

Table 3 Voting Results on the Relative Importance of the Global

Triggering Question: "What problems continue to be critical problems at the global scale according to your view?"

(VOTES) Global Problem

- 49: (6 Votes) Insufficient understanding of Continuous Critical Problems, of their nature, their interactions and of the future consequences both they and current solutions to them are generating
- 15: (4 Votes) Generalized lack of agreed-on alternatives to present trends
- 2: (3 Votes) Widespread poverty throughout the world
- 41: (3 Votes) Inadequate participation of people at large in public decisions
- 12: (2 Votes) Affluence and its unknown consequences
- 18: (2 Votes) Growing irrelevance of traditional values and continuing failure to evolve new value systems
- 22: (2 Votes) Growing environmental pollution
- 24: (2 Votes) Major disturbances of the world's physical ecology
- 25: (2 Votes) Generally inadequate and obsolete institutional arrangements
- 28: (2 Votes) Ideological fragmentation and semantic barriers to communication between individuals, groups, and nations
- 34: (2 Votes) Fast obsolescing political structures and processes
- 37: (2 Votes) Growing use of distorted information to influence and manipulate people
- 1: (1 Votes) Explosive population growth with consequent escalation of social, economic and other problems
- 7: (1 Votes) Expanding mechanization and bureaucratization of almost all human activity
- 14: (1 Votes) Generalized environmental deterioration
- 16: (1 Votes) Widespread failure to stimulate man's creative capacity to confront the future
- 17: (1 Votes) Continuing deterioration of inner-cities or slums
- 21: (1 Votes) Accelerating wastage and exhaustion of natural resources
- 26: (1 Votes) Limited understanding of what is 'feasible' in the way of corrective measures
- 42: (1 Votes) Unimaginative conceptions of world-order and of the rule of law
- 3: (0 Votes) Increase in the production, destructive capacity, and accessibility of all weapons of war
- 4: (0 Votes) Uncontrolled urban spread
- 5: (0 Votes) Generalized and growing malnutrition
- 6: (0 Votes) Persistence of widespread illiteracy
- 8: (0 Votes) Growing inequalities in the distribution of wealth throughout the world

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- 9: (0 Votes) Insufficient and irrationally organized medical care
- 10: (0 Votes) Hardening discrimination against minorities
- 11: (0 Votes) Hardening prejudices against differing cultures
- 13: (0 Votes) Anachronistic and irrelevant education
- 19: (0 Votes) Inadequate shelter and transportation
- 20: (0 Votes) Obsolete and discriminatory income distribution system(s)
- 23: (0 Votes) Generalized alienation of youth
- 27: (0 Votes) Unbalanced population distribution
- 29: (0 Votes) Increasing a-social and anti-social behavior and consequent rise in criminality
- 30: (0 Votes) Inadequate and obsolete law enforcement and correctional practices
- 31: (0 Votes) Widespread unemployment and generalized under-employment
- 32: (0 Votes) Spreading 'discontent' throughout most classes of society
- 33: (0 Votes) Polarization of military power and psychological impacts of the policy of deterrence
- 35: (0 Votes) Irrational agricultural practices
- 36: (0 Votes) Irresponsible use of pesticides, chemical additives, insufficiently tested drugs, fertilizers, etc
- 38: (0 Votes) Fragmented international monetary system
- 39: (0 Votes) Growing technological gaps and lags between developed and developing areas
- 40: (0 Votes) New modes of localized warfare
- 43: (0 Votes) Irrational distribution of industry supported by policies that will strengthen the current patterns
- 44: (0 Votes) Growing tendency to be satisfied with technological solutions for every kind of problem
- 45: (0 Votes) Obsolete system of world trade
- 46: (0 Votes) Ill-conceived use of international agencies for national or sectoral ends
- 47: (0 Votes) Insufficient authority of international agencies
- 48: (0 Votes) Irrational practices in resource investment

Total Votes Cast: 40