

Outsourcing of Jobs is Top Concern in U.S.

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Many Americans are preoccupied with the practice of using less expensive labourers in foreign countries to do work previously done at a higher cost in the United States, according to a poll by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research and Public Opinion Strategies for National Public Radio. 26 per cent of respondents are worried about global economic competition and the outsourcing of American jobs.

The Iraq war and continuing violence between religious groups in the country is second on the list with 23 per cent, followed by Iran resisting international pressure and working to develop nuclear weapons with 21 per cent, illegal immigration with 14 per cent, and the foreign ownership of U.S. port operations and lack of attention to homeland security with 11 per cent.

On Mar. 3 in India, Bush discussed the impact of globalization, saying, "People do lose jobs (...) and it's painful for those who lose jobs. But the fundamental question is, how does a government or society react to that? And it's basically one of two ways. One is to say, losing jobs is painful, therefore, let's throw up protectionist walls. And the other is to say, losing jobs is painful, so let's make sure people are educated so they can fill the jobs of the 21st Century. And let's make sure that there's pro-growth economic policies in place. What does that mean? That means low taxes; it means less regulation; it means fewer lawsuits; it means wise energy policy."

Polling Data

I want you to think about some things that happening in the world that could impact things here in America. Please tell me which concerns you the most.

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Methodology: Telephone interviews with 800 registered American voters, conducted from Mar. 12 to Mar. 14, 2006. Margin of error is 3.5 per cent.