

Supplemental Table: Agreement and Disagreement among AEA Members on Policy Questions

Question	Number of Respondents	Strongly Disagree (1)	Disagree (2)	Neutral (3)	Agree (4)	Strongly Agree (5)	Average
1. The U.S. should eliminate remaining tariffs and other barriers to trade.	80	2.5%	5%	5%	47.5%	40%	4.18
2. The U.S. should restrict employers from outsourcing work to foreign countries.	81	61.7	28.4	2.5	3.7	2.5	1.54
3. The U.S. should remove its anti-dumping laws.	80	1.3	23.8	13.8	28.8	32.5	3.68
4. The U.S. should eliminate agricultural subsidies.	81	1.2	6.2	7.4	29.6	55.6	4.32
5. Local and state governments in the U.S. should eliminate subsidies to professional sports franchises.	81	1.2	3.7	9.9	28.4	56.8	4.36
6. Parents should be given educational vouchers which can be used at government-run or privately-run schools.	82	13.4	17.1	2.4	41.5	25.6	3.49
7. Low income parents should be given educational vouchers which can be used at government-run or privately-run schools.	83	8.4	16.9	6	33.7	34.9	3.7
8. Parents with children in poorly-performing schools should be given educational vouchers which can be used at government-run or privately-run schools.	81	9.9	14.8	6.2	34.6	34.6	3.69
9. The legal monopoly held by U.S. Postal Service (USPS) on the delivery of first class mail should be ended.	77	7.8	24.7	24.7	23.4	19.5	3.22
10. The gap between Social Security funds and expenditures will become unsustainably large within the next fifty years if current policies remain unchanged.	81	3.7	4.9	6.1	46.3	39	4.11
If you agreed (answered 4 or 5) with the previous proposition, answer the following four questions:							
11. The best way to deal with Social Security's long-term funding gap is to move to mandatory personal accounts invested in the market.	70	31.4	22.9	10	20	15.7	2.66
12. The best way to deal with Social Security's long-term funding gap is to increase payroll taxes.	70	24.3	30	25.7	18.6	1.4	2.42
13. The best way to deal with Social Security's long-term funding gap is to increase the normal retirement age.	70	7.1	4.3	11.4	62.9	14.3	3.73
14. The best way to deal with Social Security's long-term funding gap is to decrease Social Security benefits.	70	11.4	17.1	14.3	45.7	11.4	3.29
15. Developed countries with fertility rates below the replacement level should adopt policies which will increase their fertility rates.	79	29.1	29.1	31.6	10.1	0	2.23
16. The U.S. should ratify the Kyoto Accords.	80	16.3	27.5	15	18.8	22.5	2.96
17. The U.S. should rely more on nuclear power.	80	2.5	7.5	26.9	45.6	17.5	3.68
18. The U.S. should increase energy taxes.	80	11.3	10	13.8	37.5	27.5	3.6
19. The U.S. should drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.	81	33.3	22.2	8.6	21	14.8	2.62
20. The U.S. should eliminate inheritance/estate taxes.	83	31.3	28.9	4.8	12	22.9	2.66
21. The U.S. should replace the income tax with an equivalent tax on consumption.	81	19.8	16	21	33.3	9.9	2.98
22. The U.S. should adopt universal health insurance.	83	24.1	14.6	15.7	21.7	24.1	3.07
23. The U.S. should legalize marijuana.	82	2.4	14.6	20.7	34.1	28.1	3.71
24. Current U.S. immigration levels are too high.	78	17.9	35.9	29.5	15.4	1.3	2.46