

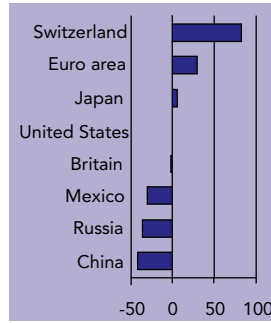


Table E.16: Degrees of internationalisation of Japanese, European and US firms (1980-90) [definition]

Firms	1980	1985	1990
Shell	50	60	70
IBM	40	45	43
Toyota	LOW	10	13

Source: Annual reports

Figure E.16: Big Mac index [local-currency under(-)/over(+) valuation against de US dollar, %]



Source: *The Economist* (2011 website)

Box 1 Dutch politics turning to the right

The Netherlands has turned sharply to the right. The Liberal VVD Party ended up, for the first time in its history, as the largest single party, with 31 seats in a 150-seat parliament, followed closely by Labour, which bounced back to 30 seats. Despite relatively low showings in the polls the rightwing Freedom Party came third with 24 seats.

Source: *Washington Post*, 12 January 2011