

TWG CONFERENCE SURVEY

ANALYSIS

October 1997

A survey was distributed to registered delegates to the 1997 TWG Conference. The purpose of the survey was to get a better understanding of the interests in Ukrainian-American affairs of conference attendees. Responses to the survey were received from 48 delegates, though not all respondents provided answers to every question.

1. Birthplace

- 40.4% of the survey respondents (19 of 47) were born in the U.S. 31.9% were born in Ukraine (13). 27.7% were born elsewhere (13).

2. Ukrainian Community Activity

- On a 1 to 5 scale, where 1 is "least active" and 5 is "most active," survey respondents were most active in "Professional" organizations (3.50) and least active in "Fraternal" organizations (1.43). In descending order of survey respondent activity, the organizations were rated:

- * Professional organizations (3.50)
- * Cultural organizations (2.93)
- * Community organizations (2.71)
- * Social organizations (2.14)
- * Youth organizations (2.00)
- * Political organizations (1.77)
- * Fraternal organizations (1.43)

3. Participation in Religious Community

- 71.4% participate in the Ukrainian Catholic church (30); 23.8% of survey respondents participate in the Ukrainian Orthodox church (10); and 4.8% participate in other churches (2).

4. Subscriptions to Ukrainian Publications

- 90.7% of survey respondents subscribe to Ukrainian Weekly (39); 51.2% subscribe to Svoboda (22) and 39.5% subscribe to Forum (17).

5. Use of Ukrainian Resorts

- The following Ukrainian resorts are visited at least once a year by survey respondents:

- * Soyuzivka 96.7% (29)
- * Verhovyna 26.7% (8)
- * SUM camp 23.3% (7)
- * Plast camp 20% (6)

6. Contributions to Ukrainian Causes

- The Ukrainian causes listed in the survey to which respondents contribute, in descending order of frequency, are:
 - * Cultural 78.6% (33)
 - * Educational 61.9% (26)
 - * Social 61.9% (26)
 - * Political 42.9% (18)
 - * Other 20.9% (9)

7. Speaking Ukrainian

- All but one survey respondents reported the ability to speak Ukrainian. 86.4% reported that they are “fluent” and 11.4% reported that they have “basic” speaking skills.

8. Reading Ukrainian

- All but two survey respondents who answered this question reported the ability to read Ukrainian (95.7%).

9. Participation in Politics

- Survey respondents reported the following levels of participation in the political process:
 - * Voting regularly 93.2% (41)
 - * Writing my Congressman 45.5% (20)
 - * Contributing financially to campaigns 40.9% (18)
 - * Participating in campaigns 20.5% (9)
- 9.1% of survey respondents (4) reported that they “just don’t like politics.”

10. Involvement in Non-Ukrainian Causes

- 66.7% indicated they are involved in non-Ukrainian “local issues (education),” 50% are involved in “environmental” issues, 41.7% are involved in “social (civil rights, women’s rights),” and 41.7% are involved in “other” non-Ukrainian causes.

I. Integration of New Immigrants from Ukraine

- a) Willingness to help new immigrants – 41 survey respondents (97.6% of those who answered the question) indicated that they are willing to help new immigrants to adjust to American life and to integrate into the Ukrainian-American community.
- b) Extent of help to new immigrants from Ukrainian-Americans – Only 3 respondents appeared to have been new immigrants and all three indicated that they received significant help from Ukrainian-Americans.
- c) Types of help needed – The only suggestion made was “improving English.”
- d) Level of comfort in the Ukrainian-American community – 69.2% of the limited number of second or third generation Ukrainian-Americans who answered this question (9) indicated

that they feel comfortable in the Ukrainian-American community as it is presently structured. 30.8% (4) indicated that they are not comfortable.

II. Career Counseling/Career Mentoring

- a) Extent of help in personal career from Ukrainian-Americans – 59% indicated that Ukrainian-Americans had not played a role in their personal careers. 41% of survey respondents indicated that Ukrainian-Americans had played a “significant role” in their careers.
- b) Willingness to help other Ukrainian-Americans – 38 survey respondents (100% of those who answered the question) indicated a willingness to help other U-As with their career path.

III. Satisfaction with Ukrainian Organizations

- a) Average rating of Ukrainian-American organizations (1 = lowest; 5 = highest)
 - 1) Professional organizations e.g. UMANA, UABA, TWG (2.84 average based on 37 responses)
 - 2) Credit unions (2.82) (28 responses)
 - 3) Ukrainian-American press (2.52) (33 responses)
 - 4) Church (2.10) (41 responses)
 - 5) Fraternal organizations (2.00) (32 responses)
 - 6) Savings & loan (1.50) (6 responses)
 - 7) Banks (1.40) (5 responses)
- b) Rating of youth organizations – Ukrainian School received a 2.62 average rating from 13 respondents and Plast received a 2.56 rating from 9 respondents. Only one respondent rated SUM.
- c) Importance of getting support from Ukrainian-American organizations, rather than American organizations – 31 respondents gave an average rating of 2.87 to the importance of getting these services from Ukrainian-American organizations rather than from American organizations.
- d) New services needed in the Ukrainian-American community – Some of the suggestions were “first-rate old age homes,” “one political representation,” “church and professional organizations in English,” “more professional and social activities for 35 - 55 age group,” “better dissemination of pro-Ukrainian information,” “a listing of existing services and locations,” “more for older youth and singles,” “senior citizens aid, nursing homes, assisted living,” “libraries for senior citizens,” and “educational and teacher organization.”

IV. Desired Focus on Political Issues – According to survey respondents, Ukrainian-Americans should focus their political energies in the following ways, as listed in the survey:

- * Trade and investment (3.50)
- * Economic (3.47)
- * Financial aid to Ukraine (3.47)
- * Political (3.21)
- * Security (3.03)
- * Increase Ukrainian immigrant quota (2.36)
- * Immigrants’ rights issues (2.23)

V. Connections to Ukraine

- a) Impact of independent Ukraine on careers – One-half of survey respondents (22) indicated that an independent Ukraine had an impact on their careers. Nine (9) respondents reported that the impact was in the form of “consulting” and five (5) respondents reported that the impact was in the form of “direct business involvement.”
- b) Frequency of travel to Ukraine
- * More than annually – 21.1% (8)
 - * Annually – 15.8% (6)
 - * Periodically, but less than annually – 26.3% (10)
 - * Infrequently – 31.6% (12)
 - * Never been – 5.3% (2)

VI. Familiarity with Grants/Proposals Process

- a) Familiarity with process – On a 1 (not very familiar) to 5 (very familiar) scale, familiarity with the grant/proposal process received an average rating of 2.14.
- b) Availability of time to work on grants/proposals -- Availability of time to work on grants received a 1.71 average rating.
- c) Willingness to spend at least 6 months in Ukraine on a grant – Willingness to spend time in Ukraine on a grant received a 2.09 average rating.

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