

Privacy Policy

Privacy and Security

General Information

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The Institute respects the privacy of users of its Web site, www.SamuelliInstitute.org. The Institute does not disclose, give, sell, or transfer any personal information about visitors to www.SamuelliInstitute.org unless required to do so by law.

The Institute automatically collects a limited amount of information about the use of its Web site, primarily for statistical purposes (that is, to measure the numbers of visitors to various sections of the site). This information may also be helpful when considering changes to www.SamuelliInstitute.org, to make the site more useful to visitors.

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The following information about users of our Web site is collected and stored automatically:

- The Internet domain from which a user has accessed the Internet. For example, if a user connects to the Internet through America Online, the domain is aol.com.
- The Internet protocol (IP) address of the computer that was used to access the Internet. An IP address is a number that is assigned to a user's computer when he/she logs onto the Internet. When a Web page is requested, the user's IP address is included in the message, and the recipient of the request can respond to it by sending another message using that IP address.
- The name and version of the user's computer operating system and Internet browser. For example, Windows 2000 (operating system) and Internet Explorer 6.0 or Netscape Navigator 7.1 (Internet browsers).
- If a user comes to www.SamuelliInstitute.org¹ from another Web site, the Internet address of the "referring" Web site.
- The date, time, and duration of the user's visit to www.SamuelliInstitute.org², and the pages visited.
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Registration

Some features of our site require users to register and provide certain personal information in order to have access to services, or to join our mailing lists. If you are not comfortable with this, you can choose not to use this part of the site. When the registration form is presented to you, we clearly indicate what information is required for the particular feature, and what information is optional.

1. <http://www.SamuelliInstitute.org>

~~E-mail Messages Sent to the Institute Web Site~~
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