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

### **Questions Asked in Prominent Surveys**

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#### **Panel #6: Regionalism, Multilateralism, and Globalization**

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##### **INDIVIDUALS:**

- (ESS) Policies can be decided at different levels. At which level do you think the following policies should mainly be decided?

International level  
European level  
National level  
Regional or local level

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|---|----------------------------------|
| 1 | Protecting the environment       |
| 2 | Fighting against organized crime |
| 3 | Agriculture                      |
| 4 | Defence                          |
| 5 | Social welfare                   |
| 6 | Aid to developing countries      |
| 7 | Immigration and refugees         |
| 8 | Interest rates                   |

- (CCFR-04) The World Trade Organization was established to rule on disputes over trade treaties. If another country files a complaint with the World Trade organization and it rules against the U.S., as a general rule, should the U.S. comply with that decision or not?

Yes  
No

- (CCFR-04) Overall, do you think that countries that are part of international trade agreements should or should not be required to maintain minimum standards for working conditions?

Should be required  
Should not be required

- (CCFR-04) Overall, do you think that countries that are part of international trade agreements should or should not be required to maintain minimum standards for protection of the environment?

Should be required  
Should not be required

- (CCFR-04) Overall, do you think the North American Free Trade Agreement, also known as NAFTA, is good or bad for [INSERT ATTRIBUTE]:

Good  
Bad

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|---|--------------------|
| 1 | The U.S. economy   |
| 2 | American companies |
| 3 | Consumers like you |

- 4 The Mexican economy
- 5 Creating jobs in the U.S.
- 6 The environment
- 7 Job security for American workers
- 8 Your own standard of living
- 9 Creating jobs in Mexico

• (CCFR-04) The U.S. and most countries in North, Central, and South America have been discussing the possibility of having a Free Trade Agreement of the Americas similar to what the U.S. now has with Mexico and Canada in NAFTA. Do you favor or oppose this idea?

Favor

Oppose

• (CCFR-02) Some say that because of the increasing interaction between countries, we need to strengthen international institutions to deal with shared problems. Others say that this would only create bigger, unwieldy bureaucracies. Here are some international institutions. For each one, please tell me if it needs to be strengthened or not.

Yes, needs to be strengthened

No, doesn't need to be strengthened

- 1 The World Trade Organization
- 2 The International Monetary Fund
- 3 The World Bank
- 4 The United Nations

• (PEW) Here is a list of groups, organizations, and institutions. For each, please tell me what kind of influence the group is having on the way things are going in [survey country]. Is the influence of [INSERT] very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad in [survey country]?

Very good

Somewhat good

Somewhat bad

Very bad

- 1 Immigrants
- 2 Large companies from other countries
- 3 The European Union [ONLY IN EUROPEAN NATIONS]
- 4 The United Nations
- 5 International organizations like the World Bank, the World Trade Organization, and the International Monetary Fund

### **LABOR UNION LEADERS:**

• (TUSC) Labor standards can be negotiated and applied to international trade agreements at different levels. Do you support the application of labor standards [INSERT]?

Yes

No

- 1 Multilaterally – e.g., within the WTO or the ILO
- 2 Regionally – e.g., within the European Union or ASEAN
- 3 Bilaterally – e.g., as part of a specific trade agreement between two countries

• (TUSC) Which multilateral body or institutional arrangement would provide the most effective enforcement of core labor standards?

The International Labor Organization

The World Trade Organization

Create a link between the ILO and the WTO

Create a new organization or institution

**LEGISLATORS:**

- (ACS) Australia's trading future lies with Asia  
Strongly agree  
Agree  
Neither agree nor disagree  
Disagree  
Strongly disagree
- (BCS) On the whole, do you think that the UK's interests are better served by:  
Closer links with Western Europe, or  
Closer links with America, or  
Both equally
- (BCS) People hold different views about how they would like to see the European Community develop.  
Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?  
A fully integrated Europe with most major decisions taken by a European government  
A Europe more integrated than now but with decisions that mainly affect Britain staying in British hands  
The situation much as it is now, with Britain retaining a veto over major policy changes it does not like  
Complete British withdrawal from the European Community
- (BCS) Some people feel that Britain should do all it can to unite fully with the European Union. Other people feel that Britain should do all it can to protect its independence from the European Union. Where would you place yourself on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means uniting with the EU and 10 means independence from the EU?  
\_\_\_\_\_ [ENTER #]
- (BCS) And where would you place the political views of your electorate on this scale?  
\_\_\_\_\_ [ENTER #]
- (BCS) And lastly, where would you place the views of your party?  
\_\_\_\_\_ [ENTER #]
- (BCS) Do you think the government should, or should not, move toward a common European currency?  
Definitely should  
Probably should  
Probably should not  
Definitely should not