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

Questions Asked in Prominent Surveys

Panel #4: Policymakers and Trade Legislation

FIRMS:

● (WBES) What percentage of senior management time is spent dealing with government officials?
   _______ [ENTER #]

● (WBES) How much influence does your firm have when a new law or regulation is being discussed by:
   Very influential
   Frequently influential
   Influential
   Seldom influential
   Never influential
   1   Executive
   2   Legislature
   3   Ministry
   4   Regulator

● (WBES) On average what percentage of revenues do firms like yours pay in unofficial payments per annum to public officials?
   _______ [ENTER #]

INDIVIDUALS:

● (CCFR-02) Some people are quite active in politics, while others prefer not to take an active part. I would like to know if, during the last three to four years, you have [INSERT]?
   Yes
   No
   1   Voted in a presidential election
   2   Worked for a political party or candidate
   3   Written or spoken to a public official about some political issue or problem

   [IF YES TO 3] You mentioned that you have written or spoken to an elected official about a political issue. Did any of these issues concern foreign affairs?
   Yes
   No
• (NES) People are often asked to make a contribution to support political campaigns. Did you give money to an individual candidate running for public office in the last election?
  Yes
  No

  [IF YES] Which party did that candidate belong to?
  Republican
  Democrat
  Other

• (NES) Did you give money to a political party in the last election?
  Yes
  No

  [IF YES] Which party?
  Republican
  Democrat
  Other

• (NES) Do you belong to a labor union?
  Yes
  No

• (ESS) How difficult or easy is it to have a say in the actions taken by the labor union?
  Extremely difficult
  Extremely easy

• (ESS) There are different ways of trying to improve things in [country] or help prevent things from going wrong. During the last 12 months, have you done any of the following?
  Yes
  No

  1  Contacted a politician, government or local government official
  2  Worked in a political party or action group
  3  Worked in another organization or association
  4  Worn or displayed a campaign badge/sticker
  5  Signed a petition
  6  Taken part in a lawful public demonstration
  7  Boycotted certain products
  8  Deliberately bought certain products for political, ethical or environmental reasons
  9  Donated money to a political organization or group
  10  Participated in illegal protest activities

• (ESS/WVS) In politics people often talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means left and 10 means right?
  _______ [ENTER #]

LEGISLATORS:

• (ACS/BCS) When did you first become a member of your party?
  _______ [ENTER YEAR]

• (ACS/BCS) Have you ever been a member of another political party?
  Yes
In your view, how important are the following parts of an MP’s job?

- Very important
- Quite important
- Not very important
- Not at all important

1. Speaking in Parliament
2. Holding regular constituency surgeries
3. Attending local party meetings
4. Parliamentary committee work
5. Representing regional interests
6. Helping with individual problems
7. Supporting the party leader
8. Developing party policy
9. Voting the party line in Parliament
10. Speaking to the national press and TV
11. Attending local community functions
12. Representing the constituency in Parliament
13. Working with interest groups
14. Defending party policy

In politics people often talk of left and right. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means left and 10 means right?

[ENTER #]

And where would you place the political views of your electorate on this scale?

[ENTER #]

And lastly, where would you place the views of your party?

[ENTER #]

Thinking back over the past year, how many hours per month did you usually devote to the following activities within your electorate:

[ENTER #]

1. Speaking at public meetings
2. Attending local community functions
3. Fund raising
4. Dealing with constituents’ problems

Roughly how many hours do you usually devote to the following activities in the average week when the house is sitting:

[ENTER #]

1. Dealing with constituency casework
2. Attending Parliamentary debates on the floor of the House
3. Working in Parliamentary select committees
4. Informal meetings with other MPs at Westminster
5. Informal meetings with lobbyists at Westminster
6. Informal meetings with the media at Westminster

Apart from during the electoral campaign, how many staff do you usually employ?

[ENTER #]

Again thinking back over the past year, about how many constituents’ problems would you receive in total in an average week?

[ENTER #]