

How Important is the United Nations to the World?



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Introduction

The Summer Program at the United Nations was an enticing and inspirational experience. We met daily with Directors of different sectors in the United Nations. They taught us about their area of specialty and the importance of their role. We sat in on multiple Security Council sessions where we observed how all the countries who were present interacted with one another and voted on global issues that would better the lives and overall status of the member countries. Through first-hand experience we analyzed the function of the United Nations versus the failed League of Nations.

History of the United Nations

The United Nations was created in 1943 after the failure of the League of Nations and there are more than 100 organizations that are inside of it to ensure that the world continues to progress in a positive way. There are also six councils that were initiated to increase fluidity between countries and to allow each of them to have a seat at the table. These councils are the Security Council, the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, The Trusteeship Council, the International Court of Justice, and the UN Secretariat.

Projects that the UN have worked on and were successful.

Peace- due to Un peace conflicts and peacekeepers the number of deaths and conflict have declined since 1945

Persecutions of Charles Taylor and Slobodan Milosevic – Liberian and Serbian leaders who endorsed war crimes in their countries.

Ending Famine – through the help of the UN's World Food Program, Food and Agriculture Organization and the UN-sponsored emergency aid management.



United Nations Failures

Rwanda Genocide – In 1994, although the UN deployed peacekeeping troops to Rwanda, the troops failed to stop the Hutus from an ongoing murderous rampage.

Rape and Child Sex Abuse in the Congo

The UN peacekeepers were paying women in countries like the Democratic Republic of Congo for sex and even raping them when they were supposed to be protecting them.

Srebrenica- this place was deemed a “safe zone” yet a massacre of 9,000 Bosnian Muslim men were killed at the hands of Serb forces in Srebrenica in 1995.

Research Question

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Current Projects in the United Nations and their goals

Currently the United Nations has created 17 Sustainable Developmental Goals (SDGs) to help eliminate current worldwide issues by the year 2030. The 17 goals were created to end poverty, ensure prosperity for all, and protect the planet. The goals are: **NO POVERTY, ZERO HUNGER, GOOD HEALTH, QUALITY EDUCATION, GENDER EQUALITY, CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION, AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY, DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH, INDUSTRY, INNOVATION, AND INFRASTRUCTURE, REDUCED INEQUALITIES, SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES, RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTIONS, CLIMATE ACTION, LIFE BELOW WATER, LIFE ON LAND, PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS,** and **PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS.**

The Purpose of United Nations

The Purpose of the United Nations is to create a space where everyone can come together and talk about the issues they face in their individual countries. The main objective in the UN is to promote cooperation and avoid global catastrophic war; to maintain international peace and security and it has succeeded in doing just that.

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Conclusions

Many have felt that despite all of the work the United Nations has done, they have still fallen short in providing for the needs of the people. Truth is, individuals do not understand the role of the United Nations, let alone its purpose of creation. This presentation hopefully educates and informs individuals on how governments on a universal scale work together to maintain peace and terminate problematic issues.

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