ROMANIA
THE LONG ROAD BACK
Why do you love Romania?

- For its history?
  - Burebista, Stefan cel Mare, Mihai Viteazul, Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Avram Iancu

- For its arts?
  - Nicolae Grigorescu, Constantin Brancusi

- For its literature?
  - Mihai Eminescu, Mircea Eliade, Eugen Ionesco

- For its music?
  - George Enescu, Ciprian Porumbescu, Sergiu Celibidache

- Or simply because your family is there?
What don’t you like about Romania?

• Its work ethics?
• Its politicians?
• Its culture of laissez-faire?
• Its communist past?
What is National Pride?

- Nationalism
  - National identity - the individual’s sense of belonging to a group
  - National Pride - self-association with the success of the group

- Patriotism
  - Pride in the achievements and culture of a nation
  - Desire to preserve its character and the basis of its culture

*Source: Wikipedia*
Global Perspective on National Pride

• A 2006 survey listed the following criteria as measures of national pride:
  • political influence
  • social security
  • the way their democracy works
  • economic success
  • science and technology
  • sports
  • arts and literature
  • military
  • history
  • fair treatment of all groups in society

*Source: University of Chicago Survey - 2006
Romania today – a result of yesterday?

- Can we say that the actions or inactions of recent Romanian generations have strongly impacted Romania’s current position on the World map?
Romania tomorrow – a result of today?

• Is it then fair to say that the future of Romania’s position on the World map would naturally be the result of current generations of Romanians?

• Would that position also influence Romanians’ National Pride?
Romanian Perspective on National Pride

Where do we stand on:

- social security
- science and technology
- history
- the way our democracy works
- sports
- economic success
- arts and literature
- military
- political influence
- fair treatment of all groups in society
Political Environment

- Political influence
- The way our democracy works
Economic Advancement

- Social security
- Economic success
Educational and Artistic Prowess

- Science and technology
- Arts and literature
Nothing We Need to Change

- History
- Military
A Natural Development

- Fair treatments to all members in the society
- Sports
A Call To Action

- Who in this room believes that they can actually make an impact on Romania future standing in the World as well as our National Pride?

- Thank you for taking part in the debate