Work and Wealth

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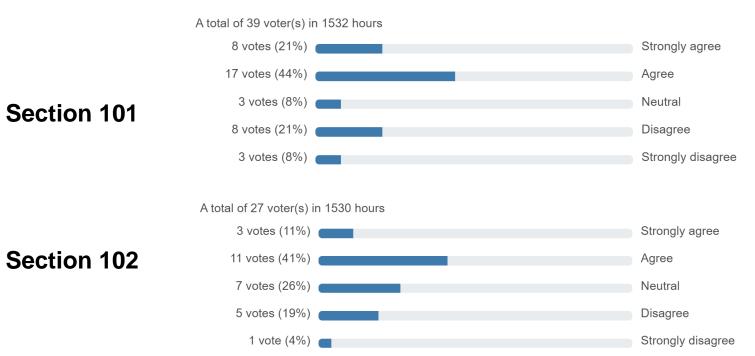
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Workplace Changes

- Technology has fundamentally changed workplace organization
 - Flattening out organizational structures: reporting occurs between affected people rather than along predefined paths
 - Facilitating the monitoring of employees
 - Slacking off at work
 - Illegal activities by employees
 - Allowing telecommuting
 - Really accelerated changes due to COVID
- How do you feel about these changes?
 - Do you think they improve or degrade employee experience?

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The activity of a company's employees on their computers, such as what applications they have opened and for how long, is private and should never be tracked.



Globalization

- The marketing of goods and services across global rather than national scales
 - Manufacturing goods in China, often using Canadian or Australian raw materials, often designed elsewhere
 - Call centers in India
 - Most chips are made in Taiwan
- Effects of globalization
 - Increased shipping and travel
 - Foreign workers (visas), students
 - Outsourcing

Do you think globalization is a problem or a benefit?