Appendix: Economic categorization of countries

For this report we grouped countries into two economic categories: "advanced" and "emerging and developing." In the report, this category is referred to as "emerging." These categories are fairly common in specialized and popular discussions and are helpful for analyzing how public attitudes vary with economic circumstances. However, no single, agreed-upon scheme exists for placing countries into these three categories. For example, even the World Bank and International Monetary Fund do not always agree on how to categorize economies.

In creating our economic classification of the 34 countries in our survey, we relied on multiple sources and criteria. Specifically, we were guided by: World Bank income classifications; classifications of emerging markets by other multinational organizations, such as the International Monetary Fund; per capita gross domestic product (GDP); total size of the country's economy, as measured by GDP; and average GDP growth rate between 2014 and 2018.

Below is a table that outlines the countries that fall into each of the two categories. The table includes for each country the World Bank income classification, the 2018 GDP per capita based on purchasing power parity (PPP) in current prices, the 2018 GDP in current U.S. dollars and the average GDP growth rate between 2014 and 2018.

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		World Bank income group	2018 GDP per capita (PPP)	2018 GDP (current US$ billions)	Average GDP growth (%) (2014-2018)
Advanced economies	Argentina	Upper middle	20,611	520	-0.3
	Australia	High income	51,663	1,434	2.6
	Bulgaria	Upper middle	21,960	65	3.2
	Canada	High income	48,130	1,713	1.9
	Czech Republic	High income	39,744	245	3.6
	France	High income	45,342	2,778	1.4
	Germany	High income	53,075	3,948	2.0
	Greece	High income	29,592	218	0.7
	Hungary	High income	31,103	158	3.9
	Israel	High income	39,919	371	3.4
	Italy	High income	41,830	2,084	0.9
	Japan	High income	42,797	4,971	1.0
	Lithuania	High income	35,461	53	3.2
	Netherlands	High income	56,329	914	2.2
	Poland	High income	31,337	586	4.1
	Russia	Upper middle	27,147	1,658	0.5
	Slovakia	High income	33,736	106	3.4
	South Korea	High income	40,112	1,619	3.0
	Spain	High income	39,715	1,419	2.7
	Sweden	High income	53,209	556	2.8
	Turkey	Upper middle	28,069	771	4.9
	United Kingdom	High income	45,974	2,855	2.0
	United States	High income	62,795	20,544	2.4
Emerging and developing economies	Brazil	Upper middle	16,096	1,869	-0.8
	India	Lower middle	7,763	2,719	7.5
	Indonesia	Lower middle	13,080	1,042	5.0
	Kenya	Lower middle	3,468	88	5.6
	Lebanon	Upper middle	13,081	57	0.9
	Mexico	Upper middle	19,845	1,221	2.7
	Nigeria	Lower middle	5,991	397	2.0
	Philippines	Lower middle	8,951	331	6.4
	South Africa	Upper middle	13,687	368	1.1
	Tunisia	Lower middle	12,503	40	1.9
	Ukraine	Lower middle	9,233	131	-1.6

Source: World Bank, accessed March 31, 2020.

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