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2008 Concerns: Text

Recession and unemployment was #3 of 19 trended concerns in 2008, tied with having enough money. It was among the top five issues in 18 countries and was #1 in three: South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand.

Inflation and high prices was the #1 concern globally in 2008, up 2 places from 2003, when it ranked 3rd. It was in the top five in 17 countries and was #1 in seven, including China, Germany, and France.

Having money enough to live right and pay the bills was tied for #3 globally in 2008 with recession and unemployment. It was in the top five in 14 countries and was #1 in one, Canada.

Crime and lawlessness ranked 2nd in the world’s concerns in 2008. It was in the most pervasive concern, ranking in the top five in 23 of 25 countries and #1 in 10 countries, including the US, Brazil, and India.

Environmental pollution was the world’s 5th-ranked issue in 2008. It had the largest gain of any trended issue from 2003-2008, +3 ranks. It was among the top five concerns in nine countries and was #1 in two, Japan and Sweden.

Wrongdoing and corruption on the part of elected government officials tied with terrorism for the 9th-ranked concern globally in 2008. It was in the top five in five countries.

Educational quality was the #6 issue globally in 2008. It was in the top five in 10 countries, ranking highest in Argentina, India, and Taiwan (#3 each).

The future of retirement and pension plans funded by government ranked #13 of 19 trended issues globally in 2008. It was in the top five in two countries, Japan and the Czech Republic.

The cost of health care was the 8th-ranked issue globally in 2008. It was in the top five in three countries, the US, the Czech Republic, and Germany.

Economic inequality was the 14th-ranked issue globally in 2008, tied with immigration. It did not register in the top five in any of Roper Reports Worldwide’s core-25 countries.

Global warming and climate change was the 11th-ranked worry globally in 2008, tied with AIDS. It was in the top five in three countries: Japan (#2), Sweden (#3), and Australia (#4).

Terrorism ranked #9 issue globally in 2008, tied with wrongdoing by government officials. But it was down markedly from 2003, when it ranked 5th. It was in the top five in five countries, led by Turkey (#1) and Spain (#2).

Drug abuse was the #7 concern globally in 2008. It ranked in the top five in 12 countries, led by Argentina, Brazil, and Mexico (#2 each).

Religious extremism and fundamentalism tied for #16 with relations between racial and ethnic groups in 2008. It did not make the top five in any country.

Immigration tied for 14th with economic inequality in 2008. It ranked in the top five in one country, the UK (#2).

Foreign relations ranked 18th of 19 concerns globally in 2008. It was not a top-five issue in any country.

AIDS was the world’s 11th-ranked worry in 2008, tied with climate change. It was among the top five issues in four countries, led by South Africa (#1) and Indonesia (#2).

Relations between racial and ethnic groups was the #16 issue in the world in 2008, tied with religious extremism/fundamentalism. It did not make the top five in any country.

Aid to countries in the Third World was last of 19 trended issues in 2008. It did not make the top five in any country.