
The Political Economy of Globalization: How Firms, Workers, and Policymakers Are Responding to Global Economic Integration

Questions Asked in Prominent Surveys

Panel #5: Comparative Institutions and Globalization

FIRMS:

- (ISSP-W) In general, how would you describe relations at your workplace between employees and management?

Very good
Quite good
Quite bad
Very bad

- (WEF) What is your country's position in technology relative to world leaders?

Ahead
The same
Behind

- (WEF) Are companies in your country aggressive in absorbing new technology or are they not interested?

Aggressive
Not interested

- (WEF) How much do companies in your country spend on R&D relative to companies in other countries?

More
The same
Less

- (WEF) What is the extent of business collaboration in R&D with local universities?

A great deal of collaboration
Some collaboration
Not much collaboration
Minimal collaboration

- (WEF) Is the judiciary in your country independent from political influences of members of government, citizens or firms?

Yes
No

- (WEF) Are financial assets and wealth clearly delineated and well protected by law?

Yes
No

- (WEF) Is your government neutral among bidders when deciding among public contracts?

Yes

No

- (WEF) Do government subsidies to business in your country keep uncompetitive industries alive artificially or do they improve the productivity of industries?

Keep uncompetitive industries alive

Improve productivity

INDIVIDUALS:

- (CCFR-02/NES/ISSP-G) Now I am going to read a list of federal government programs. For each, I'd like you to tell me whether you feel it should be expanded, cut back or kept about the same:

[RANDOMIZE]

Expanded

Cut back

Kept about the same

1	Aid to educational programs and students
2	Child care
3	Health care
4	Unemployment benefits
5	Social security
6	Welfare programs
7	Environmental conservation
8	Economic aid to other nations
9	Defense spending

- (ISSP-G) It is the responsibility of the government to reduce the difference in income between people with high incomes and those with low incomes:

Completely agree

Mostly agree

Mostly disagree

Completely disagree

- (ISSP-G) Here are some things the government might do for the economy. Please show which actions you are in favor of and which you are against:

Strongly in favor of

In favor of

Neither in favor nor against

Against

Strongly against

1	Government financing of projects to create new jobs
2	Support for industry to develop new products and technology
3	Supporting declining industries to protect jobs
4	Reducing the working week to create more jobs

- (ISSP-G) On the whole, do you think it should or should not be the government's responsibility to:

Definitely should be

Probably should be

Probably should not be

Definitely should not be

Can't choose

1	Provide a job for everyone who wants one
2	Provide health care for the sick

3	Provide a decent standard of living for the old
4	Provide industry with the help it needs to grow
5	Provide a decent standard of living for the unemployed
6	Reduce income differences between the rich and poor
7	Impose strict laws to make industry do less damage to the environment

- (ISSP-W) How important would you say each of the following was in developing the skills you use in your job:

Very important
 Somewhat important
 Neither important nor unimportant
 Not important
 Not important at all

1	School, college, or university
2	Training or experience gained in my present or previous job

- (ISSP-W) All in all, how likely is it that you will try to find a job with another firm or organization within the next 12 months?

Very likely
 Likely
 Unlikely
 Very unlikely

- (ISSP-W) To what extent, if at all, do you worry about the possibility of losing your job?

I worry a great deal
 I worry to some extent
 I worry a little
 I don't worry at all

- (ISSP-W) If you could improve your living standards, how willing or unwilling would you be to:

Very willing
 Fairly willing
 Neither willing nor unwilling
 Fairly unwilling
 Very unwilling

1	Move to another neighborhood
2	Move to another town or city within this state
3	Move to another state
4	Move outside [respondent's country]

- (ISSP-W) From the following list, please indicate how important you personally think it is in a job:

Very important
 Important
 Neither important nor unimportant
 Not important
 Not important at all

1	Job security
2	High income
3	Good opportunities for advancement
4	A job that is useful to society
5	A job that allows someone to decide their times or days of work

- (ISSP-W) In decide on pay for two people doing the same kind of work, how important should be:

Essential	
Very Important	
Fairly important	
Not very important	
Not important at all	
	1 How well the person does the job
	2 The person's family responsibilities
	3 The person's education and formal qualifications
	4 How long the person has been with the firm

LEGISLATORS:

- (ACS/BCS) If the government had a choice between reducing taxes and spending more on social services, which do you think it should do?
 - Strongly favor reducing taxes
 - Mildly favor reducing taxes
 - Depends
 - Mildly favor spending more on social services
 - Strongly favor spending more on social services
- (ACS) Here are some statements about economic issues. Please say whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree with each statement:
 - Strongly agree
 - Agree
 - Neither agree nor disagree
 - Disagree
 - Strongly disagree

1	Higher income taxes make people less willing to work hard
2	Trade unions in this country have too much power
3	Big business in this country has too much power
4	Income and wealth should be redistributed towards ordinary working people
- (BCS) Do you think that trade unions in this country have:
 - Far too much power
 - Too much power
 - About right
 - Too little power
 - Far too little power
- (BCS) Do you think that business and industry have:
 - Far too much power
 - Too much power
 - About right
 - Too little power
 - Far too little power