconsistencies between individual and collective human rights. One example would be the corporate/individual interests imbalance, which -- on the domino principle -- triggers a whole range of consequences.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 168

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 3

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: I do not see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights. I believe that both collective rights and individual rights should be on the agenda of governments to be realized for their citizens. It is of the utmost importance, however, that basic rights such as the right to food and to health are realized at the earliest possible for all citizens.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 169

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 4

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: No contradiction, both must be fully protected.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 170

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: I don't see a contradiction between c/p and e/s/c rights. If seen as rights of individuals, there cannot be any contradiction because the individual will always be in a position of choosing. I don't mean that a person has to waive any right to get another, but that some rights may be understood differently by different individuals and it's important to emphasize that ESC rights are still individual rights, not rights of a society that are subject to the will of political elites. For example, the right to health is an individual right - it is not a right of society as a whole that governments can protect by deciding what is healthy and what is not healthy and compelling people to undergo treatments or refrain from activities in the name of health. (Though this is often how health is perceived - it's not a human rights perspective on health.) Work also, if seen as a human right, is a right of individuals - not a right of society as a whole to have people working. The issue of how to realize these rights and allocate resources, I think that equitable allocation of resources has to be recognized as a human right and then we can get rid of the concept of progressive realization that is understood in a way that creates second-class rights. On collective and individual rights - the example that comes to my mind is Native American women asserting individual rights of non-discrimination based on gender, against their indigenous nation, which in turn claimed self-determination. I know this is a serious issue for indigenous peoples and I don't understand it well enough. I am in sympathy with women in any context asserting equal rights and wouldn't think that it should be subordinated to sovereignty of any country or people. Maybe the problem is that indigenous peoples have never been truly recognized as having a right to self-determination and if they were (i.e. if this right were protected fully by the international human rights regime equally with nation-states), there wouldn't be a need to have this conflict over the issue of women's rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 171

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Obviously a balance- individual rights are important but the basic conditions to be met for all citizens are also important

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 172

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: 44 I feel very uncomfortable with the concept that lawful individual rights may be sacrificed for what is deemed the common good. If this logic is applied to solving national or international problems, personal agenda with scant regard for consultation, tend to get in the way. However there is a role for education in providing all people regardless of their level of education with reasons for decision-making.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 173

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: I think much of the debate on human rights at the UN has been politicized and that there are difficult issues to be resolved in terms of balancing political and economic rights. And there is no doubt that some cultures place a stronger emphasis on individual rights and other cultures emphasize the collective rights of the group. The big challenge for us all is to fulfil Article 28 - the entitlement of everyone to a social and international order in which the rights and freedoms in the Declaration can be fully realised.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 174

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Although in principle there shouldn't be contradictions, the reality is that there are huge inconsistencies between individual and collective human rights. One example would be the corporate/individual interests imbalance, which -- on the domino principle -- triggers a whole range of consequences.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 175

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Ideally there should not be. But again it is this 'rights' and 'responsibilities' dichotomy. Within families there can be real tensions. One of my female friends took her father to court because she considered that he was denying her, what she regarded as her rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 176

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: (41)In reality, many of the current objections to the universality of human rights reflect a false opposition between the primacy of the individual and the paramountcy of society. Many of the civil and political rights protect groups, while many of the social and economic rights protect individuals. Thus, crucially, the two sets of rights, and the two covenants that codify them, are inter-woven and interdependent, sustaining and nourishing each other. Still, while the conflict between group rights and individual rights may not be inevitable, it would be naïve to pretend that conflict would never occur. But while groups may collectively exercise rights, the individuals within them should also be permitted the exercise of their rights within the group, rights that the group may not infringe upon.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 177

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: No I don't see contradiction I see only differences in the way systems protect human rights. Some may have a higher level of protection others lower. But we must be always attentive because in protecting collective rights we may attempt to individual and reverse. Economic and social rights are not in opposition with civil and political rights they are the continuance. Economic and social rights are the finality of civil and political rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 178

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 179

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: People have their different voices and demands so a certain degree of contradiction is inevitable.They can have differing and unique and perspectives towards human rights. But the emphasis on individual rights should not give space to violation of collective rights of the society. We need to strike a balance between the two, only then civic,political,economic and social rights can prosper.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 180

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: I think all individual human rights come together in the collective rights for the common good (community). I see a difference between civil and political rights. I understand civil rights to address the civil order i.e. right to vote, a governments right to collect and distribute taxes. Political rights I understand to have the right to establish a political party. I also see a difference between economic and social rights. I understand economic rights for the individual as the right to a job that pays a living wage and economic rights for a nation as the right to provide for and sustain an adequate life style for its citizens without dominating other nations economic rights. I think social rights must respect the individual and collective human rights of all peoples.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 181

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Not at all. Individual human rights are the essence, and economic, political or social rights are ramifications or expansions of this essence. Of course there should be a balance, because no collective right can be exercised against the human rights of any individual and on the other hand, no individual should be allowed to exercise any particular right against the right of any collectivity. But the Universal Declaration is very specific and clear about this. The right to life is a good example. You can not deprive anyone of his/her roght to live alleging that it is for the benefit of a community. If the person is a threat to society, you can always submit this person to trial, with all rights associate to it, and you are complying with both collective and individual human rights

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 182

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: No contradiction, both must be fully protected!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 183

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Not contradictions exactly . If you mean by contradiction as oposite. Ther will be times when the actions of one individual might interfere with or haarm the collective rights. In other words, Individual rights should do not harm to the collective rights and vis versa.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-08

Response Number: 184

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: In theory, the contradiction is a matter of perception. However, due to the imbalance in the distribution of wealth, greed and avarice, despotism and organized manipulation in human activities, contradiction rear its ugly head.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-09

Response Number: 185

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: no

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 186

Question: 5.TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?

Reason for Answer: Yes. For example Individual right: Freedom of Speech (freedom to express ones 'political views') Civil right: Protection against harassment and discrimination based on race, gender, ability, age, etc. Frequently, ones political views (as as those of the KKK) might step over the boundary of the rights of another.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-17

Response Number: 187

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: The barriers are political, economic and cultural. Unfortunately there are barriers at both the individual and collective-levels. More general education about human rights is necessary, and there should be increased emphasis on human rights in the political agenda. Human rights, security and development are interdependent, and all these have to be addressed together before any one can be realized.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 188

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: As a US citizen i think that living in such a competitive economy is the principal barrier to the realization of some of the rights in the declaration. Many businesses are more worried about making as much profit as possible that they are willing to sacrifice the basic human rights of others to climb the ladder in today's society. Cheap labor and the exploitation of immigrants is a huge issue in the U.S. today and the root cause is the greed and demand for services. As long as we are not the ones suffering then it is okay.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 189

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: The Human Rights Council of the UN is the principal barrier to the realization of human rights. It is a hypocritical organization focusing on anti- Israel policies to the esclusion of most of the violations in the world. It will harm the UN. It will harm the world. It is false and everyone perceives it. It is corrupt and unworthy of the goals of the declaration of human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-12

Response Number: 190

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: Lack of agreement on effective enforcement mechanisms. The ICC is a step in this direction, but a universal enforcement system is also necessary for violations of economic, social, civil, & political rights as well as criminal abuses.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-13

Response Number: 191

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: I think the barriers are political and cultural. Most political leaders are corrupt as they tend to block and encode all cases on human rights. Some try to favor friends from the same cultural background thereby obstructing justice and equality.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 192

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: (59) Unwillingness of the authorities to implement the Universal Declaration. THE Government should do its DUTIES.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 193

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: The barriers are essentially political.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 194

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: There was an analysis done by Frances Fox Piven and a colleague showing how European & North American society have alternately restricted poor people and provided "relief". We are now in a cycle of repression, I identify the 1996 federal reforms - welfare "reform," immigration "reform" and habeas corpus "reform" (all repressive) along with the promotion of outpatient commitment (forced drugging in the community, of people labeled mentally ill) as the hallmark but the change had begun long before. Also the buildup towards increasing military intervention and tolerance of American society for military interventions after Vietnam, appears to have been deliberate (beginning with the invasion of Grenada, gradually increasing in scale and cost in all senses). At the same time, our society has fragmented to a great extent so there is no real public discourse that includes everyone - only a huge number of separate discourses and information overload. Politicization of discourse rather than open dialogue is highly developed. Yet, I don't want to see another cycle of "relief" and peace only to lead to more repression and war. We have to stop the cycles. While the U.S. political system can be partly to blame, similar things are occurring in other rich countries so I think it is deeper. Perhaps the fragmentation may be less. And then there is the problem that some issues are not yet fully understood as being required for human rights. It is no one's fault, but we are just beginning to see madness from the perspective of non-discrimination based on disability and put "mad pride" into human rights. It will scare people but allow us to come closer together ultimately, to find ways to support each other despite lack of understanding and behavior that seems incomprehensible.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 195

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: In Nigeria, I think that the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the UDHR, include: (1) Lack of awareness of the content of the UDHR by majority of the people; (2) Economic inequality of the people; (3) Some traditional practices; (4) Greed and corrupt practices; (5) Lack of enforcement of the laws.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 196

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: In our part of the world, our in Country like Nepal, which is a developing nation, the principal barrier to realization of human rights is the lack of commitment and will on the part of political actors or state to adhere to basic human rights standards and declaration. We are very good at making superficial commitments towards on human rights by signing the declaration, but this has been largely aimed at appeasing the international actors. But the real commitment on the part of state to implement such declaration is missing, I think this has been impeding us to take major strides in human rights arena.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 197

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9.5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: The principal barriers are unbalanced power relationships, expressed principally economically, but also of course politically, socially and culturally. Additionally, in the US, people have a very poor knowledge and understanding of human rights, especially ESCR. They thus see poverty as an unfortunate yet inherent flaw of the economy or of personal responsibility, while in fact it is primarily a condition of specific policy choices bent in favor of the powerful.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 198

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: I think in my country the biggest problem is the economy. Article 24 is largely violated because of saving measures of the State. Also as far as it concerns education, less and less schools are free and higher education is not equally accesible as it should be according to the Article 26 (1)

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 199

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: Barriers in this part of the world are cultural and religious. Old cultural models still influence society and the rights of women or of migrant workers, for example, are not completely realized. The lack of representatives of interested categories in leadership positions also prevents the governments to put forward stronger legislation and ensure proper enforcement. A skewed media system and lack of human rights education in school is also detrimental to effective implementation of human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 200

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: The biggest impediment is the corporate interests-based system of values.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 201

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: In North America among the principal blockages to the realization of our rights is the consolidation and ownership of the media by large corporations. They thus do not educate about the Universal Declaration or the need to realize these

rights, much less about what could effectively be done to achieve these rights. Nor about the agreement that all schools should include human rights education. In addition not even our Congressional and Presidential Candidates or Representatives talk about such things. This is one of the reasons that we need to have a UN Charter Review Conference that will include a significant focus on achieving our basic human rights and fulfilling the mandates of the Universal Declaration and Conventions. It would give us a way to raise awareness about such things as this. In addition, most people in the United States don't even know about the Declaration and Conventions, much less what is actually in them. This is why we need to include and teach Human Rights Education in every school; and it is why the World Alliance for Transforming the UN is calling for a UN Charter Review Conference and the realization of all of the rights contained in the Declaration. We need to educate people about the Declaration and what needs to be done to achieve it and end the continuing hypocrisy of our governments who promise everything and achieve so little of it.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 202

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: Unwillingness of the authorities to implement the Universal Declaration.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 203

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: I am sure that there are two basic barriers: 1. corrupcy and 2. common citizens don't aware on their rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 204

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: As a US citizen the barriers I see are a lack of understanding and appreciation of cultural differences within the U.S. I am not saying racism, but within ethnic groups a lack of understanding and appreciation of differences. If one does not understand and appreciate within one's country, one does not understand and appreciate other cultures outside the US. Equal to this are economic issues.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 205

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: In my particular case, Cuba, the principal barrier is the existence of a totalitarian dictatorship that owns the media, and the judiciary and legislative systems. So the citizens have no way to defend against human rights abuses, and even the denunciation of these abuses are tipified as "Enemy Propaganda" in the penal code. The ideological imbrication between one ploticial party and the the concept of Nation creates a repressive political atmosphere that asfixiate human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 206

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: The barriers in the Republic of Georgia are social-economic. After the military coup d'etat of December 1991 - January 1992 before the Georgia's "Rose Revolution" of November 23, 2003 my country was under ruling of E. Shevardnadze's dictatorial regime.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 207

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: (41)As a sub-saharan African I think the idea that human rights could be ensured merely by the state not interfering with individual freedom cannot survive confrontation with a billion hungry, deprived, illiterate, and jobless human beings around the globe. Human rights, in one memorable phrase, could start with breakfast.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 208

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: The European Union political process. Actually we have come to a point that EU must choose between the statu quo and a more intrusive institutionalization process. And it affects certain rights of people not the basic ones, but especially economic and social rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 209

Question: 6.TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 210

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: Education and raising awareness about human rights are essential. The underlying causes of human rights violations must be addressed, and human rights law must be more seriously implemented.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 211

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: I think that as one of the leading nations in the world it is our responsibility to properly educate our own citizens of the human rights violations occurring within our own nation. Creating awareness of the exploitation of immigrants, cheap labor, and the forced sex industry is key to lowering the demand for services in the US that hinder basic human rights of individuals and groups. Targeting consumers so that they will pressure higher markets to enforce better standard of living for workers is extremely important, especially in a society that boasts democracy and freedom for all.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 212

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: I am lobbying to have non-state actor torture recognized as a crime in Canada by changing to the Criminal Code to include both state and non-state actor torture.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-05

Response Number: 213

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: To include access to healthy and preserved natural environment in the Universal Declaration.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 214

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: 44 Protection of children from all levels of abuse; protection of women from partner violence and degradation; better monitoring of media in order to reduce the amount of freely-available pornography; addressing elderly abuse;

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Date: 0000-00-00

Response Number: 215

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: I would recommend educating the masses on their Rights and DUTIES and creating awareness of the evils of some of the traditional practices that hinder human rights and strengthening the legal system so that laws are obeyed and that it is easy for the masses to obtain justice.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 216

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 3

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: The U.S. has to be held fully accountable for human rights violations of all kinds - not only Guantanamo though that is a beginning. And it has to keep hands off Latin America. Too much destruction has been done there and I am afraid when the U.S. finishes with the Middle East it will go to LA again. We need to build more of a human rights culture in the U.S., which also means some humility with respect to the rest of the world. Yet this position is called elitist and we also have a lot of anti-intellectualism. I don't know how to change this. It would be interesting for the U.S. to consider creating a national human rights institution. But it would have to be done in a way that is not distorted to fit our existing political processes, would need to have a real and open process of national consultation designed to reach everyone.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 217

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: Enhancing people's participation in any common goals towards human rights protection and promotion and institutionalizing basic fundamental human rights through connecting individual programmes that are carried out across different nations in a region.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 218

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: To enforce implementation of human rights in my region, I would strengthen the enforceability of decisions taken by the European Court of Human Rights and ensure that its rulings overrule State Courts' rulings in matters of human rights. More generally, it should be ensured that the European Court of Human Rights substantially influence legislation on other matters in each country. I would also increase chances for information sharing on best practices among countries belonging to the same region, in this sense the Universal Periodic Review could represent a useful instrument.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 219

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: More effective education system in the field of human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 220

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: I would recommend educating the masses on their rights, creating awareness of the evils of some of the traditional practices that hinder human rights and strengthening the legal system so that laws are obeyed and that it is easy for the masses to obtain justice.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 221

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: I would recommend educating the masses on their Rights and DUTIES and creating awareness of the evils of some of the traditional practices that hinder human rights and strengthening the legal system so that laws are obeyed and that it is easy for the masses to obtain justice.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 222

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: governments are not all ways clear what the rights mean in terms of national law and are all ways "afraid" somebody might take them to court to get that right - this thinking in liabilities especially in aglo saxon countries is a big barrier. Making it clear in seperate national laws would maybe "help" Do not think the job is done when there is a law. You have to work at it.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 223

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: (41)Awareness sensitization, education, good governance and constructive citizen participation for an optimum socio-economic and cultural balance in sustaining human rights diversity and convergence in my sub-sahan region of Afica would be my principal recommendations.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 224

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: - a legal boundig body shall be installed which defends human rights

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 225

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: Freedom of information and increased role of the media in disseminating objective views on local/regional/world issues, in order to educate the citizens, so they can make an informed decision in the elections. Also, general online vote on important issues that affect society as a whole, based on the principle "one citizen-one vote".

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 226

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: First, the UN should hold a Charter Review Conference and we should all lobby and educate for this. One of the central components of the Review would be to look at the extent to which individual articles of the UN Charter and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights are in fact carried out. And to the extent that they are not fully implemented and carried out the UN must

determine what would be required for them to be carried out and as swiftly as possible. The NGOs should be included as primary partners in making this determination and in coming up with recommendations for achieving this rights. In fact the Universal Declaration mandates this. Regional meetings and conferences should be held as a part of the Review Process and for giving recommendations for achieving these rights and fulfilling the mandates and obligations of the Charter.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-04

Response Number: 227

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: Some kind of universal recognition and enforcement of existing regional human rights adjudication bodies' determinations, such as of the Inter-American human rights commission; strengthening of those regional systems so that they can manage many more cases; and the establishment of such bodies where they do not now exist, as in the vast area of Asia which includes China.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-13

Response Number: 228

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: Actually There is no many solutions for that. For my part I'm convinced that social and economic integration will help Africa to streghten the implementation of human rights. Now it may seem impossible to associate both but the european experience show the contrary.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 229

Question: 7.TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 230

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: The dramatic scientific and technological advances since the signing of the Declaration mean that the Declaration must be updated with considerations to changes in the human rights situation that these advances brought. Scientific and technological advances changed the human rights landscape, enhancing the enjoyment of basic human rights for some, and taking rights away from others. The "digital-divide" is a special concern in this regard, and access to information should be addressed in more detail.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 231

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: over the past 60 years scientific and technological advances have caused as many setbacks as they have advances to the protection of human rights. Science and technology has fueled globalization as well as an extremely competitive market that leaves very little room for the protection of human rights. it has definitely allowed for many opportunities for poorer individuals to leave their home and find employment in better areas but it is also increased demand for services that often lead to the exploitation of immigrants who are willing to work in horrendous condition of little pay. With such monstrous globalization, competition has hindered equality, one of the fundamental principles of the declaration

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 232

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: (8)I don't think scientific and technology advances over the past 60years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights because those who had benefited,are the priviledged ones and the majority lacking the access to it.The less gifted people,in terms of material,are the less priviledged ones.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 233

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Internet technology in particular has radically shifted the ability of people to organize transnationally, substantially strengthening the realization of human rights. Other scientific developments, of course, have served(or may soon serve) as deep challenges to human rights, such as genetic modification of food, and the invention of the petroleum economy over the past

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 234

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: They didn't helped the protection of human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 235

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Some scientific "advances" have been horrors. Atomic bomb is obvious, but the procession of ways to destroy the mind in the name of cure, lobotomy, electroshock and a variety of drugs - they get subtler and easier to sell, with legally sophisticated and politically adept campaigns. "Chemical imbalance" - how long will it take to get past that one? In a more general sense, there is the influence of the WTO regime on environmental and health/safety regulation, rejection of the use of "precautionary principle" in favor of requiring evidence base to justify regulation/restriction of trade. Something of this same thing prevails in mental health field as well, and all of health: without an evidence base, it won't be done (supposedly: because "off-label" prescribing is rampant and not considered any kind of problem). Yet it takes money to create an evidence base, and money tends to go to those who have money and power already. Drug companies control research including in academia. Psych drugs are the top profit-makers. Coercion creates a literally captive market, plus they sell to all sectors of the population to believe they are wanting in some way. Politically conscious survivors of psychiatric assault have said "we are the evidence" yet this is considered too fuzzy and not even blinked at in the discourse where it really counts. Let alone any kind of true alternative services. All the discourses - legal, political, scientific - are too sophisticated for their own good. It's all about marketing. Perhaps this is not really about scientific advances but their corruption. Real science and knowledge doesn't hurt anyone. But technology, yes it can hurt, is sometimes designed to - weapons - and other times is used as a weapon even if asserted purpose is to help or heal. And people don't understand many technologies or scientific propositions well enough to evaluate them. On the positive side, I think the Internet has helped bring people together to work on human rights issues with many more international connections possible. Also to give us information from non-corporate sources. Maybe the difference is that the Internet is very open and not so much the domain of elite experts. I know, not entirely true. And the Internet can be and has been abused also.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 236

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: They didn't helped the protection of basic human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 237

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 6

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Good and bad, both have been existing due to the scientific and technological advancement. In case of human right protection, technological advancement has played significant role. Advancement of quality food has make people more healthy and energetic and it's distribution has been helping to cover more population. People have been staying safely by the advancement of technically built houses. Improvised medicine and sophisticated machineries have been using for better treatment. People are getting quality education through best publishers, teachers and technologies. All these things are due to the scientific and technological advances which is helping to protect human right of individuals whereas there have been some drawbacks. Environmental degradation, violation of right to information, piracy, emergence of big multinational companies and their influence in health, education sector, focusing largely on profits without giving due recognition to quality of services are common problems related to scientific and technological advancements.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 238

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Recognizing all the extraordinary positive influences of S&T, there are threats that society should more soundly address: possible new discriminations as human enhancement becomes possible; monopoly over food and energy as few companies tend to concentrate power and control over staple commodities; increasing power of non-elected factors (such as organized crime) that have the money and access to use new S&T innovations in their own interests.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 239

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Advances in science and technology (S/T) have not had the positive they are capable of having. S/T need to focus on sharing and implementing advances with developing countries so they can benefit from these advances.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 240

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Good in themselves, scientific and technology advances can be used both, to protect Human Rights or to curtail them. While, for example, the retroviral drugs have broaden the Right to Health, the nuclear power constitute a threat to the Right to Security. We would not be able to hold this Global Dialogue on Human Rights without the advancement of the IT giving us the Internet!. There are other contradictions. While the development of the medical technology in the last years has made unquestionable to the great public the existence of life from the moment of conception, the right to life of the unborn child has been progressively violated.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 241

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8.5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Communication, transportation and information processing via electronic computing are the main advances. They have a light and a dark side. These things enhance global connectivity which is the key factor in facilitating the organisation of human society.....I wish I could say the gradual inter-connectivity of human society to a critical point of self-sustenance, whence the human society can evolve on a cooperative basis.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 242

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8.5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Internet technology in particular has radically shifted the ability of people to organize transnationally, substantially strengthening the realization of human rights. Other scientific developments, of course, have served(or may soon serve) as deep challenges to human rights, such as genetic modification of food, and the invention of the petroleum economy over the past 60 years (leading to climate change), which has the terrible potential of overturning all human progress over the past thousands of years.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 243

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: On the one hand advances in communications technology, especially the internet have been enormously beneficial as it is now so much easier for people to share information about human rights, expose violations and campaign together for redress. On the other hand, other developments, notably the increasing sophistication of surveillance technologies are inhibiting the enjoyment of human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 244

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Science and technology have had an enormous impact in helping the efforts towards effective implementation of human rights. The evolution and easier access to information technology has allowed a great number of people to overcome political and economic barriers to information and to bring a substantial contribution to the human rights discourse. Informing people in all corners of the world of on going human rights violations is a crucial role of played by information technology and it will become progressively more evident as years go by. Certainly the digital divide must be addressed at the earliest.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 245

Question: 8.TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 246

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I agree that all these factors greatly impact the protection and enjoyment of human rights and that global cooperation among key actors is necessary to address these challenges, especially concerning the most vulnerable countries. Special

emphasis must be given to promoting and protecting human rights in the "at-risk" areas, and for finding ways to protect human rights in light of future challenges as well.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 247

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: A more equitable distribution of resources, especially of those necessary for subsistence, possibly without regard to current national government prerogatives. The jurisdiction and scope of powers of nation-states are arbitrary when it comes to relief of severe degradation and threats to survival of those with fewer resources. Emphasize regional commonalities, climate, topography, etc., rather than national boundaries.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-13

Response Number: 248

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I think in the midst of political and economic changes that are sweeping the nations across the world, the issue of globalization, emergence of economic giants, influence of multinationals over basic amenities are the issues of paramount importance. In addition, with the growing oil and food prices coupled with environmental insecurity, protecting and promoting the economic and environmental security of the most marginalized and deprived population is also a major issue.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 249

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I think that Review Mechanisms among countries of the same Region could be an effective tool in the safeguard of Human Rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 250

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8.6

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Climate change, fuels by an unsustainable lifestyles, global economic flows as channeled by trade, investment and financial instruments/agreements, adverse business impacts, ultimately, over- and mal-consumption of resources.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 251

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: This is a big question! My short answer is that we are living through a period of history when global challenges - such as climate change and devastating environmental disasters, loss of biodiversity, continuing threat of the use of nuclear weapons and overpopulation - require a level of global cooperation among all key actors - international organisations, governments, business and civil society to resolve. Until we build a more effective form of inclusive and participatory global cooperation and governance, peoples' human rights, particularly in the most vulnerable countries are increasingly at risk of being violated.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 252

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: (41)The right to a sustainable peaceful development. At the same time, particularly in a world in which market capitalism is triumphant, it is important to stress that the right to (peaceful) development is also a universal human right. The very concept of development evolved in tune with the concept of human rights; decolonization and self-determination advanced side by side with a consciousness of the need to improve the standards of living of subject peoples.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 253

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: The present political and economic structures fail humanity on assuring the respect of most human rights and especially addressing the environmental aspects -- which will ultimately determine the human species survival as a whole. From weapons of mass destruction to environmental pollution, and to addressing climate change consequences, the present system is working against the interests of the many. Environmental crime should be a felony around the world and all countries, corporations, and individuals should be accountable and punishable. There should be no such security, energy, or corporate or political interest that would justify jeopardizing human and environmental security.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 254

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: I think all 3 have a tremendous impact. However, today we need to direct our focus on the environmental situation or else there will be war and destruction. The climate changes that the world is experiencing are serious and must be addressed. Shortages of food and water are at an alarming levels. Without food and water nations go to war.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 255

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: We must at all costs begin by ensuring that nuclear warfare is prevented. Secondly the effects of environmental degradation and climate change are ameliorated and or constructively utilized to maintain the integrity of the species and other forms of life on the planet. The deterioration over the past 100 years of societal infrastructure - roads, bridges, power lines, water mains etc...has to be dealt with. Backing away from this a bit, and seeing the bright side, we may be proceeding towards an operational utopia. We are not 'building' this for ourselves, it is the outcome of the self-organizing and self-sustaining complex system that is continuing to evolve on its own.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 256

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: All these factors are very important!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 257

Question: 9.TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 258

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: We have done a lot of work to promote civil society engagement with the Millennium Development Goals, supporting a rights-based approach to the UN's efforts to reduce extreme forms of poverty. and also introducing the Human Right, and Democracy and Good Governance for secondary Schools, Sponsored by the Canadian Cooperation Support Office Yaounde/Cameroon.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 259

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 1

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 260

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 4

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: the mandate of my organization is to support the United Nations. The promotion and protection of human rights has always been a core issue.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 261

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 4

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: HRC, CESC, Special Procedures. Successful outcomes have been limited to say the least, after an incredible amount of spent organizational resources in bureaucracy and travel costs.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 262

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: One of the basic objectives of our organisation is to work in promoting the basic fundamental rights of the people, along with promoting democratic values, principles and culture. The programs are done in line with the basic guidelines on Human rights. To be precise, our major focus has been on making people aware of the issues related to fundamental human rights through advocacy and campaigns. we have also been involved in programs/campaigns in pressuring state to free, fair and efficient supply of basic facilities like food, petroleum to people, when they are being faced with grave crisis. As our country Nepal is in the process of

making New constitution we are currently engaged in promoting the idea of food sovereignty that should to be recognized as fundamental right in the constitution. Our past efforts have been highly promising and we are trying to expand our program base further.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 263

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: (10) Andhra Pradesh United Nations Association, is an ngo affiliate to the IFUNA /WFUNA On Human Rights Day Dec.10th , have Plays enacted in Schools Give Press release in Local News papers - for awareness to the public Essay writing competitions - prizes given to winners.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 264

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: We are actively involved in getting the right to water and sanitation recognized. We are making progress. - see e.g. <http://www.righttowater.org.uk/>. The right of women seem to be clear by law - practise is something else. We have to defend those rights time and again.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 265

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: We have participated in the Commission on the Status of Women of the ECOSOC.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 266

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: We run an annual human rights seminar in Geneva which is well attended and for which there is a growing demand. We have done a lot of work to promote civil society engagement with the Millennium Development Goals, supporting a rights-based approach to the UN's efforts to reduce extreme forms of poverty. The outcomes are still uncertain, particularly in view of the global food crisis, but we shall continue with our outreach efforts.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 267

Question: 10.TOPIC: Organizational participation.; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.

Reason for Answer: My NGO ("Association for Protection of the Rights of the Refugees from Abkhazia", former International Association "CAUCASUS" (IACERHRG)) is a participant of "We The Peoples" Global Initiative.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 268

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: The goal of many countries is to advance both economically and socially so that they will be able to play a bigger role in the international community. The UN needs to place more emphasis on the fact that a country or region cannot even begin to accomplish this without citizens that uphold and support all aspects of a nation. The protection and observance of human rights world-wide begins with it being carried out first locally and expanding from there. A country is nothing without the well-being of its people. Once the UN enforces that these rights are observed within each nation by highlighting and guiding the positive consequences of properly observing human rights, then it will be ready to instill an international cooperation to protect these rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 269

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: UN and other agencies should take a more proactive role in making individual states, who have been signatories to the basic human rights declaration more accountable. Besides, instead of focusing on few big NGOs and agencies, UN should expand its scope of work, networks and connections to reach out to more marginalized communities, small grassroot organisations (CBOs), youth and youth led organisation should be given major role in promoting human rights values across the world. Or if they must succeed, they should be effective presence in the field.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 270

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 5

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: A more powerful World Court that would held governments and multinational corporations accountable for not respecting their obligations or breaching important international regulations (including human rights). Along the same lines, a more effective ICC.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 271

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 6

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: UN and other agencies should take a more proactive role in making individual states, who have been signatories to the basic human rights declaration more accountable. Besides, instead of focusing on few big NGOs and agencies, UN should expand its scope of work, networks and connections to reach out to more marginalized communities, small grassroot organisations (CBOs), youth and youth led organisation should be given major role in promoting human rights values across the world.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 272

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: I think the UN has been too soft on human rights violators. The UN needs to strengthen the World Court and exert more influence on the G8

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 273

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: Give more voice and space to those directly affected by human rights violations in international debates, including capacity-building and funding of travel to develop regional and int'l civil society networking to adequately face increasingly transnational challenges to human rights

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 274

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: To ensure that political reasons do not prevail the analysis of violations of Human Rights in some countries in the Human Rights Council.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 275

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: Implement Environmental Sustainability Principle Worldwide. Youth led organisation should be given major role in promoting human rights values across the world. A more powerful World Court that would hold governments and multinational corporations accountable for not respecting their obligations or breaching important International Regulations (including Human Rights).

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 276

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: Encouraging and facilitating cooperation between governments, civil society, international agencies and business.

Taking action on human rights violations. Keeping the international community focused on the human rights situation worldwide.

Holding governments accountable. Educating about human rights. Making information about human rights more accessible to people worldwide. Helping people understand their rights. Facilitating cross-sectoral dialogues on human rights.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 277

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: Make clear links between the different commissions, treaties, conventions etc. that contain (aspects) of human rights - so people know where all these rights have been made explicit etc. Now "one hand does not know what the other is doing"

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 278

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: (41)Constantly reminding member states against imposing the model of a modern nation-state cutting across tribal boundaries and conventions on a country, appoint a president and an ambassador to the United Nations, and then argue that tribal traditions should be applied to judge the human rights conduct of the resulting modern state.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 279

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: The UN should concentrate on making sure that the Universal Periodic Review Mechanism is taken very seriously by governments and all other stakeholders. More needs to be done to ensure that people working for the UN at the country level are better educated about the UN Charter commitment to human rights and the rights set out in the UDHR, so that they reflect these values and principles in their day to day work.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 280

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: Should work for implementing environmental sustainability principle worldwide.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 281

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: More effective ICC. More attention to the right of the Nations.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 282

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: The UN system must put all his energy to strengthen regional organizations in the world. Because of the specificities of each part of the world they can know how to deal in order to improve the application and the observance of human rights world-wide.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 283

Question: 11.TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 284

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: Each section needs to make sure that they work with each other and fuel cooperation. Civil society organization can represent the views and hardships of individuals, making governments and business corporations aware of violations of human rights in the US. Often companies are not aware that somewhere down on their supply chain they are linked to atrocities like human trafficking. The first step is providing information, then all sectors can work together to ensure solutions that benefit all of them.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 285

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: Corporations need to Report on this aspect of their corporate behaviours - beyond triple bottom line accounting principles. the corporate world is needing to understand more deeply the notion of triple bottom line accounting - and why it is not enough.

Email:

Date: 0000-00-00

Response Number: 286

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: The government and business corporations, civil society org , should make more use of the recommendations of the civil society as they are more in contact with the people at the grass root and in most cases have no vested interest.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 287

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer:

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: All organisations - governments, business and civil society - could be made more accountable to the wider community for their observance of human rights. We need both more accountability and transparency

Email:

Date: 2008-06-21

Response Number: 288

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 7

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: I think in order to strengthen the observance of human rights in Nigeria the three sectors should work together so that each one checks that the rights of the individual are not trampled upon by the other sector. The government and business corporations should make more use of the recommendations of the civil society as they are more in contact with the people at the grass root and in most cases have no vested interest.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 289

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: governments, civil society org. and businesses need to establish partnership and work cooperatively to ensure that human rights are respected. governments need to enforce living wage policies for businesses to follow if that business wants to do business in that country. Civil society could serve as an objective watch dog to insure that these government policies are followed.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 290

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: Work more closely to grassroots organizations and communities and provide support for services based in rights guarantees. Most of corporations and civil society organizations in Brazil, for example, has worked with services (for example, education, wealth, ...) to the citizens, but not to much with rights guarantees.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-14

Response Number: 291

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 8

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: All the individuals of governments,civil society organizations and business corporation should be trained first about basic universally accepted human right laws.The more could be done by creating strong networks among the major stakeholders responsible to national human rights. They can collect data of human right violation and other human right abuses and report to their center.By establishing common forum for collecting and disseminating information about human right cases they could do better role for observation of human rights in my country. Also, civil society, state, business etc should work together to bring human rights perpetrators to justice so that to enhance people's trust and ownership towards rule of law and justice.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-19

Response Number: 292

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: All organisations - governments, business and civil society - could be made more accountable to the wider community for their observance of human rights. We need both more accountability and transparency.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 293

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: Cooperation between all these actors is very important.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-07

Response Number: 294

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 9

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: This is a very general question-hard to answer in a few lines, or even a whole book!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-16

Response Number: 295

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: Cooperation between all these actors is fundamental to guaranteeing that human rights are observed, honored and respected. Governments, civil society, and business can work together by using their individual strengths, opportunities, and roles to impact the human rights situation. They should work together, share information, and make each other accountable. In some cases this is much more difficult than others, but there should be concerted effort made towards overcoming any barriers to cooperation.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-11

Response Number: 296

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: With respect to governments, far more needs to be done by those which have ratified the international human rights instruments to educate all government officials, bureaucrats and law enforcement agencies in the application of these treaties and what they require in practice. With respect to the private sector, governments need to do much more to implement those elements of these treaties (Article 2 of the ICCPR refers) which oblige them to ensure that corporations and business entities within their jurisdiction also respect human rights. This obligation "to ensure" is still widely ignored or misunderstood in many countries where basic public services (including even the right to water) are being 'privatised' or 'outsourced'. This trend is likely to continue. With respect to civil society, many NGOs have made an enormous contribution to protect and promote human rights. Indeed it is only as civil society (including not only NGOs, but individual human rights defenders) has increasingly put pressure on governments to respect human rights that much of the progress in the last 60 years has been achieved. In my view, however, we still need a greater involvement by civil society in mobilizing pressure on governments to use their available resources to "the maximum extent" ( Art 2 of the ICSECR refers) to ensure the rights to education, social security and health care are actually implemented.

Email:

Date: 2008-05-27

Response Number: 297

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: Less traffic of influence and a more people-centered attitude. Civil society should be more active, mainly on environmental and indigenous people rights' aspects, and the government should consider civil society views and invite them to the table of negotiations. As for the corporations, the price of their shares and benefits should be calculated based on the long term impact their activities will have on the future of society as a whole.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-10

Response Number: 298

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: All sectors of the society should live and act by the principles of environmental sustainability.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 299

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: They must work in one tandem!

Email:

Date: 2008-06-06

Response Number: 300

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: (41)These stakeholders have the challenge to work towards the indigenization of human rights, and their assertion within each country's traditions and history. If different approaches are welcomed within the established framework or, in other words, eclecticism can be encouraged as part of the consensus and not be seen as a threat to it, this flexibility can guarantee universality, enrich the intellectual and philosophical debate, and so complement, rather than undermine, the concept of worldwide human rights. Paradoxical as it may seem, it is a universal idea of human rights that can in fact help make the world safe for diversity.

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

Response Number: 301

Question: 12.TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations. ; Column: Importance

Quantitative Answer: 10

Detailed Question: QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?

Reason for Answer: Comments from sign out

Email:

Date: 2008-06-20

## 7. Distribution of Responses

Item: 1. TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights.

col	Col Title	Max	Med	Min	Avg	1st Group of Answers	2nd Group of Answers	3rd Group of Answers	4th Group of Answers	5th Group of Answers	Total Responses	Standard Deviation
3	Importance	10.0	10.0	3.0	8.97	1 3.0 to 4.4	4 4.4 to 5.8	8 5.8 to 7.2	18 7.2 to 8.6	71 8.6 to 10.0	102	1.5

Item: 2. TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights.

col	Col Title	Max	Med	Min	Avg	1st Group of Answers	2nd Group of Answers	3rd Group of Answers	4th Group of Answers	5th Group of Answers	Total Responses	Standard Deviation
3	Importance	10.0	10.0	1.0	9.40	2 1.0 to 2.8	0 2.8 to 4.6	3 4.6 to 6.4	9 6.4 to 8.2	77 8.2 to 10.0	91	1.6

Item: 3. TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights

col	Col Title	Max	Med	Min	Avg	1st Group of Answers	2nd Group of Answers	3rd Group of Answers	4th Group of Answers	5th Group of Answers	Total Responses	Standard Deviation
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3	Importance	10.0	9.0	1.0	7.91	5 1.0 to 2.8	3 2.8 to 4.6	8 4.6 to 6.4	20 6.4 to 8.2	44 8.2 to 10.0	80	2.6
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Item: 4. TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.

col	Col Title	Max	Med	Min	Avg	1st Group of Answers	2nd Group of Answers	3rd Group of Answers	4th Group of Answers	5th Group of Answers	Total Responses	Standard Deviation
3	Importance	10.0	9.0	3.0	8.28	3 3.0 to 4.4	7 4.4 to 5.8	11 5.8 to 7.2	14 7.2 to 8.6	39 8.6 to 10.0	74	1.9

Item: 5. TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.

col	Col Title	Max	Med	Min	Avg	1st Group of Answers	2nd Group of Answers	3rd Group of Answers	4th Group of Answers	5th Group of Answers	Total Responses	Standard Deviation
3	Importance	10.0	8.0	1.0	7.82	1 1.0 to 2.8	3 2.8 to 4.6	11 4.6 to 6.4	20 6.4 to 8.2	30 8.2 to 10.0	65	2.1

Item: 6. TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.

col	Col Title	Max	Med	Min	Avg	1st Group	2nd Group	3rd Group	4th Group	5th Group of	Total Responses	Standard Deviation
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3	Importance	10.0	10.0	5.0	8.97	4 5.0 to 6.0	1 6.0 to 7.0	13 7.0 to 8.0	7 8.0 to 9.0	34 9.0 to 10.0	59	1.5

Item: 7. TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.

col	Col Title	Max	Med	Min	Avg	1st Group of Answers	2nd Group of Answers	3rd Group of Answers	4th Group of Answers	5th Group of Answers	Total Responses	Standard Deviation
3	Importance	10.0	9.0	3.0	8.59	1 3.0 to 4.4	3 4.4 to 5.8	5 5.8 to 7.2	15 7.2 to 8.6	32 8.6 to 10.0	56	1.6

Item: 8. TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.

col	Col Title	Max	Med	Min	Avg	1st Group of Answers	2nd Group of Answers	3rd Group of Answers	4th Group of Answers	5th Group of Answers	Total Responses	Standard Deviation
3	Importance	10.0	8.0	2.0	7.44	2 2.0 to 3.6	7 3.6 to 5.2	8 5.2 to 6.8	18 6.8 to 8.4	17 8.4 to 10.0	52	2.0

Item: 9. TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.

<b>col</b>	<b>Col Title</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Med</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>1st Group of Answers</b>	<b>2nd Group of Answers</b>	<b>3rd Group of Answers</b>	<b>4th Group of Answers</b>	<b>5th Group of Answers</b>	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>Standard Deviation</b>
3	Importance	10.0	9.0	5.0	8.79	1 5.0 to 6.0	4 6.0 to 7.0	10 7.0 to 8.0	14 8.0 to 9.0	21 9.0 to 10.0	50	1.4

Item: 10. TOPIC: Organizational participation.

<b>col</b>	<b>Col Title</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Med</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>1st Group of Answers</b>	<b>2nd Group of Answers</b>	<b>3rd Group of Answers</b>	<b>4th Group of Answers</b>	<b>5th Group of Answers</b>	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>Standard Deviation</b>
3	Importance	10.0	8.0	1.0	6.80	5 1.0 to 2.8	3 2.8 to 4.6	11 4.6 to 6.4	20 6.4 to 8.2	12 8.2 to 10.0	51	2.6

Item: 11. TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies.

<b>col</b>	<b>Col Title</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Med</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>1st Group of Answers</b>	<b>2nd Group of Answers</b>	<b>3rd Group of Answers</b>	<b>4th Group of Answers</b>	<b>5th Group of Answers</b>	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>Standard Deviation</b>
3	Importance	10.0	9.0	2.0	8.48	2 2.0 to 3.6	3 3.6 to 5.2	1 5.2 to 6.8	15 6.8 to 8.4	29 8.4 to 10.0	50	1.9

Item: 12. TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations.

<b>col</b>	<b>Col Title</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Med</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Avg</b>	<b>1st Group of Answers</b>	<b>2nd Group of Answers</b>	<b>3rd Group of Answers</b>	<b>4th Group of Answers</b>	<b>5th Group of Answers</b>	<b>Total Responses</b>	<b>Standard Deviation</b>
3	Importance	10.0	9.0	2.0	8.75	1 2.0 to 3.6	1 3.6 to 5.2	1 5.2 to 6.8	16 6.8 to 8.4	33 8.4 to 10.0	52	1.6

APPENDIX

# ***The Universality of Human Rights***

## ***Global Civil Society Views and Perspectives***

THE TIME LIMIT FOR THIS STUDY HAS PASSED. YOU ARE INVITED TO REVIEW THE INPUTS HERE BUT NEW RESPONSES WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE DATABASE.

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Introduction

To Prospective Participants:

"Dignity and justice for us all" is the United Nations theme for this year's commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. ( [www.unhchr.ch/udhr/](http://www.unhchr.ch/udhr/) ) We welcome its emphasis on universality - for as the most translated document in the world (over 350 languages) the Declaration expresses both our global cultural diversity and our common humanity. The World Federation of United Nations Associations - a peoples' movement to support the UN - is conducting this questionnaire as a contribution to the United Nations DPI/NGO conference to be held in Paris 3 -5 September 2008 on the topic Reaffirming Human Rights: the Universal Declaration at 60. We warmly welcome your participation and thank you in advance for your thoughts and ideas.

Signed: Dr. Hans Blix, President, World Federation of United Nations Associations

This study is designed to collect views and opinions from civil society activists and academics who are linked through non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to the United Nations. This is a written discussion based on a list of 12 questions. You may omit any questions you wish and you do not have to complete this list of questions in one visit. When you return to the questionnaire you

will see your previous answers and may add to them or change them. You are encouraged to return to this list of questions often. Please plan to complete your input before 20 June 2008 .

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## Focus

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 10 December 1948. The General Assembly proclaimed the Declaration as a “common standard of achievement for all peoples and all nations”. Its provisions were subsequently translated into two legally-binding treaties: the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights which have been accepted by the large majority of states and which set out in detail how States should implement the rights and freedoms in the Declaration.

Some people believe that the Universal Declaration of Human Rights is one of the greatest documents ever written and remains as valid today as when it was first proclaimed. Sixty years later, others feel that the Declaration is outdated and inadequate to the problems of today. What do you think?

Your answers will remain anonymous although your name will be listed as a participant. Please answer only those questions about which you feel comfortable. Leaving sections blank is acceptable.

The World Federation of UN Associations would deeply appreciate receiving your responses to the questions below. The key outcomes will be published in September on the WFUNA website – [www.wfuna.org](http://www.wfuna.org)

## The List of Questions

The list has twelve questions.

Each cell in the table below has several entries: First, you are asked to enter a number between 1 – 10 in the top box. This is to indicate how important you think the topic is: 10 being most important. We define 'important' as affecting many people, deeply, irreversibly, in both the short and long term.

After several responses are received, the cell will show a number indicating the average assessment of the importance of the topic and how many people have responded.

The line "To provide your views on this question, please click here" appears at the bottom of each cell. Once you have provided a numeric answer, clicking here will take you to a new page where you will be able to express your thoughts and ideas and you may see the responses others have provided. Please read the responses that others have submitted and comment if you wish. When you return you can change your inputs or add more thoughts.

There are two ways to enter your answers on this page. 1) You may enter your answers one at a time by pressing the "go" button in each cell or 2) you may press the "SUBMIT THIS PAGE " button at the bottom of the form to enter your answers all at once. In either case, your answers will be entered immediately, and the form will return to your screen. The form will contain your answers, and the group's answers will have been updated to include your thoughts. You may change your answers if you wish.

Finally

At the bottom of this page you will find a link labeled "SUGGESTIONS." This leads to a new page where you may submit comments, suggestions, and additional questions. Please follow this link; your inputs are most welcome.

Please return to the questionnaire often. When you come back you will see how the group's answers have evolved.

*Please remember to press SUBMIT at end of questionnaire.*

	Questions	Importance
1	<p><b>TOPIC: Universal acceptance of the Declaration of Human Rights.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: In your view, does the Universal Declaration of Human Rights reflect a universally accepted concept of human rights?</b></p>	<p>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 102</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p> <p>To provide your views on this question, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>
2	<p><b>TOPIC: Intrinsic human rights.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: From your experience, what do you think of the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights?</b></p>	<p>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p>

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3	<p><b>TOPIC: Identifying the priority of specific human rights</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: If you accept that all human beings are entitled to certain basic human rights, what rights would you give highest priority to?</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 43px; width: 147px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 80</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p> <p>To provide your views on this question, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>
4	<p><b>TOPIC: Commonality of human rights.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: Do you think these human rights are common to all cultures, beliefs, religions and value systems? Please give your reasons.</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 43px; width: 147px; margin: 0 auto;"></div>

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5	<p><b>TOPIC: Contradictions in systems which provide human rights.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: Do you see any contradiction between individual human rights and collective rights or between civil and political and economic and social rights?</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 146px; height: 42px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 65</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p> <p>To provide your views on this question, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>
6	<p><b>TOPIC: Barriers to realization of human rights.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: In your part of the world, what do you think are the principal barriers to the realization</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p>

	<p><b>of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration?</b></p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 146px; height: 43px; margin-bottom: 10px;"></div> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 59</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p> <p>To provide your views on this question, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>
7	<p><b>TOPIC: Means of strengthening regional implementation of human rights.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: If you were making recommendations to strengthen the implementation of human rights in your region, what would be your principal recommendations?</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 146px; height: 43px; margin-bottom: 10px;"></div> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 56</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p> <p>To provide your views on this question, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>

8	<p><b>TOPIC: Impacts of science and technology on human rights.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: To what extent do you think scientific and technological advances over the past 60 years have helped or curtailed the protection of human rights?</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 52</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p> <p>To provide your views on this question, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>
9	<p><b>TOPIC: Impacts of political, environmental, and economic factors.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: What aspects of the current global political, economic and environmental situation do you think have the greatest impact on the protection and enjoyment of human rights?</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 50</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p>

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10	<p><b>TOPIC: Organizational participation.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: Does your organization participate in any of the United Nations programs and activities for human rights, such as the Human Rights Council, the Treaty bodies, ECOSOC Commissions, the ILO, UNICEF or UNESCO? If so, please give one or two examples of your participation and evaluate the outcomes.</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 51</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p> <p>To provide your views on this question, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>
11	<p><b>TOPIC: Identifying other UN actions and policies.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: What more should the UN and other international agencies do to strengthen the observance of human rights world-wide?</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <p><input type="text"/></p> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 50</p>

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12	<p><b>TOPIC: Identifying actions that might be taken by corporations and other organizations.</b></p> <p><b>QUESTION: What more could governments, civil society organizations and business corporations do to strengthen the observance of human rights in your country?</b></p>	<p><b>How relatively important is this topic? (10= extremely important; 1= not important at all)</b></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 146px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p>The average will be shown after you have entered an answer above:</p> <p>Respondents: 52</p> <p>Submit only this cell <input type="button" value="GO"/></p> <p>To provide your views on this question, please <a href="#">click here</a></p>