

**You are invited to participate in the 2006 Face to Face program,
featuring a
National Issues Forum
on the topic
*By the People: America's Role in the World***

We are proud to announce the 2006 Face to Face program, which will be a **National Issues Forum**, titled **By the People: America's Role in the World**, on the evening of **April 6th, 2006**.

You have been identified as someone who may be interested in this topic. Please forward this message to all interested parties. **We are looking for a diverse group of participants:** undergraduate and graduate students, faculty members, staff, community members, international students, varied political and religious affiliations, etc. You need not have any expertise in this topic to attend, only a willingness to discuss and learn!

Attendance: Approximately 90 students, 15 faculty/staff members, 15 community members

Date & Time: Thursday, April 6th, 5:30pm-8:15 pm (*Dinner will be served*)

Location: Pamplin Hall, Room 30

Registration: Register at the following websites on or before March 24th: www.vtleadership.com or <https://survey.vt.edu/survey/entry.jsp?id=1141233205643>

Materials: All participants should pick up a free booklet on the topic to read prior to the event. These can be obtained after registration in the Department of Student Activities at 319 Squires Student Center.

Purpose: The intention of this program is to engage the Virginia Tech community in a process of deliberation, learning, and leadership around important public issues. The program will involve students, university faculty/administrators and community/business leaders. Our students value the opportunity to learn from and speak with thoughtful adults and leaders beyond the confines of the university.

An NIF is, from The NIF website "a nonpartisan, nationwide network of locally sponsored public forums for the consideration of public policy

issues. It is rooted in the simple notion that people need to come together to reason and talk to deliberate about common problems. Indeed, democracy requires an ongoing deliberative public dialogue." More information can be found at www.nifi.org.

Topic: *By the People: Americans' Role in the World* - As the only superpower since the end of the Cold War, America exercises unparalleled global dominance. Yet, the September 11 attack showed us that we are not immune to the world's problems. Powerful and prosperous, yet neither entirely secure nor universally liked, Americans are uncertain about their role in the world in the twenty-first century. This issue presents four perspectives on the question of what kind of world we want our children and grandchildren to live in, including:

- Approach 1: International Order Using Our Power to Secure Peace
- Approach 2: The Democratic Project Ensuring People's Rights
- Approach 3: The Global Market Prescription Lifting All Boats
- Approach 4: Preserving Our Global Future Facing the Hard Tasks

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Feel free to contact us at the address below if you have any questions!



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