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Assignment 2: climate change poll results

In the first mentor session you answered a set of questions taken from an international poll on attitudes about global warming, commissioned by the World Bank and conducted in September and October of 2009 by WorldPublicOpinion.org. Answers to these questions vary across national borders, and likely vary regionally within national borders as well. Those differences may reflect differences in social norms, economic status, education status, access to current information, or other attributes of social groups. Here, you are asked to compare our class responses with those of people in other countries. How and why do we answer these questions differently or in similar ways?

Each mentor section should organize itself into two groups for this project. Each group will pick one set of questions from the following list, compare the class poll results with the global responses, and prepare a short presentation in which you **compare our class results compare the national result for the United States and for other countries and discuss what might account for those differences.** The presentations will be given 25 January.

- Q 1 & 11: Is global warming a problem? What do scientists think?
- Q 2: Economic cost of dealing with global warming.
- Q 4 & 3: Who is most affected by global warming?
- Q 5 & 7: Do nations have a responsibility to act?
- Q 8 & 9: What are you willing to pay?
- Q 10 & 6: Is there an obligation to help others?

The presentations will be given in the lecture section and should last between 5 and 10 minutes. Your mentor will ensure that there is no duplication across groups. Each presentation should include a graphical representation of the results for your poll questions created using Excel (see Figure 1, for example).
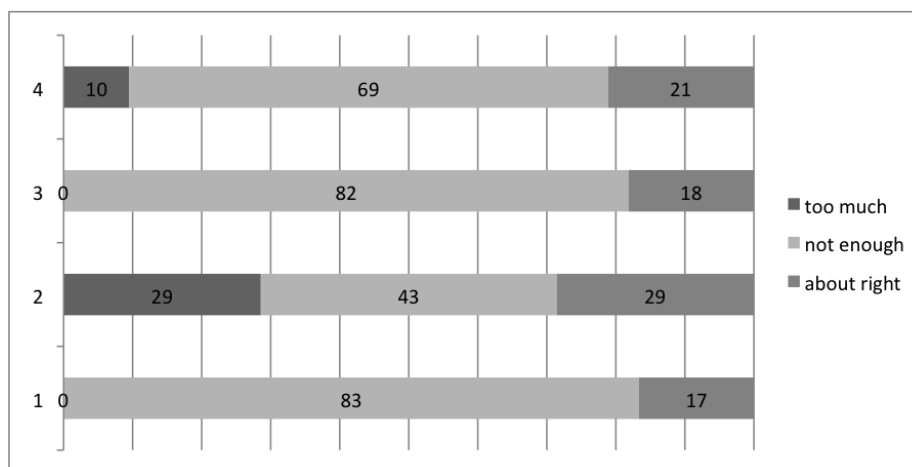

Figure 1: Percent of respondents answering the question: To deal with the problem of climate change, do you think our government is doing too much, not enough, or the right amount? 1) mentor section 1; 2) mentor section 2; 3) mentor section 3; 4) average of 1 through 3.