



Civitas International Programs



Student participation in Project Citizen LEFT__Nigeria CENTER__Pakistan RIGHT__Russia

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PROGRAM IMPACT ON STUDENT KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ATTITUDES

- Project Citizen helped Russian youth acquire and share democratic civic values, improved their citizenship participation skills, increased their attention to local community issues, and strengthened their motivation to participate in public life.

CHARLES WHITE, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CURRICULUM AND TEACHING, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

- A study of students in Slovakia and the United States revealed increases in knowledge of public policy, knowledge of characteristics of democratic societies, as well as improvements in problem-solving skills and persuasive writing abilities among program participants.

RMC RESEARCH CORPORATION

- Project Citizen students in Indonesia displayed greater research skills, participation in the political process, and interest in politics and public affairs.

SUZANNE SOULE, DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND EVALUATION, CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION

- *"I said it publicly during the roundtable held at the Project Citizen showcase: Now I not only believe, but I am certain that we, the young people, can influence change in our communities."*

A CIVITAS ALUMNI NETWORK MEMBER, GORAZDE, BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- *"For the sake of our future, children must possess the attitudes taught by Kami Bangsa Indonesia [Project Citizen], so that when the time comes for them to be leaders they possess the quality [needed] for good governance, which is genuine caring."*

DANIEL A.F. TONJES, MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL, BALI, INDONESIA

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