

International Attitudes Toward Global Policies

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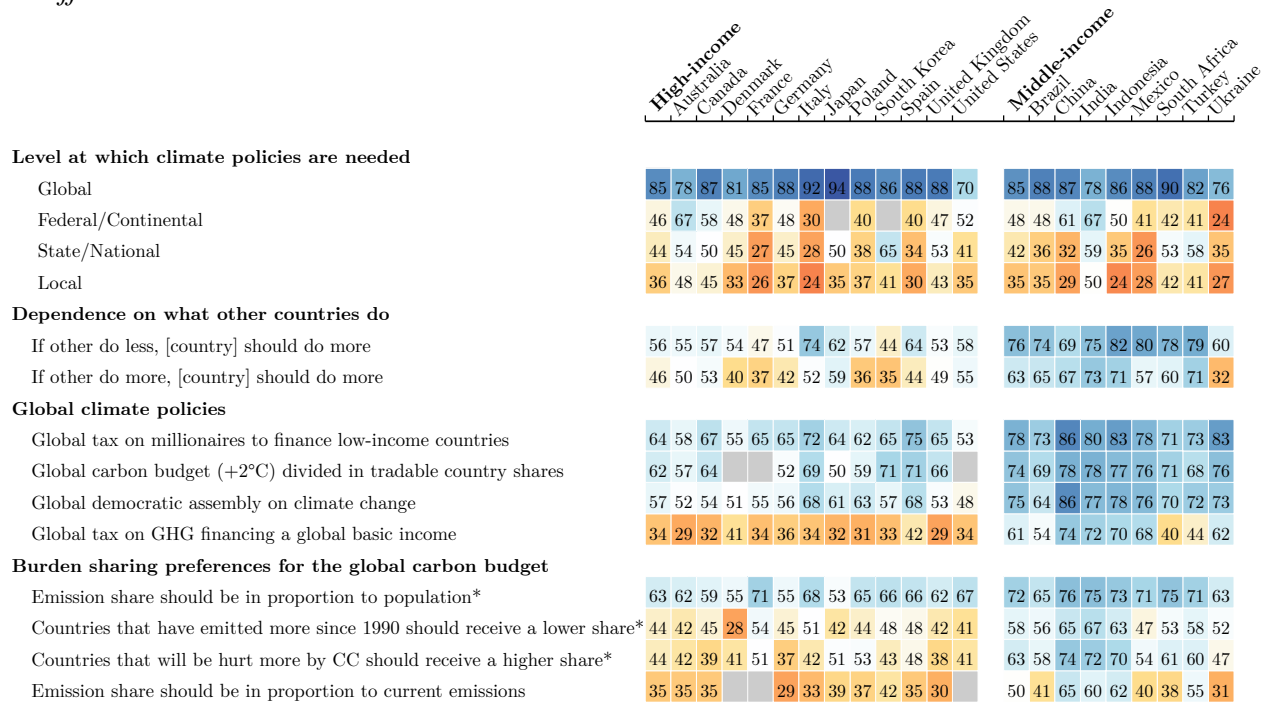
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The “global climate scheme” (a global carbon price funding a global basic income) would be an effective and progressive way to combat climate change, and poverty. Yet, such policy is mostly absent from political platforms and the policy debate. Using surveys on 40,000 respondents in 20 countries covering 72% of global CO₂ emissions, we document majority support for this and other global policies. Using a complementary survey on 3,000 U.S. respondents, we test several hypotheses that could reconcile strong stated support with a lack of salience of these issues. The complementary analyses show that the stated support is mostly sincere, although we cannot rule out insincerity for 3% to 9% of the population from the willingness to sign a real-stake petition and a list experiment, respectively. Global redistributive policies rank high (though not highest) in the prioritization of policies. Conjoint analyses reveal that the Democratic party would not significantly lose votes if it endorsed the global climate scheme, while a candidate at the Democratic primary would actually win votes by doing so. Accurate beliefs about the level of support for the scheme dismisses the hypothesis of pluralistic ignorance of the support. Strong universalistic attitudes are con-

Figure 1: Share of support (somewhat or strongly) for the main global policies among non-indifferent.

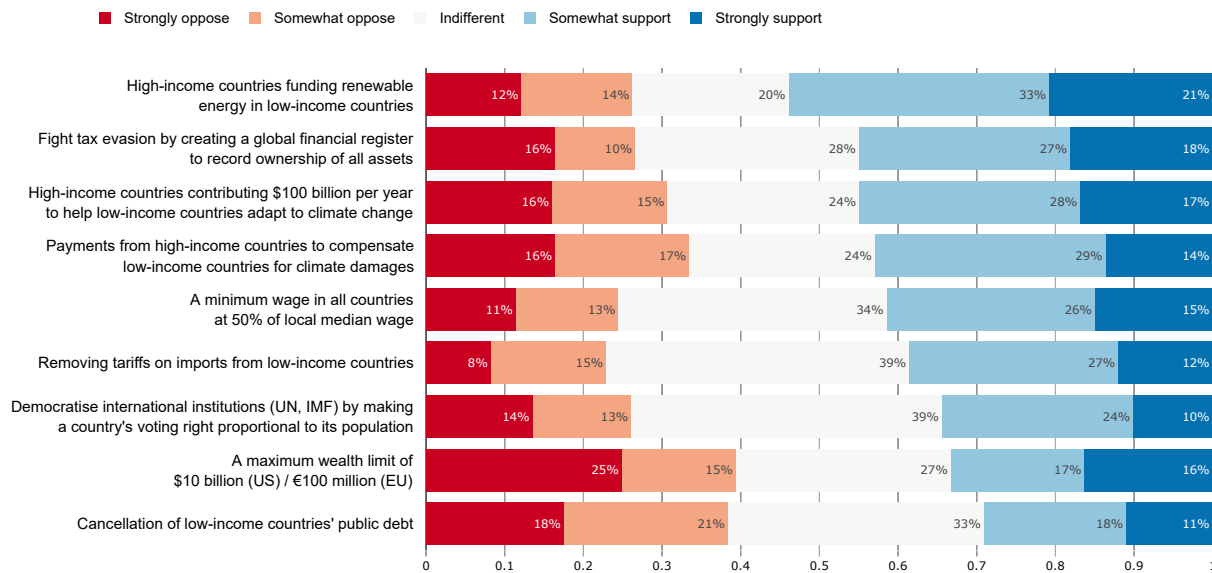


firmed in more general questions, suggesting that the support cannot be explained away by malleable opinion or experimenter demand. Finally, we conclude that there is no compelling reason why global policies do not enter the public debate or political platforms, as they seem genuinely supported by a majority of the population.

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Number of supported policies	
Mean	1.364
List contains: G	0.464*** (0.054)
List contains: R	0.494*** (0.053)
List contains: $G \times R$	-0.001 (0.091)
Observations	1,799
R ²	0.111

Figure 2: Support for various global policies in the U.S.



Results

Discussion

Methods

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Figure 3: Points.

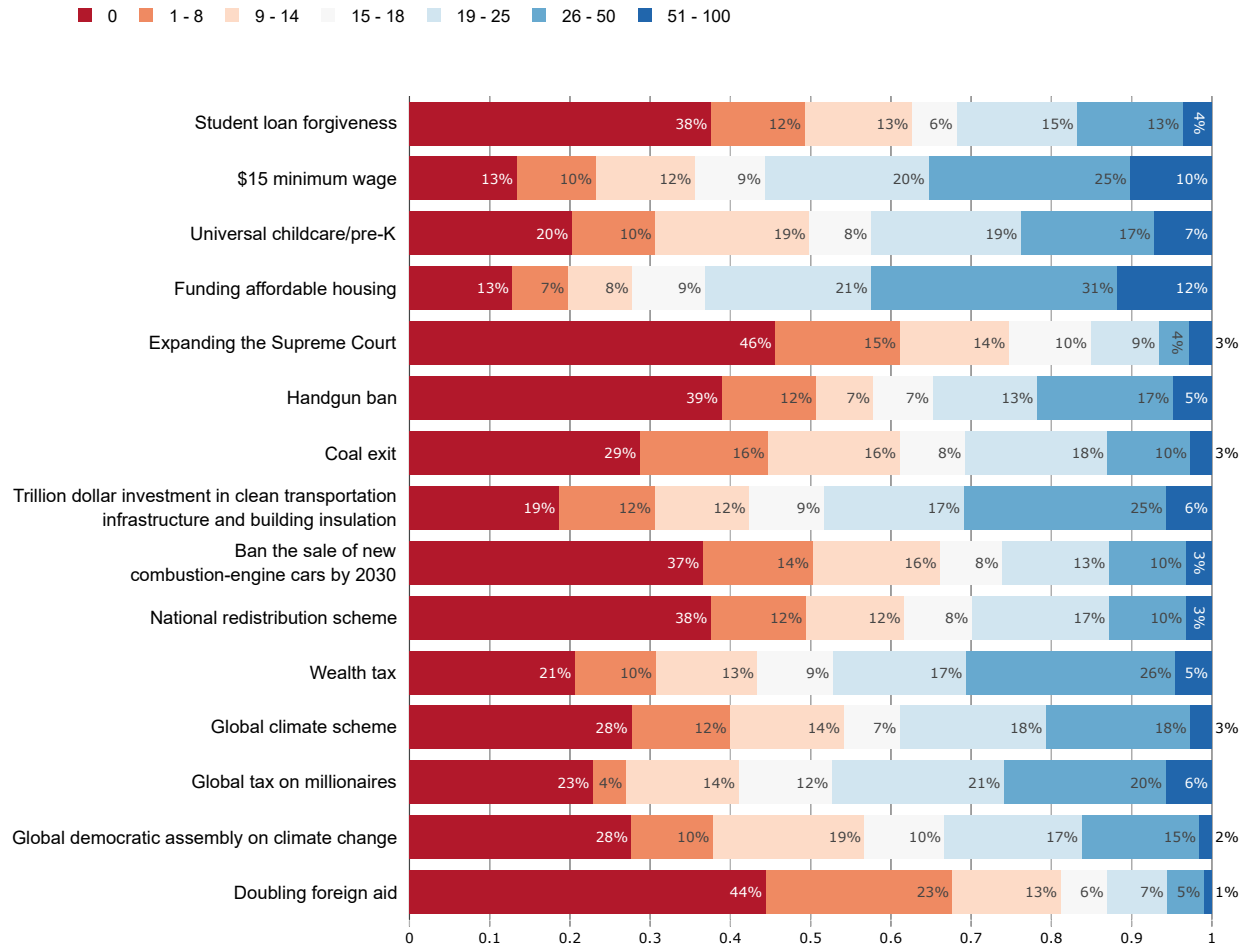
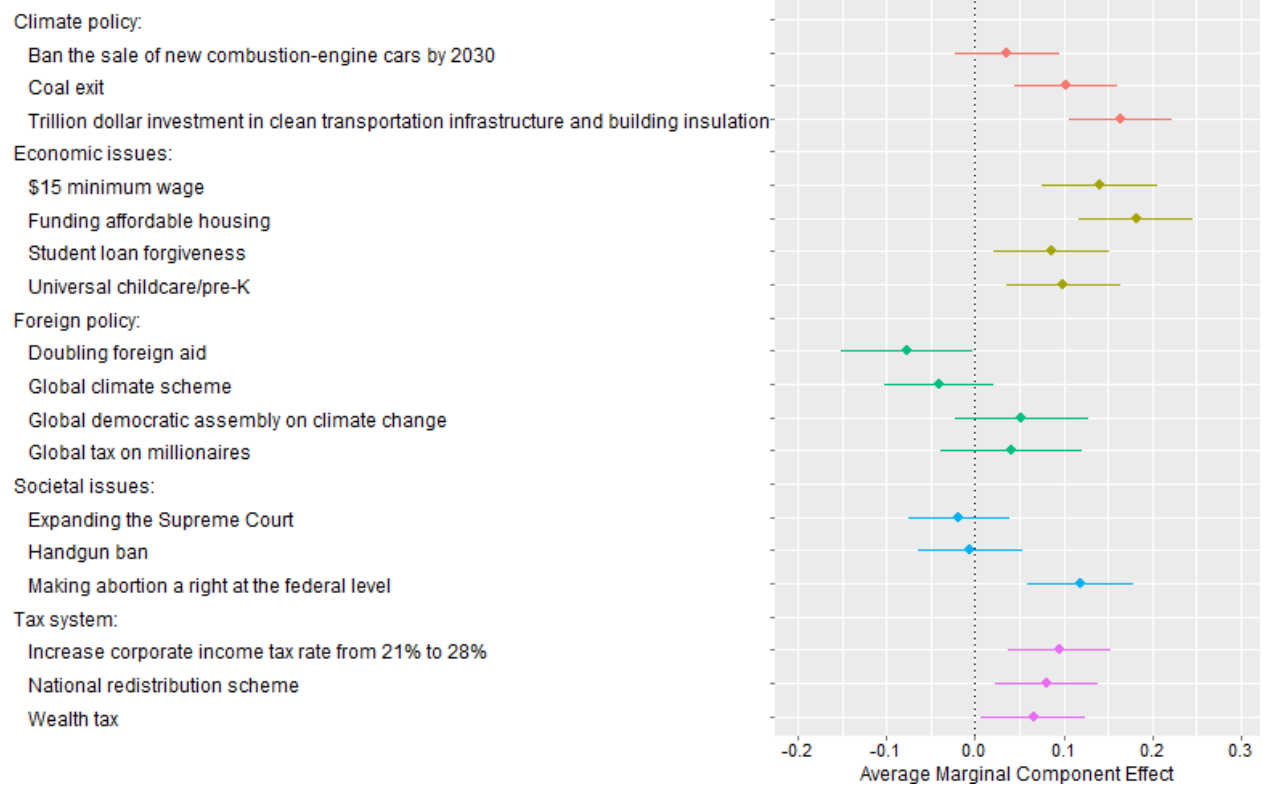


Figure 4: Conjoint analysis.



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