
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 are 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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