

## Supplementary Information

**FUTURE ORIENTATION INDEX & GDP PER CAPITA**

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ar;	1.032;	14700
at;	1.1931506849315;	40400
au;	1.4229390681004;	41000
be;	1.2398042414356;	37800
br;	1.0763358778626;	10800
ca;	1.0315091210614;	39400
ch;	1.4290220820189;	42600
cl;	0.7614571092832;	15400
cn;	0.50083194675541;	7600
co;	0.46606334841629;	9800
CZ;	0.59404761904762;	25600
de;	1.177545691906;	35700
eg;	0.71276595744681;	6200
es;	0.77118644067797;	29400
fr;	1.1548183254344;	33100
gb;	1.2294117647059;	34800
hu;	0.54844606946984;	18800
id;	0.54934823091248;	4200
in;	0.59737417943107;	3500
ir;	0.77461139896373;	10600
it;	0.97663551401869;	30500
jp;	1.1152815013405;	34000
kr;	0.64320987654321;	30000
kz;	0.57443082311734;	12700
ma;	0.28162911611785;	4800
mx;	0.65404699738903;	13900
my;	0.99859154929577;	14700
ng;	0.55049504950495;	2500
nl;	1.187134502924;	40300
pe;	0.50736842105263;	9200
ph;	0.36823529411765;	3500
pk;	0.361111111111111;	2500
pl;	0.52647975077882;	18800
pt;	0.85411471321696;	23000
ro;	0.46252676659529;	11600
ru;	0.605333333333333;	15900
sa;	1.0412371134021;	24200
se;	0.82309582309582;	39100
th;	0.63618290258449;	8700
tr;	0.78663540445487;	12300
tw;	0.76;	35700
ua;	0.6887417218543;	6700
us;	0.98897637795276;	47200
ve;	0.52205882352941;	12700
vn;	0.22654155495979;	3100

We introduce a future orientation index to quantify the degree to which Internet users worldwide seek more information about years in the future than years in the past. We analyse Google logs and find a striking correlation between the country's GDP and the predisposition of its inhabitants to look forward.