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## Kindness is Distributed Across Cultures

### Survey of the Most Thoughtful Societies

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**USPA NEWS** - A recent worldwide investigation into human goodness and thoughtfulness found that it's broadly distributed across cultures even in difficult times. Additionally, the degree to which humans will reach out a helping hand is strong no matter where one lives.

Using data from the World Giving Index, the World Bank, The Charities Aid Foundation, proprietary surveys, the Global Philanthropic Index, the World Health Organization, and more, the postcard courier service MyPostcard has created the Most Thoughtful Societies Index. In the ranking for overall private charitable contributions, the most thoughtful society is Indonesia, while coming in at number two is Australia.

In terms of international charitable contributions, meaning the amount that people from one country donate to another as a percentage of gross national income, the United States' philanthropists gave the most. The United States is also the most compassionate society, as determined by measures of how much people feel they support one another. Kenya, Uganda, and Nigeria follow before any other nations.

The amount of hours spent volunteering, is a clearer picture of compassion and is also highest in the United States. Once again, Indonesia in close third, is never far from the top. While many east Asian countries are close to the top, elderly support from family members is highest in the Gulf monarchies, with Saudi Arabia in first place, and the United Arab Emirates in second. This was determined by medical information from the World Health Organization, and census data of elderly people living alone versus with their children.

The cross-culturalism of these findings warms the heart, and shows a strong global desire to volunteer, give back, and help one another.

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