

Causes of taiwanese people's evaluations on social justice and development opportunity / Chin-en Wu

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We discuss how perceived equality of opportunity and the legitimacy of development approaches affect how people evaluate social justice and development opportunities in Taiwan. We explore the gaps of perceived opportunity equality between different generations, genders, income and sub-ethnicity groups, and investigate people's feelings toward making a good living through hard work vs. through real estate investments and stock trading. Factors closely relating to people's economic life, including perceived opportunity gap between generations and between income groups, play significant roles in influencing people's assessments of social justice. In addition, factors with highly symbolic meaning, such as the perceived opportunity gap between sub-ethnicity groups and the perceived legitimacy of capital games also shape people's views toward social justice. Next, we find that factors closely associated with people's economic life significantly influence people's evaluations on development opportunities, while factors with highly symbolic meaning do not have similar effects. we also examine the influence of development outcomes, operationalized as income, occupation, or educational levels. empirical results prove that these outcome factors do not significantly influence people's evaluations on both social justice and development opportunities. we analyze the 2015 Taiwan Society Fairness Survey to test hypotheses.