

Topline questionnaire

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Methodological Notes:

- Survey results are based on a national sample of the United States. For further details on sample designs, see Methodology section.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- German results can be found through [Körper-Stiftung](#).

| | | September, 2020 | April, 2020 | September, 2019 | September, 2018 | October, 2017 |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | | United States | United States | United States | United States | United States |
| Q1. Which country currently is the most important partner for American foreign policy? | Australia | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | Canada | 7 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 3 |
| | China | 14 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 15 |
| | France | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | Germany | 10 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| | United Kingdom | 27 | 26 | 22 | 21 | 20 |
| | Israel | 10 | 3 | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| | Italy | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | Japan | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | Mexico | 5 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| | North Korea | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| | Poland | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Russia | 4 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 4 |
| | South Korea | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| | Turkey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | The European Union (EU) | 5 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| | Other | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| DK/Refused | 11 | 20 | 22 | 19 | 29 | |
| Total | N= | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| | | 1007 | 1008 | 1004 | 1006 | 1012 |

Data is displayed vertically.

| | | Q2. In general, how would you describe relations today between 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, 2020 | 19 | 55 | 17 | 4 | 5 | 100 |
| | September, 2019 | 13 | 62 | 14 | 3 | 9 | 100 |
| | September, 2018 | 12 | 58 | 21 | 4 | 6 | 100 |
| | October, 2017 | 9 | 59 | 18 | 4 | 10 | 100 |

| | | Q3a. Which is more important for the United States? Having a close relationship to Germany or having a close relationship to Russia? | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|--|--------------|------------|-------|
| | | Having a close relationship to Germany | Having a close relationship to Russia | Both relationships are equally important | VOL: Neither | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 61 | 26 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 100 |
| | September, 2019 | 61 | 26 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 100 |

| | | Q3b. Which is more important for the United States? Having a close relationship to Germany or having a close relationship to China? | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------|------------|-------|
| | | Having a close relationship to Germany | Having a close relationship to China | Both relationships are equally important | VOL: Neither | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 55 | 35 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 100 |
| | April, 2020 | 43 | 44 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 100 |
| | September, 2019 | 41 | 44 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 100 |

| | | Q4. How would you rate the likelihood of the current rivalry between China and the United States escalating into a confrontation resembling the Cold War? | | | | | Total |
|---------------|-----------------|---|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|-------|
| | | Very likely | Somewhat likely | Somewhat unlikely | Very unlikely | DK/Refused | |
| United States | September, 2020 | 18 | 41 | 25 | 14 | 2 | 100 |

| | | Q5a. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? a. Protecting the environment | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|------------|-------|
| | | Yes, as a partner | No, not a partner | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 76 | 21 | 3 | 100 |

| | | Q5b. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? b. Dealing with China | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|------------|-------|
| | | Yes, as a partner | No, not a partner | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 60 | 35 | 5 | 100 |

| | | Q5c. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? c. Dealing with Iran | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|---|-------------------|------------|-------|
| | | Yes, as a partner | No, not a partner | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 56 | 38 | 6 | 100 |

| | | Q5d. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? d. Promoting free trade | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|------------|-------|
| | | Yes, as a partner | No, not a partner | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 76 | 21 | 3 | 100 |

| | | Q5e. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? e. Protecting European security | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|------------|-------|
| | | Yes, as a partner | No, not a partner | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 78 | 18 | 3 | 100 |

| | | Q5f. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? f. Protecting democracy and human rights around the world | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|------------|-------|
| | | Yes, as a partner | No, not a partner | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 75 | 22 | 3 | 100 |

| | | Q6. Which of these statements comes closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right? Once the coronavirus crisis is over, do you think ...? | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|---|---|-------------------|--------------|
| | | Countries will increase their focus on national interests | Countries will cooperate more with other countries | Everything will be the same as before the crisis | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 35 | 30 | 33 | 2 | 100 |
| | April, 2020 | 29 | 35 | 34 | 2 | 100 |

| | | PARTY. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as: | | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|--|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | A Republican | A Democrat | An Independent | Other (DO NOT READ) | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 26 | 32 | 38 | 0 | 4 | 100 |

| | | PARTYLN. As of today do you lean more to the Republican Party or more to the Democratic Party? | | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------|---|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | | Republican | Democratic | Neither/Other (DO NOT READ) | DK/Refused | Total |
| United States | September, 2020 | 31 | 43 | 20 | 6 | 100 |