

Informed Consent

The following informed consent is required by Princeton University for any person involved in a research study conducted by investigators at the University. This study has been approved by the University's Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects.

As part of the study, you will be asked to read short descriptions of Peace Corps volunteers and their experiences in developing countries. You will also interact with other participants and complete questionnaires about the materials you will be exposed to as part of the study.

You, as a participant, understand that:

A. Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw your consent and discontinue participation in the project at any time. Your refusal to participate will not result in any penalty.

B. By giving your consent, you do not waive any legal rights or release Princeton University, its agents, or yourself, from liability for negligence.

☐ I hereby give my consent to be the subject of your research.

Demographic Questionnaire

In this section we will ask you to answer a series of demographic questions.

Please type your participant code. This is composed of the first three letters of the town in which you were born, followed by a dash and the two digits of the month you were born, followed by another dash and the two digits of the date you were born. If your month or date is only one digit, add a zero in front. For instance, if you were born in Princeton, NJ on February 8, your code would be "PRI-02-08".

Please let the experimenter know if you have any questions about your code.

What is your gender?

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female

How old are you?

Please enter your nationality in the box below.

What is your native language?

What is your current grade level?

 

How strongly do you identify with Princeton University?

Not at all

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A little

☐

Somewhat

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Very much

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Extremely

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Are you a citizen of the United States?

☐ Yes

☐ No

What is your ethnicity?

☐ White (non-Hispanic)

☐ African American

☐ Hispanic/ Latino

☐ Asian

☐ Middle Easterner

☐ Pacific Islander

☐ Native American/ Alaskan

☐ Other

What is your political affiliation?

☐ Democrat

☐ Republican

☐ Independent

☐ Other

Indicate your political views on a scale from 1 to 9, where 1 means "very liberal" and 9 means "very conservative."

1- very liberal

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9-very
conservative

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Description of American Peace Corp

During the past 10 years, the American Peace Corps organization has started a New Initiative Program

designed to tackle real world problems. As part of this program, volunteers are given specific missions and are provided with funding to help communities in developing countries deal with the problems they are facing. These volunteers are highly competent individuals, who are experts in the domains that the communities need help with. Here are four exceptional cases of volunteers who have exceeded all expectations.

Stimulus Material 1: Rachel

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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Rachel Calhoun

LOCATION: Quito, Ecuador

PERIOD: 2003- 2005

MISSION: Environmental protection

Rachel was assigned to the capital city of Ecuador, Quito, which was declared a World Heritage site by UNESCO in the 1970s for having the best-preserved historic downtown area in Latin America. Her mission was to design environmental protection programs across Ecuador. Before joining the Peace Corps, Rachel worked for a non-profit environmental consultancy group in Washington, but she felt that she wanted to have an impact in the real world, and this is why she took on the volunteer position. She was instrumental in organizing different activities while in Ecuador, such as:

Endangered species program:

She initiated an endangered species program in the Galapagos Islands. The main focus of the program was the eradication of invasive species and the re-population with species that have traditionally evolved in these habitats.



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Deforestation initiative:

Rachel worked with an environmental organization in Ecuador to stop private companies from intense deforestation in the Amazon region. As part of this initiative, the group filed a lawsuit against these companies.



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Natural fertilizer project:

With funding she obtained from the United States, Rachel sponsored a group of farmers to develop a highly efficient natural fertilizer, which they then distributed to communities in the Andes that were experiencing high rates of pesticide contamination.



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Clean the beach month:

As part of a project to clean the beaches on the Pacific coastline of Ecuador, Rachel mobilized high-school students from both Ecuador and the US over a period of a month to clean regions that were most affected by tourist exploitation.



On the scale below, please indicate how much of an impact you think this particular activity had on the community.

1- No impact at	5- Somewhat	9- Extremely
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Rachel returned to the US in 2005, where she became the Assistant Director of Earth Environmental Institute in New York.

Stimulus Material 2: Alex

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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Alex Graf

LOCATION: Skopje, Macedonia

PERIOD: 2000- 2002

MISSION: Refugee assistance

Alex was assigned to the capital city of Macedonia, Skopje. Macedonia is a country in Central-Eastern Europe that was part of Yugoslavia between 1944 and 1991. Even though Macedonia did not experience violence associated with the Balkan Wars during the 90's, the war in Kosovo in 1999 forced hundreds of thousands of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo to take refuge in Macedonia. Alex became interested in the Balkan conflict while studying towards a Masters degree in Conflict Resolution at Georgetown University. He helped implement several very effective projects to improve the well-being of the refugees, among which:

Temporary school project:

Alex helped organize a small school in the refugee camp for children up to 14 years of age. He recruited teachers and he obtained funds for school supplies for a period of 3 months.



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Translation services:

Because he spoke Albanian, Alex was able to translate between the refugees and the UN troops stationed in Macedonia. Most importantly, he helped negotiate camp security issues that were contentious between the refugees and the UN troops.



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Donation campaign:

Due to the connections he was able to establish in the community, he organized a donation campaign in Skopje to provide clothing and food to the refugees. This led to further such initiatives, and resulted in positive relationships between the locals and the refugees.



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Intergroup negotiation course:

Alex was asked to offer a course at International Balkan University in Skopje on negotiation strategies in violent intergroup conflict. He gladly took on the offer and taught the course for one semester.



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Alex got back to the United States in 2002, but he is still in touch with his Albanian and Macedonian friends. Two of his closest friends visited the US in 2005, and Alex was able to show them much of the United States in the road trip that they took together.

Stimulus Material 3: Christine

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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Christine Flemming**LOCATION:** Bangkok, Thailand**PERIOD:** 2004- 2006**MISSION:** Post-trauma recovery

Christine was assigned to the capital city of Bangkok, Thailand, following the earthquake and tsunami that happened in 2004. She was drawn to post-trauma recovery efforts because she majored in Psychology at the University of California Santa Cruz, and received a Masters in Counseling and Clinical Psychology from University of Oregon. She completed a full-time one-year internship in clinical training before signing up for the Peace Corps. Christine put together a number of projects that were very successful. Here are a few of these activities:

Missing person center:

Christine initiated a missing persons office, which helped locate persons who were declared missing by relatives. In addition, she also collaborated with other offices to identify unknown hospitalized and deceased persons.



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Communicable disease strategies:

Because the shelters were overcrowded, Christine designed strategies to minimize the spread of communicable diseases. As part of this strategy, Christine distributed toolkits that contained masks, medication, and brochures aimed to reduce infection with communicable diseases.



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Therapy with search-and-rescue volunteers:

To address anxiety triggered by working in a stressful environment, Christine offered individual and group therapy sessions to the search-and-rescue teams, as well as to the members of affected communities. In these therapy sessions, she addressed issues such as coping with stressful situations and controlling intrusive memories.



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Contaminated water sources:

To tackle water contamination caused by flooding, Christine implemented a program to distribute bottles of water to affected communities. This project helped limit the number of dysentery cases in vulnerable communities.



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Christine got back to the United States in 2007. She married a Thai citizen who she met while working in Thailand.

Stimulus Material 4: Jim

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PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Jim Green**LOCATION:** Windhoek, Namibia**PERIOD:** 2010- 2012**MISSION:** HIV/AIDS prevention

Jim was assigned to the capital city of Namibia, Windhoek, where he participated in the efforts to address the high HIV/AIDS infection rates. His interest in disease prevention was mainly triggered while doing his graduate studies in Public Health at the University of Texas, Austin. He gave up his job at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to sign up as a Peace Corps volunteer. Among the programs he helped organize are:

Fundraising campaign:

Jim organized an anti HIV/AIDS fundraiser at his house where officials of different embassies participated. He managed to raise a significant amount of money, which he used to buy antiretroviral medication for infected individuals.



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Supporting orphanages:

There is a high rate of mortality for infected individuals in Namibia, which puts a burden on the orphanage system. To tackle this problem, Jim arranged for UNICEF to visit and provide assistance to the most in need orphanages in Namibia.



On the scale below, please indicate how much of an impact you think this particular activity had on the community.

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HIV/AIDS diagnosis initiative:

To get a better sense of the infection rates in the general population, Jim implemented a program by which health workers travel throughout Namibia and encourage people to take an HIV/AIDS test. Based on these findings, programs could then target the individuals that are either infected or have a high infection risk.



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Health clinic:

Jim helped create a modern health clinic that serves people living with HIV/AIDS by providing subsidized medical treatment, nursing care and social services.



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Jim returned to the United States in 2012; and is still involved in anti AIDS/HIV campaigns in disadvantaged communities in the US through a foundation he founded.

American Identification Questionnaire

In the following survey we will assess how you feel as an American. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with the following statements. Please answer these questions whether or not you are an American citizen.

I feel a bond with other Americans.

Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree
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I feel committed to The United States of America.

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I feel solidarity with other Americans.

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I often think about the fact that I am an American.

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I have a lot in common with the typical American.

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The fact that I am an American is an important part of my identity.

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Memory- Intro

In what follows, you will be presented with the name, location, and mission for each of the four volunteers you previously studied. Please try to recall as much as possible about the activities that each of the four volunteers were engaged in during their assignments.

Memory- CF

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Christine Flemming

LOCATION: Bangkok, Thailand

PERIOD: 2004- 2006

MISSION: Post-trauma recovery

Memory- AG

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Alex Graf

LOCATION: Skopje, Macedonia

PERIOD: 2000- 2002

MISSION: Refugee assistance

Memory- RC

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Rachel Calhoun

LOCATION: Quito, Ecuador

PERIOD: 2003- 2005

MISSION: Environmental protection

Memory- JG

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Jim Green

LOCATION: Windhoek, Namibia

PERIOD: 2008- 2010

MISSION: HIV/AIDS prevention

Distractor 2

Please read the following sentences and indicate your level of agreement or disagreement.

Chastity is an important and valuable virtue.

Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree
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Compassion for those who are suffering is the most crucial virtue.

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I am proud of my country's history.

Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree
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I think it's morally wrong that rich children inherit a lot of money while poor children inherit nothing.

Strongly Disagree	Moderately Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Slightly Agree	Moderately Agree	Strongly Agree
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I would call some acts wrong on the grounds that they are unnatural.

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If I were a soldier and disagreed with my commanding officer's orders, I would obey anyway because that is my duty.

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It can never be right to kill a human being.

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It is better to do good than to do bad.

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INTERACTIONS WILL FOLLOW INSTRUCTION

To move on, all participants must have completed this first phase of the study. Please raise your hand to signal to the experimenter that you have completed this phase, then WAIT for the experimenter's instructions to proceed.

Please do not click anything or move on. Wait for the experimenter's instructions. Thank you :)

Memory Recall- Introduction

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Memory-Christine Fleming

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Christine Flemming

LOCATION: Bangkok, Thailand

PERIOD: 2004- 2006

MISSION: Post-trauma recovery

Memory-Alex Graf

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Alex Graf

LOCATION: Skopje, Macedonia

PERIOD: 2000- 2002

MISSION: Refugee assistance

Memory-Rachel Calhoun

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Rachel Calhoun

LOCATION: Quito, Ecuador

PERIOD: 2003- 2005

MISSION: Environmental protection

Memory-Jim Green

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER: Jim Green

LOCATION: Windhoek, Namibia

PERIOD: 2008- 2010

MISSION: HIV/AIDS prevention

Participant Familiarity

Before participating in this study, did you know any of the other participants?

☐ Yes

☐ No

How many of the other participants did you know?

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Please describe how well you knew the other participants before participating in this study.

The End

We would greatly appreciate your feedback about the current project, so if you have any thoughts about it, please type it in the box below. Please let us know if anything malfunctioned as you went through this study. Thank you!

Please remember not to talk to other Princeton students about this study, including those with whom you may have participated. Please alert the experimenter that you have completed the study.

Click the arrow below to be sure your responses are recorded.
