

(MS573) FOREIGN SERVICE SURVEY [W2 FOLLOW UP TO MS545]

survey_intro

We would like to ask you a series of questions about U.S. embassies abroad and Americans who serve as diplomats in them.

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[Not required]

Have you ever visited a U.S. embassy for help or information?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

q5

[Not required]

Have you ever visited a U.S. Embassy website or State.gov for help or information?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

q6

[Not required]

Would you say your overall impression of American diplomats and U.S. embassies abroad is:

- Very favorable (1)
- Favorable (2)
- Neutral (3)
- Negative (4)
- Very negative (5)
- No Opinion (6)

q7

[Not required]

American diplomats staff 307 embassies, consulates and missions all over the world, mostly accompanied by their families, at times in remote and dangerous cities abroad. In war zones, they serve alongside the U.S. military. They are selected through a competitive exam process that tests global knowledge and judgement.

American diplomats abroad do all of the following things.

Please indicate if you already knew that they...

	Yes (1)	No (2)
help U.S. citizens traveling or living abroad who are in trouble (e.g., in case of arrest, disaster or other emergencies) (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
advance American interests with foreign governments and foreign citizens, including on national security matters (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
report on developments in the countries where they are located that may affect the U.S. (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
negotiate treaties and agreements (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
help U.S. companies and farmers sell American products (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
decide on applications for visas for travel to the U.S. (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
promote and explain U.S. values and culture to encourage positive views of the U.S. and the American people. (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

q8

[Group display order=Randomize ♦ Force Number of Items: Max 3]

Which do you think are the most important functions of diplomats?

Please choose 3 only

- Advance American interests with foreign governments (1)
- Help U.S. citizens in trouble (2)
- Help businesses sell U.S. products (3)
- Decide who can travel to the U.S. (4)
- Promote U.S. values and culture (5)
- Negotiate treaties and agreements (6)
- Work to fight international crime, drug trafficking and terrorism (7)
- Promote scientific cooperation against global threats such as pandemics (8)
- Represent the U.S. in United Nations (U.N.) and other international organizations. (9)
- Other [Specify] (10) _____ [Keep position ♦ Other]

q9

[Randomized answerlist ♦ Not required ♦ Ranking ♦ Force Number of Items: Max 2]

What do you think are the two most important skills for diplomats to have?

Please rank top two

- ___ Success in advancing U.S. interests (1)
- ___ Understanding of global affairs (2)
- ___ Language fluency (3)
- ___ Negotiating skill (4)
- ___ Bravery in face of danger (5)
- ___ Discipline in following instructions (6)
- ___ Skill in public speaking/press affairs (7)
- ___ Familiarity with U.S. politics (8)
- ___ Empathy (9)
- ___ Other [Specify] (10) _____ [Keep position ♦ Other]

q10

[Not required]

Do you consider American diplomats to be trustworthy?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/No opinion (3)

q11

[Not required]

In your view, are American diplomats politically-biased?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/No opinion (3)

q20

[Not required]

The United States has two types of ambassadors: 1) professional career diplomats, who are selected through a series of written and oral exams, and have different assignments for 20 years or more before their nomination, and 2) political

appointees nominated by the President, who come from varying backgrounds and generally serve only during the President's term and resign when a new president is inaugurated. As ambassadors, both career diplomats and political appointees are personal representatives of the President abroad and are charged with representing Administration policies.

Please select the answer that is closest to your opinion on who is more likely to be effective as ambassador at each of these goals:

	Career (1)	Appointed (2)	Equally effective (3)
Represent and protect the interests and citizens of the U.S. abroad (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Report on developments abroad negotiate treaties and agreements (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Explain the U.S. to foreign audiences (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Promote U.S. exports and seek foreign investment for the U.S. (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pursue friendly international relations (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

q21

[Randomized answerlist ♦ Not required]

Some people say the United States has a unique character that makes it the greatest country in the world. Others say that every country is unique, and the United States is no greater than other nations. Which view is closer to your own?

- The United States has a unique character that makes it the greatest country in the world. (1)
- Every country is unique, and the United States is no greater than other nations. (2)

q12

[Not required]

From what you know, do you think our diplomats are representative of the United States in terms of racial and gender diversity, and regional and socio-economic backgrounds?

- Diplomats are broadly representative (1)
- Diplomats are not representative (2)
- Don't know/no opinion (3)

q13

[Not required]

Do you think that our diplomacy contributes to our national security?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)
- Don't know/No opinion (3)

q14

[Not required]

Do you think that diplomats or the military should lead U.S. efforts in most countries abroad?

- Diplomats (1)
- Military (2)
- Don't know/No opinion (3)

q15

[Not required]

Do you think that face-to-face diplomacy in order to represent the country and protect Americans in harm's way is effective or necessary in the digital age?

- Face to face diplomacy is important these days. (1)
- Face to face diplomacy is not very important these days. (2)

Don't know/no opinion (3)

q16

[Not required]

Please tell me how much confidence you have in the ability of leaders in each of these institutions to shape policies that benefit the United States:

	A great deal (1)	A fair amount (2)	Not very much (3)	No confidence at all (4)
The military (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
U.S. State Department (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intelligence agencies (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Congress (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Think tanks (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Academia (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The White House (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Large corporations (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The media (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

q17

[Not required]

How important a role do you think the following currently play in determining the foreign policy of the United States – a very important role, a somewhat important role or hardly an important role at all?

	Very important (1)	Somewhat important (2)	Hardly important (3)	Not Sure (4)
The President (1)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Secretary of State (2)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State Department as a whole (3)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The Congress (4)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The military (5)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Public opinion (6)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
American business (7)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
The CIA (8)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
National Security Advisor (9)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

q18

[Not required]

^f('FLq18')^ If you were making up the budget for the federal government next year (2022), would you increase spending, decrease spending or keep spending the same for the State Department and American embassies?

- Increase spending (1)
- Decrease spending (2)
- Keep spending the same (3)

q19

[Flipped answerlist ♦ Not required]

In many periods of American history, our diplomats have promoted American values, as well as interests, abroad. Americans have believed that the U.S. would be more secure and more prosperous in a world in which our values such as democracy, freedom, human rights, and the rule of law were more widespread among other countries.

How strongly do you agree or disagree with the statement:

“It is in America’s interests to promote our values in today’s world.”

- Strongly agree (1)

- Agree (2)
- Neutral (3)
- Disagree (4)
- Strongly disagree (5)

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[Not required]

Could you tell us how interesting or uninteresting you found the questions in this interview?

- Very interesting (1)
- Interesting (2)
- Neither interesting nor uninteresting (3)
- Uninteresting (4)
- Very uninteresting (5)