

Can we Prepare People for Public Life?
Assessing the Impact of the Summer Institute for Future Legislators

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR IFL PARTICIPANTS

The Summer Institute for Future Legislators (IFL) is a cross-partisan program, which means that it is open to participants from across the political spectrum. We call the program cross-partisan rather than non-partisan because we know that, as aspiring legislators, participants are interested in entering the partisan arena. Moreover, most of the practitioners who participate in the program as mentors or speakers have served in elective office as representatives of one political party or another.

Partisanship may be defined as a political orientation or attitude concerning support for a political party. We are interested in your attitudes toward partisanship and how they evolve over the course of the program.

By answering this questionnaire you can help us to better understand, assess, and ultimately improve the impact of this program. Your participation is entirely confidential and under no circumstances will your participation be made public. Your participation is also entirely voluntary and you may withdraw at any time. If you do withdraw, it will have no impact on your participation in the program. However, we think that your participation will benefit not only the program but also your own professional development.

1. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Conservative, Green, Liberal, New Democrat, or a supporter of another party? (If yes, please indicate which):

2. How strongly would you rate your support for that party?

Very Low	Low	Medium	High	Very High	No opinion
1	2	3	4	5	6

3. Where would you place yourself on the scale below?

Left Right

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Please consider the following statements and circle to indicate your level of agreement/disagreement:

When I meet someone who supports this party, I feel connected.

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

I don't trust people who support other parties

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

I have a lot in common with other supporters of this party.

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

I am happy to be friends with people in other parties

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

The responsibility of the politician is to balance the interests of party and those of constituents and their own conscience

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
1	2	3	4	5	6

Ordinary members of parliament should have more influence, even if that means less party discipline

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
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Members of a party should support their party's platform, even if they disagree with some parts of it

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
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Politicians should be willing to make pledges to the voters that they cannot change once in office

Strongly Disagree	Mildly Disagree	Neutral	Mildly Agree	Strongly Agree	Not sure
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I wish to hold elective office because I wish to (select and rank the top 5)

represent my constituents

avoid the regret of not serving

advance a cause I believe in

enjoy the rewards of public service

help my political party

it is the next step in my career

be a leader of my country, province, or city

Other (specify):
