



An Evaluation of Contemporary Human Rights Violations: With a Focus on

Mitigating the Suppression of Uyghur Muslims

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Awareness Against Current Transgressions (AACT)

- Raises awareness about globally neglected human rights violations
- Explores humanitarian issues through various student perspectives
- Go beyond informing, by devising tangible plans of action to mitigate specific issues
- Collaborate with Various groups, on and off campus to promote inclusivity and work toward a better world



Uyghur Muslim Crisis

- About eleven million Uighurs—a mostly Muslim, Turkic-speaking ethnic group—live in the northwestern region of Xinjiang
- The Chinese government has imprisoned more than one million people since 2017 and subjected those not detained to intense surveillance, religious restrictions, and forced sterilizations
- The United States has sanctioned officials and blacklisted dozens of Chinese agencies linked to abuses in Xinjiang

Actions & Next Steps

- Worked with Campaign for Uyghur (CFU) to identify a refugee center that houses Uyghur Muslims
- Worked with the Nuzugum Uyghur Women's Association to send care packages for families in need
- Created a recurring summer program -- One Voice, One Cause -- to carry on AACT's mission of raising awareness
- Hosted Workshops for student with various Penn Departments/Offices

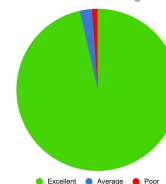


One Voice, One Cause

- A program that provided a platform for highschool students to learn about humanitarian crises around the world
- Conversations and lectures led by renowned activists, journalists, and professors from all across the world
- Spanned for 8-weeks, with a new guest speakers, debrief sessions and targeted assignments every week
- Participants were required to research and devise intervention plans
- Received over 300 applications from more than 30 states and other countries



OVOC Experience & Satisfaction Rating



Collaborators

- Penn Admissions Office
- Penn First Plus
- Penn Career Services
- PENNCAP Office
- Students
 - Abdullah Khalid(E'23)
 - Ashwarya Devason (C'23)
 - David Barreto (C'23)
 - Justin Desprebiteres (C'23)
 - Kamille Houston (C'23)
 - Sereina Ferguson (C'23)
 - Tseion Mberatu (C'23)

Speakers

- Rushan Abbas and Mamatjan Juma
- Olivia Enos
- Dr. Yirga Woldeyes
- Esteban Garces and Salvador Sarmiento
- Dr. Ali B Ali Dinar
- Dr. Aisha Jumaan and Dr. Shireen Al-Adeimi
- Dr. Uddipana Goswami
- Dr. John MacDonald

