

U.S. Topline questionnaire

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- German results can be found through [Körper-Stiftung](#).

		September, 2019	September, 2018	October, 2017
		United States	United States	United States
Q1a. Which country currently is the most important partner for American foreign policy?	Australia	1	0	0
	Canada	9	12	3
	China	16	18	15
	France	1	1	3
	Germany	4	3	5
	Great Britain (includes United Kingdom/England)	22	21	20
	Israel	9	8	9
	Italy	0	1	0
	Japan	2	1	3
	Mexico	6	4	2
	North Korea	1	0	1
	Poland	0	0	0
	Russia	2	5	4
	South Korea	0	0	1
	Turkey	0	0	0
	The European Union (EU)	4	3	1
	Other	2	2	4
	DK/Refused	22	19	29
Total	100	100	100	

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		September, 2019	September, 2018	October, 2017
		United States	United States	United States
Q1b. ASK IF RESPONDED TO Q1a: And which country is the second most important partner for American foreign policy?	Australia	0	2	0
	Canada	14	17	9
	China	9	9	12
	France	6	7	8
	Germany	12	7	11
	Great Britain (includes United Kingdom/England)	18	19	18
	Israel	8	5	4
	Italy	0	1	0
	Japan	4	3	6
	Mexico	8	7	4
	North Korea	1	1	1
	Poland	0	0	0
	Russia	5	7	5
	South Korea	0	2	1
	Turkey	1	0	0
	The European Union (EU)	3	3	3
	Other	4	3	5
	DK/Refused	7	8	12
Total	100	100	100	
N=	810	849	741	

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		September, 2019	September, 2018	October, 2017
		United States	United States	United States
Q1ab. Combined Q1a and Q1b	Australia	1	2	0
	Canada	20	25	10
	China	23	26	24
	France	6	7	8
	Germany	13	9	12
	Great Britain (includes United Kingdom/England)	36	37	33
	Israel	15	12	12
	Italy	0	1	1
	Japan	5	3	7
	Mexico	12	10	5
	North Korea	1	2	1
	Poland	0	0	0
	Russia	6	10	8
	South Korea	1	2	2
	Turkey	0	0	0
	The European Union (EU)	6	6	3
	Other	5	4	7
DK/Refused	27	25	37	
Total		100	100	100

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		Q2a. Please tell me if the United States, in the future, should cooperate more or less with ____. a. France				
		Cooperate more	Cooperate less	Cooperate the same as before (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	71	18	5	5	100
	September, 2018	73	19	2	5	100
	October, 2017	65	20	6	9	100

		Q2b. Please tell me if the United States, in the future, should cooperate more or less with ____. b. Great Britain				
		Cooperate more	Cooperate less	Cooperate the same as before (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	76	13	5	7	100
	September, 2018	78	15	2	5	100
	October, 2017	72	15	5	9	100

		Q2c. Please tell me if the United States, in the future, should cooperate more or less with ____ c. Russia				
		Cooperate more	Cooperate less	Cooperate the same as before (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	35	52	6	6	100
	September, 2018	35	58	2	5	100
	October, 2017	43	44	4	9	100

		Q2d. Please tell me if the United States, in the future, should cooperate more or less with ____ d. China				
		Cooperate more	Cooperate less	Cooperate the same as before (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	55	33	6	6	100
	September, 2018	59	33	2	5	100
	October, 2017	59	28	5	8	100

		Q2e. Please tell me if the United States, in the future, should cooperate more or less with ____ e. Germany				
		Cooperate more	Cooperate less	Cooperate the same as before (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	69	19	5	7	100
	September, 2018	70	21	3	7	100
	October, 2017	65	21	4	9	100

		Q2f. Please tell me if the United States, in the future, should cooperate more or less with ____ f. Japan				
		Cooperate more	Cooperate less	Cooperate the same as before (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	71	19	4	6	100

		Q3. Now thinking about American allies in Europe, do you think that our European allies should increase their spending on national defense, keep it about the same or decrease it?				
		Increase	Keep the same	Decrease	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	35	50	9	6	100
	September, 2018	39	46	11	5	100
	October, 2017	45	37	9	9	100

		Q4. In general, how would you describe relations with the United States and Germany? Would you say they are very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	13	62	14	3	9	100
	September, 2018	12	58	21	4	6	100
	October, 2017	9	59	18	4	10	100

		Q5a. Which is more important for the United States? Having a close relationship to Germany or having a close relationship to ___? a. Russia					
		Having a close relationship to Germany	Having a close relationship to Russia	Both relationships are equally important (DO NOT READ)	Neither	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	61	26	8	3	4	100

		Q5b. Which is more important for the United States? Having a close relationship to Germany or having a close relationship to ___? b. China					
		Having a close relationship to Germany	Having a close relationship to China	Both relationships are equally important (DO NOT READ)	Neither	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	41	44	9	2	4	100

		Q6. As you may know, the United States currently operates several military bases in Germany with approximately 35,000 active-duty American troops. How important do you think these military bases are for U.S. national security? Very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not important at all?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	56	29	8	5	2	100

		Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as:					
		Other	A Republican	A Democrat	An Independent	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	0	24	36	35	4	100

		PARTYLN. As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party?					
		Republican	Democratic	Neither/Other	Refused/No answer	Total	N=
United States	September, 2019	30	36	27	7	100	377

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- Not all questions included in the Spring 2019 Global Attitudes Survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q8b. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of _____? b. China					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2019	4	22	37	23	13	100
	Spring, 2018	5	33	32	15	14	100
	Spring, 2017	5	39	33	14	10	100
	Spring, 2016	6	31	36	19	9	100
	Spring, 2015	4	34	33	21	8	100
	Spring, 2014	7	28	34	21	10	100
	Spring, 2013	7	30	32	20	12	100
	Spring, 2012	6	34	25	15	19	100
	Spring, 2011	12	39	22	14	12	100
	Spring, 2010	10	39	24	12	14	100
	Spring, 2009	9	41	25	13	13	100
	Spring, 2008	9	30	26	16	19	100
	Spring, 2007	8	34	25	14	18	100
	Spring, 2006	12	40	19	10	19	100
Spring, 2005	9	34	22	13	22	100	
Germany	Spring, 2019	4	30	45	11	11	100
	Spring, 2018	3	36	46	8	7	100
	Spring, 2017	3	31	46	7	14	100
	Spring, 2016	2	26	50	10	12	100
	Spring, 2015	3	31	47	13	7	100
	Spring, 2014	1	27	52	12	8	100
	Spring, 2013	2	26	53	11	8	100
	Spring, 2012	3	26	52	15	4	100
	Spring, 2011	3	31	48	11	7	100
	Spring, 2010	2	28	46	15	8	100
	Spring, 2009	2	27	50	13	8	100
	Spring, 2008	2	24	45	23	6	100
	Spring, 2007	5	29	42	12	12	100
	Spring, 2006	6	50	28	5	10	100
Spring, 2005	5	41	33	4	16	100	

		Q8c. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of _____? c. Russia					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2019	2	16	31	36	14	100
	Spring, 2018	3	18	33	31	15	100
	Spring, 2017	3	26	35	28	9	100
	Spring, 2015	3	19	40	27	12	100
	Spring, 2014	3	16	34	38	9	100
	Spring, 2013	4	33	29	14	20	100
	Spring, 2012	5	32	27	13	24	100
	Spring, 2011	8	41	22	10	19	100
	Spring, 2010	7	42	24	8	19	100
	Spring, 2009	7	36	27	12	18	100
Spring, 2007	4	40	24	11	21	100	
Germany	Spring, 2019	4	31	47	10	8	100
	Spring, 2018	3	32	50	9	6	100
	Spring, 2017	4	23	53	14	6	100
	Spring, 2015	3	24	47	23	3	100
	Spring, 2014	1	18	59	20	2	100
	Spring, 2013	1	31	49	11	7	100
	Spring, 2012	3	30	55	9	3	100
	Spring, 2011	2	45	42	7	5	100
	Spring, 2010	3	47	38	7	5	100
	Spring, 2009	2	40	41	10	7	100
Spring, 2007	2	32	52	10	4	100	

		Q8d. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of _____? d. The European Union					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2019	11	40	16	11	21	100
	Spring, 2016	11	42	18	9	20	100
	Spring, 2014	11	47	17	9	16	100
	Spring, 2013	10	40	19	7	24	100
	Spring, 2012	9	41	16	5	29	100
	Spring, 2011	15	40	16	6	23	100
	Spring, 2010	13	44	14	6	23	100
	Spring, 2009	14	42	15	8	22	100
	Spring, 2007	9	38	15	7	30	100
	Spring, 2004	7	32	17	9	35	100
	Summer, 2002	13	40	10	4	33	100

		Q8d. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of ____? d. The European Union					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Germany	Spring, 2019	18	51	23	5	3	100
	Spring, 2018	10	53	30	6	1	100
	Spring, 2017	16	52	24	6	2	100
	Spring, 2016	8	42	38	10	2	100
	Spring, 2015	7	51	34	6	2	100
	Spring, 2014	7	59	27	4	2	100
	Spring, 2013	7	53	29	6	4	100
	Spring, 2012	12	56	27	4	1	100
	Spring, 2011	8	58	27	5	1	100
	Spring, 2010	11	51	28	7	3	100
	Spring, 2009	8	57	26	6	3	100
	Spring, 2007	12	56	24	6	2	100
	Spring, 2004	13	45	33	6	3	100

		Q8e. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of ____? e. the United Nations					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2019	19	40	19	14	8	100
	Spring, 2016	19	45	18	11	7	100
	Spring, 2013	13	45	17	14	10	100
	Spring, 2012	16	42	17	12	13	100
	Spring, 2011	19	42	16	12	11	100
	Spring, 2009	18	43	16	13	10	100
	Spring, 2007	9	39	23	16	13	100
	Spring, 2006	15	36	19	19	11	100
	Spring, 2004	14	41	20	15	11	100
Germany	Spring, 2019	11	54	23	4	8	100
	Spring, 2016	8	57	24	3	8	100
	Spring, 2013	7	58	24	3	7	100
	Spring, 2012	12	61	22	2	4	100
	Spring, 2011	9	64	19	2	6	100
	Spring, 2009	6	59	23	4	7	100
	Spring, 2007	8	56	27	4	5	100
	Spring, 2006	13	55	21	4	7	100
Spring, 2004	21	50	20	3	6	100	

		Q8g. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable, or very unfavorable opinion of ____? g. NATO, that is, North Atlantic Treaty Organization					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2019	15	37	18	8	22	100
	Fall, 2018	30	34	14	9	14	100
	Spring, 2017	20	42	15	8	15	100
	Spring, 2016	12	41	18	7	21	100
	Spring, 2015	9	40	20	11	20	100
	Spring, 2013	9	40	17	10	24	100
	Spring, 2012	12	39	15	7	26	100
	Spring, 2011	14	40	17	7	22	100
	Spring, 2010	13	41	15	6	25	100
	Fall, 2009	11	42	14	10	23	100
Germany	Spring, 2019	8	49	26	7	10	100
	Spring, 2017	11	56	20	5	9	100
	Spring, 2016	5	54	26	4	11	100
	Spring, 2015	7	48	29	7	9	100
	Spring, 2013	5	54	27	3	10	100
	Spring, 2012	8	57	26	4	5	100
	Spring, 2011	6	54	29	4	7	100
	Spring, 2010	7	50	27	6	9	100
	Fall, 2009	14	59	18	4	4	100

		Q24. If Russia got into a serious military conflict with one of its neighboring countries that is our NATO ally, do you think (survey country) should or should not use military force to defend that country?			
		Yes, should use military force	No, should not use military force	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2019	60	29	10	100
	Spring, 2017	62	31	7	100
	Spring, 2015	56	37	7	100
Germany	Spring, 2019	34	60	6	100
	Spring, 2017	40	53	6	100
	Spring, 2015	38	58	4	100

		Q25. And do you think the United States would or would not use military force to defend that country?			
		Yes, would use military force	No, would not use military force	DK/Refused	Total
Germany	Spring, 2019	63	31	6	100
	Spring, 2017	65	27	7	100
	Spring, 2015	68	26	6	100

		Q33. Today, which ONE of the following do you think is the world's leading economic power?							
		The United States	China	Japan	The countries of the European Union	Other (DO NOT READ)	None/There is no leading economic power (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2019	50	32	7	6	1	1	4	100
	Spring, 2018	49	33	6	7	1	1	4	100
	Spring, 2017	51	35	5	5	0	0	2	100
	Spring, 2016	54	34	6	2	0	1	3	100
	Spring, 2015	46	36	7	7	0	1	3	100
	Spring, 2014	40	41	8	7	0	0	4	100
	Spring, 2013	39	44	7	4	0	1	6	100
	Spring, 2012	40	41	6	5	0	1	7	100
	Spring, 2011	38	43	6	6	0	0	6	100
	Spring, 2010	38	41	8	6	0	0	7	100
	Spring, 2009	48	33	7	5	0	1	6	100
Spring, 2008	46	26	10	10	0	1	7	100	
Germany	Spring, 2019	24	53	6	14	0	1	3	100
	Spring, 2018	19	53	4	21	0	0	3	100
	Spring, 2017	24	41	5	25	0	1	4	100
	Spring, 2016	34	30	5	25	1	0	5	100
	Spring, 2015	27	39	5	25	1	1	3	100
	Spring, 2014	20	49	6	23	0	0	3	100
	Spring, 2013	19	59	4	14	0	1	3	100
	Spring, 2012	13	62	5	17	0	1	2	100
	Spring, 2011	22	48	6	21	0	1	3	100
	Spring, 2010	18	51	8	19	0	0	4	100
	Spring, 2009	20	28	8	36	1	0	5	100
Spring, 2008	25	30	11	31	1	0	2	100	

		Q50h. Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statements. h. It is sometimes necessary to use military force to maintain order in the world					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2019	32	46	16	5	1	100
	Spring, 2011	26	49	15	8	2	100
	Spring, 2010	30	47	13	7	3	100
	Spring, 2007	35	42	14	6	3	100
Germany	Spring, 2019	15	32	24	28	2	100
	Spring, 2011	10	40	28	22	0	100
	Spring, 2010	13	33	29	25	0	100
	Spring, 2007	11	30	29	29	1	100
	Spring, 1991	15	37	23	16	8	100