

General Social Survey USA (I)

- 86% - Satisfied of their job
- 76% - Satisfied of their income
- 62% - Expect their position to improve within the next three years
- 65% - Over all satisfied of their lives

General Social Survey USA (II)

- 25% - Think the country is “on the right track”
- 80% - Think the Congress has accomplished nothing
- 60% - Expect next generation will be worst off

”Happiness Gap”

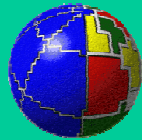
US citizens (probably typical of other countries) are happy with their lives, but they feel the threat of outside forces beyond their control (climate change, terrorism, credit crisis) and they are doubt of the government capability to handle them effectively

There is a private-public
happiness gap

Policy ?

In this situation the demand on policymakers is to devise a policy to tackle with determination these large problems, but without touching the sphere of private satisfaction of the individual.

Is it possible to define a policy addressing these demands ?



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Coalition Building

Elements for Post-Kyoto Regime

Effective – Capable of realizing significant emission reduction

Empowering – Allowing emerging countries to continue their development path

Fair – Recognizing the historical responsibility of mature economies

Shared – A large societal consensus is needed to implement effectively the policies

