

Philanthropy among Middle Eastern Americans and their Historical Traditions of Giving

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Description

This groundbreaking guide examines philanthropy among Middle Eastern Americans in order to assess the extent and nature of giving activities. It begins with the waves of immigration from the Middle East to the United States, including characteristics and adaptation of major groups. The guide next discusses the history of philanthropy in the Middle East to examine indigenous traditions that form the basis of giving patterns among Middle Eastern Americans. Finally, it includes an annotated list of major Middle Eastern philanthropic organizations active in the United States, categorized to the extent possible, by ethnicity and religion.

Audience

It will be of particular use to those seeking to understand the extent to which Middle Eastern Americans have begun to build up philanthropic organizations that address their needs in the U.S., the degree these organizations reflect the histories, migration process, and adaptation problems of immigrants, and the ways they differ from the traditional forms in their homelands.

Uses

The guide will help users in their efforts to categorize Middle Eastern Americans (and to understand the challenges inherent in classifying a group that is not considered a legal minority, despite being a sociological one), as well as to familiarize the user with Middle Eastern giving and charitable activities in the United States. The data provided may be used to facilitate dialogue between Arab Americans and other Americans in the post 9/11 world, provide models for new or additional charitable giving among Middle Eastern Americans, and provide information for those seeking to better understand the range of peoples, beliefs and practices of their neighbors from the "Middle East."