

MAJOR NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL ISSUES

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Issues for International Action

The following issues go across national frontiers and can only be resolved by cooperation between countries:

Political instability, terrorism, organised crime, drugs,
Financial instability & speculation requiring controls.
Pollution, climate change, and natural disasters
Water shortage, waste disposal
Future energy sources: oil, nuclear, renewables, others
Raw materials & basic foodstuffs (shortages, rising prices)
Extreme poverty & health factors in less developed nations

Issues for Individual (developed) countries

The importance of the following issues varies by country, and each country can, to a large extent, search for its own solutions:

Corruption, black economy & taxation shortfall
Political systems needing modification to increase voter interest and reduce abstentions or conflicts
Controlling the economy by sole use of the interest rates parameter
Declining standard of living (and spending power) for all but the very rich.
Unemployment (particularly youth & seniors)
Undesirable jobs with few applicants
Altering demographics & retirement funding problems
Immigration: pressures, needs, social integration
Security against local crime
Delocalization of manufacturing and services
Trade balance: increasing imports and declining exports
What to produce & develop? Hence appropriate education and training requirements
Budget deficits impacting spending on health, education, housing.

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