# Annual Survey Project 

 2009-2011
# Computer Skills of Economic Analysis Perceptions versus Realities 

Survey forms and<br>Relative Frequency Distributions<br>(powered by SAS®)<br>Dr. Steven C. Myers<br>Department of Economics<br>The University of Akron<br>Akron, OH 44325-1908

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# Annual Survey Project in Computer Skills for Economic Analysis class 2009-2011 Department of Economics, The University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325 <br> Relative frequency distributions of answers of survey respondants class $=$ individual student responses in each class public $=$ individual public responses as surveyed by each student interviewer 

 The FREQ Procedure

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of edu by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | edu(Highest level of education completed) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | did not complete HS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1.90 | 3.29 | 6.13 |  |
|  | high school grad / ged | 6.25 | 17.65 | 4.55 | 17.09 | 14.78 | 9.67 |  |
|  | some college | 93.75 | 82.35 | 95.45 | 50.84 | 49.69 | 46.70 |  |
|  | 2 year / associates | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.75 | 7.39 | 8.73 |  |
|  | 4 year / bachelors | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 18.35 | 20.74 | 22.64 |  |
|  | Masters or higher | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5.06 | 4.11 | 6.13 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 487 | 424 | 1440 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of collecon by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | collecon(Have you taken an economics course at the college level?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Yes | 100.00 | 100.00 | 95.45 | 44.80 | 50.31 | 43.63 |  |
|  | No | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | 55.20 | 49.69 | 56.37 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 471 | 487 | 424 | 1437 |

## Frequency Missing = $\mathbf{1 0}$

| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of econexp by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | econexp(Do you have work experience or more than one year of education in economics or finance?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Yes | 68.75 | 88.24 | 63.64 | 29.81 | 28.31 | 19.10 |  |
|  | No | 31.25 | 11.76 | 36.36 | 70.19 | 71.69 | 80.90 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 473 | 484 | 424 | 1436 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=11$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of emp by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | emp(What is your current employment status?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Working full time | 6.25 | 11.76 | 13.64 | 37.13 | 39.22 | 42.92 |  |
|  | Working part time | 75.00 | 41.18 | 45.45 | 38.61 | 32.03 | 34.67 |  |
|  | not working | 6.25 | 17.65 | 4.55 | 20.68 | 9.65 | 9.67 |  |
|  | out of the labor force | 12.50 | 29.41 | 36.36 | 3.59 | 19.10 | 12.74 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 487 | 424 | 1440 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of news by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | news(Where do you get the majority of your news about the economy?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Newspaper/Magazines | 12.50 | 0.00 | 9.09 | 17.23 | 15.67 | 14.86 |  |
|  | Television news | 31.25 | 11.76 | 13.64 | 32.77 | 26.39 | 24.29 |  |
|  | Internet news services | 43.75 | 76.47 | 54.55 | 31.91 | 32.37 | 32.08 |  |
|  | Family/Friends/Acquaintances | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | 9.15 | 9.48 | 7.31 |  |
|  | Radio news | 12.50 | 5.88 | 4.55 | 5.32 | 5.98 | 6.37 |  |
|  | The Daily Show and/or Colbert | 0.00 | 5.88 | 13.64 | 3.62 | 6.39 | 12.74 |  |
|  | Report (or similar comedy show) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | News talk show (10, 11 only) | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.71 | 2.36 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 470 | 485 | 424 | 1434 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=13$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of often by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | often(How often do you check the news?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Several times a day | 31.25 | 35.29 | 22.73 | 22.15 | 20.94 | 15.09 |  |
|  | Daily | 43.75 | 47.06 | 40.91 | 47.47 | 37.99 | 39.39 |  |
|  | Weekly | 25.00 | 17.65 | 27.27 | 20.25 | 24.85 | 27.83 |  |
|  | Monthly | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | 2.95 | 7.39 | 7.31 |  |
|  | Less often than monthly | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | 3.59 | 5.95 | 5.19 |  |
|  | Never | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.59 | 2.87 | 5.19 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 487 | 424 | 1440 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Col Pct | Table of station by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | station(Which is the most reliable source of news?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Public TV | 0.00 | 5.88 | 0.00 | 4.67 | 10.31 | 11.14 |  |
|  | NBC | 6.25 | 5.88 | 4.55 | 7.01 | 8.87 | 9.00 |  |
|  | CBS | 6.25 | 23.53 | 0.00 | 4.25 | 6.60 | 6.16 |  |
|  | ABC | 6.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.16 | 8.04 | 7.35 |  |
|  | MSNBC | 31.25 | 35.29 | 54.55 | 25.05 | 17.11 | 22.51 |  |
|  | FOX news | 43.75 | 29.41 | 4.55 | 34.39 | 24.12 | 17.30 |  |
|  | CNN | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | 9.13 | 14.23 | 11.37 |  |
|  | other | 6.25 | 0.00 | 31.82 | 9.34 | 10.72 | 15.17 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 471 | 485 | 422 | 1433 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 14 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Col Pct | Table of votelast by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | votelast(Did you vote in the last presidential election?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Yes | 93.75 | 76.47 | 50.00 | 77.80 | 72.37 | 55.42 |  |
|  | No | 6.25 | 23.53 | 50.00 | 22.20 | 27.63 | 44.58 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 473 | 485 | 424 | 1437 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 10 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Co | Table of health by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pct | health(Government provided health insurance for everyone) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Bad | 50.00 | 52.94 | 31.82 | 37.76 | 45.06 | 35.22 |  |
|  | Doesnt make much | 0.00 | 5.88 | 18.18 | 12.03 | 18.52 | 16.08 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Good | 50.00 | 41.18 | 50.00 | 50.21 | 36.42 | 48.70 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 486 | 423 | 1438 |
|  |  |  | Frequenc | y Missing = |  |  |  |  |


| $\mathrm{Col}$ | Table of tech by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | tech(Increased use of technology in the workplace) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Bad | 0.00 | 5.88 | 9.09 | 8.86 | 8.64 | 13.44 |  |
|  | Doesnt make much difference | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9.09 | 13.29 | 20.58 | 12.50 |  |
|  | Good | 100.00 | 94.12 | 81.82 | 77.85 | 70.78 | 74.06 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 486 | 424 | 1439 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of trade by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | trade(Free trade between countries) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Bad | 18.75 | 0.00 | 9.09 | 24.03 | 24.07 | 28.98 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | Doesnt make much difference | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | 12.88 | 22.43 | 16.86 |  |
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|  | Good | 81.25 | 100.00 | 86.36 | 63.09 | 53.50 | 54.16 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 466 | 486 | 421 | 1428 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=19$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of dollar by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | dollar(The value of the dollar falling in terms of other countries currencies) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Bad | 100.00 | 76.47 | 63.64 | 78.65 | 69.82 | 72.58 |  |
|  | Doesnt make much difference | 0.00 | 11.76 | 18.18 | 15.43 | 16.84 | 15.13 |  |
|  | Good | 0.00 | 11.76 | 18.18 | 5.92 | 13.35 | 12.29 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 473 | 487 | 423 | 1438 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=9$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of house by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | house(Falling house prices) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Bad | 68.75 | 64.71 | 59.09 | 63.42 | 60.78 | 54.72 |  |
|  | Doesnt make much difference | 18.75 | 23.53 | 22.73 | 16.49 | 17.25 | 18.63 |  |
|  | Good | 12.50 | 11.76 | 18.18 | 20.08 | 21.97 | 26.65 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 473 | 487 | 424 | 1439 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of taxcut by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | taxcut(A federal tax cut) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Help the economy | 86.67 | 82.35 | 68.18 | 60.52 | 62.24 | 56.53 |  |
|  | hurt the economy | 13.33 | 11.76 | 18.18 | 27.04 | 23.65 | 27.55 |  |
|  | Have no impact on the | 0.00 | 5.88 | 13.64 | 12.45 | 14.11 | 15.91 |  |
|  | economy |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Total | 15 | 17 | 22 | 466 | 482 | 421 | 1423 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 24 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of howdoing by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | howdoing(How do you think the economy is doing now?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Growing at a high pace | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | 2.95 | 1.85 | 2.59 |  |
|  | Slowly growing | 56.25 | 76.47 | 86.36 | 30.80 | 38.19 | 38.21 |  |
|  | No growth | 12.50 | 11.76 | 4.55 | 18.14 | 23.41 | 24.29 |  |
|  | Contracting | 18.75 | 5.88 | 4.55 | 8.65 | 3.49 | 13.21 |  |
|  | In a recession | 12.50 | 5.88 | 0.00 | 33.97 | 31.01 | 17.69 |  |
|  | in a depression | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5.49 | 2.05 | 4.01 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 487 | 424 | 1440 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table of donext by yrclass
donext(What do you think
the

| economy will do in the next <br> year?) | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Growing at a high pace | 12.50 | 11.76 | 0.00 | 6.96 | 4.11 | 4.48 |  |
| Slowly growing | 75.00 | 76.47 | 86.36 | 61.18 | 62.22 | 49.53 |  |
| No growth | 12.50 | 5.88 | 9.09 | 16.46 | 19.10 | 25.94 |  |
| Contracting | 0.00 | 5.88 | 0.00 | 4.85 | 5.13 | 8.02 |  |
| In a recession | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | 10.55 | 9.45 | 12.03 |  |
| Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 487 | 424 | 1440 |
|  | Frequency Missing =7 |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| C | Table of ucompare by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Pct | ucompare(How does current unemployment compare to last year?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | higher | 87.50 | 23.53 | 9.09 | 68.57 | 41.48 | 43.03 |  |
|  | about the same | 12.50 | 52.94 | 54.55 | 17.30 | 41.48 | 31.91 |  |
|  | lower | 0.00 | 23.53 | 36.36 | 14.14 | 17.04 | 25.06 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 487 | 423 | 1439 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Co | Table of icompare by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pct | icompare(How does current inflation compare to last year) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | higher | 31.25 | 52.94 | 31.82 | 41.98 | 31.73 | 46.68 |  |
|  | about the same | 6.25 | 41.18 | 59.09 | 37.55 | 48.64 | 40.76 |  |
|  | lower | 62.50 | 5.88 | 9.09 | 20.46 | 19.62 | 12.56 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 479 | 422 | 1430 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 17 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



| Col Pct | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 473 | 485 | 422 | 1435 |
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|  | Frequency Missing = 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Table of stimulus by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | stimulus(Do you think that Federal Government stimulus helps the economy?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Yes | 53.33 | 70.59 | 54.55 | 37.95 | 38.35 | 39.67 |  |
|  | No | 33.33 | 23.53 | 31.82 | 39.02 | 39.38 | 33.02 |  |
|  | uncertain/don't know | 13.33 | 5.88 | 13.64 | 23.03 | 22.27 | 27.32 |  |
|  | Total | 15 | 17 | 22 | 469 | 485 | 421 | 1429 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=18$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of fail by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | fail(Should failing US companies receive aid from the federal government?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Yes only large companies | 31.25 | 17.65 | 31.82 | 13.53 | 10.10 | 15.33 |  |
|  | Yes only small companies | 6.25 | 5.88 | 4.55 | 15.01 | 19.38 | 16.98 |  |
|  | Yes all companies | 12.50 | 23.53 | 9.09 | 9.94 | 17.11 | 15.09 |  |
|  | no, no companies | 25.00 | 41.18 | 31.82 | 38.48 | 34.02 | 31.84 |  |
|  | uncertain dont know | 25.00 | 11.76 | 22.73 | 23.04 | 19.38 | 20.75 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 473 | 485 | 424 | 1437 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=10$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of bailwall by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | bailwall(Do you believe the federal government bailout of Wall Street worked to calm the markets?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Yes | 50.00 | 52.94 |  | 33.40 | 31.55 |  |  |
|  | No | 37.50 | 35.29 |  | 42.98 | 42.68 |  |  |
|  | uncertain/don't know | 12.50 | 11.76 |  | 23.62 | 25.77 |  |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 0 | 470 | 485 | 0 | 988 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=459$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of hiresp by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | hiresp(Which comes closer to your view about health insurance?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Government responsible | 62.50 |  |  | 44.80 |  |  |  |
|  | Individuals responsible | 37.50 | . |  | 55.20 |  |  |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 0 | 0 | 471 | 0 | 0 | 487 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=960$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of hi by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | hi(Do you have health insurance?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  |  | 100.00 | 82.35 | 81.82 | 90.27 | 82.47 | 78.30 |  |


| Yes |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| No | 0.00 | 17.65 | 18.18 | 9.73 | 17.53 | 21.46 |  |
| uncertain/don't know | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.24 |  |
| Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 473 | 485 | 424 | 1437 |
| Frequency Missing $=10$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of hihappy by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | hihappy(Are you happy with the nations health system?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | 1 public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | 1 Total |
|  | Yes | S 18.75 | - 47.06 |  | 33.26 | 35.40 |  |  |
|  | No | - 81.25 | 52.94 |  | 66.74 | 64.60 |  |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 |  | 0472 | 483 | 0 | 0 988 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=459$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | ct Table of hicost by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | hicost(Do you believe that health care reform will) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 c | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 p | public_2010 | public_2011 T | Total |
|  | increase the cost | 50.00 | 76.47 | 52.38 | 59.44 | 69.71 | 57.86 |  |
|  | decrease the cost | 50.00 | 23.53 | 47.62 | 40.56 | 30.29 | 42.14 |  |
|  | Total | 14 | 17 | 21 | 466 | 482 | 420 | 1420 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 27 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of capital by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | capital(Comment on thisstatement:Capitalism and free marketshavefailed) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | 1 public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | 1 Total |
|  | Strongly agree | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4.55 | $5 \quad 3.59$ | 8.44 | 9.03 |  |
|  | Agree | - 6.25 | - 5.88 | - 4.55 | 515.43 | 17.49 | 15.68 |  |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree | e 18.75 | \| 23.53 | 31.82 | 2 33.19 | 33.74 | 37.77 |  |
|  | Disagree | - 37.50 | \| 35.29 | - 27.27 | 7 33.40 | 27.16 | 26.84 |  |
|  | Strongly disagree | - 37.50 | - 35.29 | - 31.82 | 2 14.38 | 13.17 | 10.69 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | $7 \quad 22$ | 2473 | 486 | 421 | 1435 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=12$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


|  | Table of clunkers by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ct | clunkers(Comment on this statement: The Cash for Clunkers program was a good use of government funds) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Strongly agree | 18.75 |  |  | 9.73 |  |  |  |
|  | Agree | 12.50 |  |  | 28.75 |  |  |  |
|  | Neither agree nor disagree | 18.75 |  |  | 25.16 |  |  |  |
|  | Disagree | 31.25 |  |  | 23.68 |  |  |  |
|  | Strongly disagree | 18.75 |  | . | 12.68 | . |  |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 0 | 0 | 473 | 0 | 0 | 489 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 958 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table of eye by yrclass

| eye(Currently government oversight of U.S. financial markets (Wall Street) is) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
| Too much | 25.00 | 35.29 | 18.18 | 33.33 | 31.96 | 30.38 |  |
| Too little | 25.00 | 35.29 | 45.45 | 34.19 | 43.09 | 48.80 |  |
| Just right | 50.00 | 29.41 | 36.36 | 32.48 | 24.95 | 20.81 |  |
| Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 468 | 485 | 418 | 1426 |
| Frequency Missing $=\mathbf{2 1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of spend by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | spend(Will you be spending more or less in the coming months than you did at this time last year (including Christmas spending)) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | more | 37.50 | 29.41 | 40.91 | 18.79 | 23.46 | 29.08 |  |
|  | less | 12.50 | 17.65 | 27.27 | 38.01 | 41.36 | 33.81 |  |
|  | about the same | 50.00 | 52.94 | 31.82 | 43.20 | 35.19 | 37.12 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 463 | 486 | 423 | 1427 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=\mathbf{2 0}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of eating by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | eating(Will you be eating out more or less in the coming months than you have in the last few months) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | more | 12.50 |  |  | 13.74 | . |  |  |
|  | less | 12.50 |  | . | 38.48 | . |  |  |
|  | about the same | 75.00 |  |  | 47.78 | . |  |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 0 | 0 | 473 | 0 | 0 | 489 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=958$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Col Pct | Table of onek by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | onek(If you had \$1000 from the government would you mostly) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Spend it | 18.75 | 35.29 |  | 21.56 | 22.84 |  |  |
|  | Save or invest it | 37.50 | 47.06 |  | 46.09 | 38.48 |  |  |
|  | Pay down debt | 43.75 | 17.65 |  | 32.35 | 38.68 |  |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 0 | 473 | 486 | 0 | 992 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=455$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of savings by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | savings(Will you be saving more or less in the coming months than you did at this time last year) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
|  | more | 31.25 | 41.18 | 50.00 | 39.45 | 32.99 | 34.43 |  |
|  | less | 18.75 | 11.76 | 18.18 | 20.68 | 27.42 | 29.95 |  |


|  | about the same | 50.00 | 47.06 | 31.82 | 39.66 | 39.59 | 35.61 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 474 | 485 | 424 | 1438 |
| Frequency Missing =9 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Col | Table of leaning by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ct | leaning(When it comes to economic issues are you more left-leaning (as are many Democrats) or right-leaning (as are many Republicans)?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Left leaning | 31.25 | 18.75 | 36.36 | 32.20 | 26.60 | 28.20 |  |
|  | In the middle, neither left or | 31.25 | 43.75 | 50.00 | 34.11 | 38.97 | 43.13 |  |
|  | right |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Right leaning | 37.50 | 37.50 | 13.64 | 33.69 | 34.43 | 28.67 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 16 | 22 | 472 | 485 | 422 | 1433 |
|  |  |  | Frequency | Missing = 14 |  |  |  |  |


| Col Pct | Table of pres by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | pres(If the election were held today, would you vote for) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Obama | 56.25 |  |  | 45.76 |  |  |  |
|  | McCain | 31.25 |  |  | 34.11 |  |  |  |
|  | Other | 12.50 |  |  | 20.13 |  | . |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 0 | 0 | 472 | 0 | 0 | 488 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 959 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Col Pct | Table of class by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| class | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |  |  |
| no | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 |  |  |  |
| yes | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |  |  |
| Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 476 | 487 | 429 | 1447 |  |  |


| Col Pct | Table of interviewer by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | yrclass |  |  |  |
|  | interviewer(interviewer) | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | . | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
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For saving * yrclass
all data are missing since all the levels of variable saving are missing.

| Bad | . | 41.18 | 31.82 |  | 32.51 | 33.17 |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Doesnt make much <br> difference | . | 17.65 | 18.18 | . | 33.33 | 24.82 |  |
| Good | . | 41.18 | 50.00 |  | . | 34.16 | 42.00 |
| Total | 0 | 17 | 22 | 0 | 486 | 419 | 944 |
| Frequency Missing =503 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| ColPct | Table of bushtax by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | bushtax(Concerning the Bush tax cuts that are about to expire, should congress extend these for:) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | everyone |  | 35.29 |  |  | 39.26 |  |  |
|  | the middle class |  | 47.06 |  |  | 40.70 |  |  |
|  | let them expire |  | 17.65 |  |  | 20.04 |  |  |
|  | Total | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 484 | 0 | 501 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=946$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| ColPct | Table of economist by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | economist(What do you think about the opinions of economists?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | generally right |  | 56.25 | 54.55 |  | 21.65 | 26.37 |  |
|  | generally wrong |  | 0.00 | 0.00 |  | 11.96 | 12.59 |  |
|  | sometimes right, sometimes wrong |  | 43.75 | 45.45 |  | 66.39 | 61.05 |  |
|  | Total | 0 | 16 | 22 | 0 | 485 | 421 | 944 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 503 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Col } \\ & \text { Pct } \end{aligned}$ | Table of healthbill by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | healthbill(Do you think that the revised healthcare bill will benefit the American people?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_201 | 1 Total |
|  | Yes |  | 47.06 |  |  | 32.58 |  |  |
|  | No |  | 23.53 | . |  | 46.19 |  |  |
|  | uncertain/don't know |  | 29.41 |  |  | 21.24 |  |  |
|  | Total | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 485 |  | 0502 |
|  | Frequency Missing $=945$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Col Pct | Table of tariff by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | tariff(Tariffs on Chinese goods should be) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 p | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | increased | . | 11.76 |  |  | 47.20 |  |  |
|  | decreased | . | 58.82 |  |  | 16.77 |  |  |
|  | kept about the same | . | 29.41 |  | . | 36.02 |  |  |
|  | Total | 0 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 483 | 0 | 500 |
|  |  |  | Frequenc | $y$ Missing = 9 | 947 |  |  |  |
| Col |  |  | Table of ss | oc by yrclas |  |  |  |  |
|  | ssoc(What would be most effective to ensure social |  |  |  | yrclass |  |  |  |


| security will be available and solvent in the future) | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| keep as is |  |  | 13.64 |  |  | 21.39 |  |
| raise the retirement age |  |  | 13.64 |  |  | 23.32 |  |
| raise the max contribution amount |  |  | 22.73 |  |  | 22.12 |  |
| raise the payroll tax |  |  | 13.64 |  |  | 12.50 |  |
| better to eliminate or replace |  |  | 36.36 |  |  | 20.67 |  |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 416 | 438 |
| Frequency Missing $=1009$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Col Pct | Table of bailbank by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | bailbank(Should failing US Banks receive aid from the federal government?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Yes only large banks | . |  | 27.27 | . |  | 13.21 |  |
|  | Yes only small banks |  |  | 4.55 |  |  | 14.39 |  |
|  | Yes all companies |  |  | 18.18 |  |  | 22.17 |  |
|  | no, no companies |  |  | 27.27 |  |  | 31.84 |  |
|  | uncertain dont know | . |  | 22.73 | . | . | 18.40 |  |
|  | Total | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 424 | 446 |
|  | Frequency Missing = 1001 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



|  | Too little | . | . | 4.55 | . | . | 10.90 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Just right | . | . | 4.55 | . | . | 6.87 |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 422 | 444 |


|  | Table of issue2 by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | issue2(Senate Bill No. 5 is a new law relative to government union contracts and policies. Do you approve of it?) | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | Yes |  |  | 22.73 |  |  | 16.75 |  |
|  | No |  |  | 40.91 |  |  | 29.48 |  |
|  | undecided |  |  | 18.18 |  |  | 21.70 |  |
|  | dont know what this is |  |  | 18.18 |  |  | 32.08 |  |
|  | Total | 0 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 424 | 446 |
|  |  |  | Frequency M | Missing $=100$ |  |  |  |  |


| Col Pct | Table of yrclass by yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | yrclass |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | yrclass | class_2009 | class_2010 | class_2011 | public_2009 | public_2010 | public_2011 | Total |
|  | class_2009 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
|  | class_2010 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
|  | class_2011 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
|  | public_2009 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |  |
|  | public_2010 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 |  |
|  | public_2011 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |  |
|  | Total | 16 | 17 | 22 | 476 | 487 | 429 | 1447 |

## Annual Survey Project in Computer Skills for Economic Analysis class 2009-2011 Department of Economics, The University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325 Relative frequency distributions of answers of survey respondants. class = individual student responses in each class public = individual public responses as surveyed by each student interviewer

The CONTENTS Procedure

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| \# Variable | Type | Len | Format | Informat | Label |  |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | age | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | What is your age? |  |
| $\mathbf{6 6}$ | age1824 | Num | 8 |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{6 7}$ | age2530 | Num | 8 |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{6 8}$ | age31plus | Num | 8 |  |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{5 2}$ | bailbank | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Should failing US Banks receive aid from the federal <br> government? |  |
| $\mathbf{2 7}$ | bailwall | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Do you believe the federal government bailout of Wall Street |  |


|  |  |  |  |  | worked to calm the markets? |  |
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| $\mathbf{4 6}$ bushtax | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Concerning the Bush tax cuts that are about to expire, should <br> congress extend these for: |  |
| $\mathbf{6 5}$ | c_spend | Num | 8 |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{3 2}$ capital | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Comment on this statement: Capitalism and free markets have <br> failed |  |
| $\mathbf{4 5}$ | carbon | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Taxes on carbon emissions |
| $\mathbf{4 1}$ | class | Char | 3 |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{3 3}$ | clunkers | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Comment on this statement: The Cash for Clunkers program <br> was a good use of government funds |
| $\mathbf{4}$ | collecon | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Have you taken an economics course at the college level? |
| $\mathbf{5 5}$ | debt | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | The the amount that the US government has borrowed called <br> it's dept is |
| $\mathbf{1 4}$ | dollar | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | The value of the dollar falling in terms of other countries <br> currencies |
| $\mathbf{1 8}$ | donext | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | What do you think the economy will do in the next year? |
| $\mathbf{3 6}$ | eating | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Will you be eating out more or less in the coming months than <br> you have in the last few months |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | econexp | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | Do you have work experience or more than one year of <br> education in economics or finance? |
| $\mathbf{5 9}$ | econknow | Num | 8 |  |  |  |
| $\mathbf{4 7}$ | economist | Char | 1 | $\$ 1$. | $\$ 1$. | What do you think about the opinions of economists? |


| 64 | in_corrsq | Num | 8 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 42 | interviewer | Char | 5 | \$5. | \$5. | interviewer |
| 56 | issue2 | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Senate Bill No. 5 is a new law relative to government union contracts and policies. Do you approve of it? |
| 39 | leaning | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | When it comes to economic issues are you more left-leaning (as are many Democrats) or right-leaning (as are many Republicans)? |
| 1 | morf | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Are you male or female? |
| 7 | news | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Where do you get the majority of your news about the economy? |
| 8 | often | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | How often do you check the news? |
| 37 | onek | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | If you had \$1000 from the government would you mostly |
| 40 | pres | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | If the election were held today, would you vote for |
| 54 | redist | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | The government redistribution of wealth from the rich to the poor is |
| 44 | saving | Char | 1 |  |  |  |
| 38 | savings | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Will you be saving more or less in the coming months than you did at this time last year |
| 35 | spend | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Will you be spending more or less in the coming months than you did at this time last year (including Christmas spending) |
| 51 | ssoc | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | What would be most effective to ensure social security will be available and solvent in the future |
| 9 | station | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Which is the most reliable source of news? |
| 25 | stimulus | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Do you think that Federal Government stimulus helps the economy? |
| 49 | tariff | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Tariffs on Chinese goods should be |
| 16 | taxcut | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | A federal tax cut |
| 23 | taxes | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Do you think federal taxes in the US are? |
| 50 | team | Num | 8 |  |  |  |
| 12 | tech | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Increased use of technology in the workplace |
| 57 | test | Num | 8 |  |  |  |
| 13 | trade | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Free trade between countries |
| 19 | ucompare | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | How does current unemployment compare to last year? |
| 20 | un | Num | 8 |  |  | What was the last reported unemployment rate for the US economy? |
| 61 | un_corr | Num | 8 |  |  |  |
| 62 | un_corrsq | Num | 8 |  |  |  |
| 10 | votelast | Char | 1 | \$1. | \$1. | Did you vote in the last presidential election? |
| 43 | year | Num | 8 |  |  |  |

$\qquad$ of 30 . Please do not take this survey if you have already taken it for another student. These answers are strictly anonymous and are only intended for use as a learning opportunity for students in an economics class. Thank you for helping economics students learn about conducting and analyzing survey responses.

First, we want to ask a few questions about you.
morf 1) Are you male or female?
a) Male
b)Female
age 2) What is your age?
a) $18-24$
b) $25-30$
c) $31-36$
d) $\quad 36-40$
e) 41-50
f) $50-65 \mathrm{~g}) 65+$
edu 3) Highest level of education completed
a) Not completed high school
b) High school/GED
c) Some college
d) 2 year degree/ associates
e) 4 year degree/ bachelor's
f) Master's or higher
collecon 4) Have you taken an economics course at the college level?
a) Yes
b) No
econexp 5) Do you have work experience or more than one year of education in economics or finance?
a) Yes
b) No
emp 6) What is your current employment status?
a) Working full time
b) Working part time
c) Not working
d) Out of the Labor Force
news 7) Where do you get the majority of your news about the economy?
a) Newspaper/Magazines
b) Television news
c) Internet news services
d) Family/Friends/Acquaintances
e) Radio news
f) The Daily Show and/or Colbert Report (or similar comedy show)
often 8 ) How often do you check the news?
a) Several times a day
b) Daily
c) Weekly
d) Monthly
e) Less often than monthly
f) Never
station 9) Which is the most reliable source of news?
a) Public TV
b) NBC
c) CBS
d) ABC
e) MSNBC
f) FOX news
e) CNN
f) other
votelast 10) Did you vote in last presidential election?
a) Yes
b) No

Generally speaking, do you think each of the following is good or bad for the nation's economy or don't you think it makes much difference?
health 11) Government provided health insurance for everyone
a) Bad
b) Doesn't make much difference
c) Good
tech 12) Increased use of technology in the workplace
a) Bad b) Doesn't make much difference c) Good
trade 13) Free trade between countries
a) Bad
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