PR/HYLI Washington, D.C. Trip Feedback Survey June 2023



On June 4-6, 2023, 21 student PR/HYLI participants (3 from each regional delegation) traveled to Washington, D.C. to learn more about government, leadership, and advocacy. At the conclusion, participants were asked to complete a feedback survey that asked about their experience in Washington, D.C., as well as how their partipation in PR/HYLI affected that experience. A total of 21 students completed the survey, a 100% response rate.

Satisfaction with the Washington, D.C. Trip

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	
l learned a lot during the meetings with NY congressional representatives.	67%			33%	
l enjoyed visiting Washington, D.C. monuments and landmarks.		<mark>5%</mark>			
My experiences in PR/HYL1 this year prepared me to meet with the congressional representatives.		19%			
My experiences in PR/HYLI this year helped me appreciate the activities during the Washington, D.C.		14%			
Overall, visiting Washington, D.C. was a positive experience.		5%			

Knowledge and Skill Acquisition

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	agree Strongly disagree		
After visiting Washington, D.C., I am more interested in learning about how government works.		29	29% 14%			
After meeting with congressional representatives in Washington, D.C., I understand more about issues affecting the Hispanic community.	57%			43%	43%	
After the experiences during the Washington, D.C. trip, I am better able to think critically.	71%			29%		
After the experiences during the Washington, D.C. trip, I am better able to consider other viewpoints.	76%			24%		
After the experiences during the Washington, D.C. trip, I am more prepared to be a leader in my community.		76%		19%	% 5%	

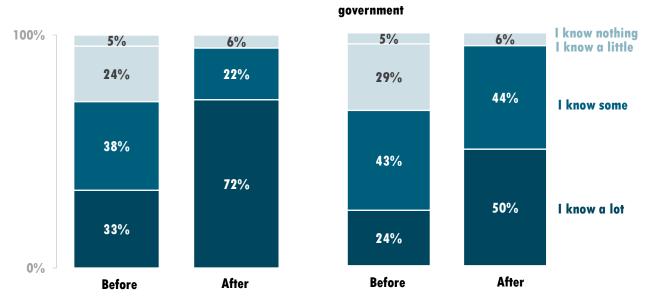


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Impact of Washington, D.C. Trip on Participant Knowledge

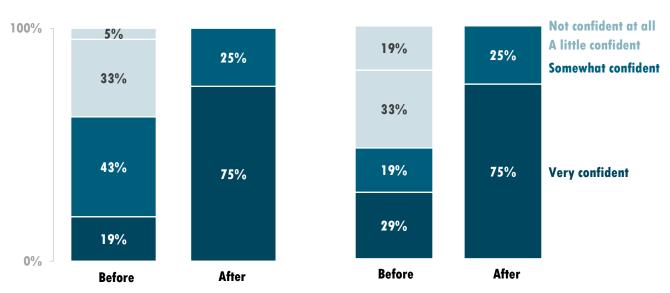
How much do you know about the following topics BEFORE and AFTER the Washington, D.C. trip?



How the federal government works

Impact of Washington, D.C. Trip on Participant Confidence

How confident do you feel about the following BEFORE and AFTER the Washington, D.C. trip?



Applying what you learned in PR/HYLI to national issues

Engaging with elected representatives

The similarities and differences between state and federal



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Complete Survey Comments

What did you like best about the Washington, D.C. trip?

- All spending more time with people I enjoy
- Dinner cruise WWII Memorial
- Everything (2)
- Everything about it, the buildings, etc
- Everything was amazing the cruise, monuments, people, everything
- Everything was very interesting
- Going to all the museums specifically the American History
- I enjoyed visiting the national landmarks
- I liked being able to make friends and bond with them through experience
- I liked spending time with everyone.
- I liked talking to the congresspeople
- I loved all the learning, sight-seeing, fun facts, and being with friends.
- Learning things that will help me in the future to help my community.
- Loved all of the memorials especially Washington Monument, Lincoln, and the Capitol building was beautiful
- Spending time with friends!
- The cruise dinner
- The gallery walk inside the debating floor, because it's basically the mock assembly we did in Albany.
- The rooftop of the cruise
- Visiting the museums
- What I liked best was the cruise, it was my first time

What would have made the Washington, D.C. trip better?

- A little more freedom to interact between ourselves at the hotel
- A party
- Being able to spend more time at museums and with friends after activities.
- Going to the art museum
- Going to the pool
- Had a party day
- Have more time to visit other museums
- I would have liked to see more museums.
- IDK (Better food)
- Inside of the White House!!! But it's hard to get in I know
- Leisure resting time to get to know each other. More bonding activities in lobby.
- Maybe some more rest time, I was really tired some of the time, but I understand the need for rushing a bit too.
- Meet Alexandra Ocasio
- More cruises
- More time resting.
- Nothing it was awesome
- Nothing really, maybe it being longer
- Perhaps more time to just chat?
- Personally I would say an extra day or two because our schedule was so tight all the time.
- Time



To be able to do this at the hotel

How did you use what you learned from PR/HYLI during the Washington, D.C. trip?

- Along with the trainings and time in Albany, it brought be a broad perspective and fundamental knowledge to our government and how it works.
- Asking/researching questions for representatives
- Being a good listener, and being able to hold a political conversation
- Coming up with questions to the congressmen because in PR/HYLI I was able to take in a lot of knowledge regarding the legislative branch.
- How to talk with others, share our ideas. How to think/analyze more. Explain what we stand for & why
- I am a better advocate
- I had a better understanding of how a bill becomes a law and how the government works.
- I knew the legislative process and understood.
- I used my talking skills
- I used my voice to advocate for my community to ask the representatives questions that affect my community.
- I used speaking skills to talk to elected officials.
- I used what I learned from PR/HYLI to engage more in the sightseeing, crafting questions for the assemblymembers, and it helped me to appreciate this trip even more.
- I was able to formulate interesting questions.
- I was more confident speaking.
- It made understanding the process and use of the Congress in our government
- leadership
- My knowledge on US history
- The knowledge of the house and how it works
- What I learned from PR/HYLI helped me understand more of the history of Washington, D.C.
- When we were argue with our partners
- Yes, because I was more confident and could also come up with better questions

Is there anything else you would like to share about the Washington, D.C. trip?

- An experience I won't forget
- Best trip ever
- I ate a LOT of food.
- I enjoyed how we learned about the country in so little time.
- I had a great time! Thank you PRHYLI!!
- I had an amazing time! Thank you for this incredible opportunity
- I loved it very much it was an incredible experience, very fun & educational/informative
- I really enjoyed the trip overall.
- I really loved the female [illegible] we met, the conversation she had with us was amazing
- I really loved this trip and it made me even more excited for Puerto Rico
- It was an amazing trip and opportunity that I'm very grateful for. Thank you!!!
- It was an awesome trip and I hope the program keeps doing it
- It was very fun
- It would have been the cherry on top if we was able to do more hotel activities like the team being able to get into the pool together and more team bonding
- No (3)
- Thank you so much for the best experience I have had in my life
- Thanks for this opportunity!
- This was my first trip by myself

