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The results have been published in both countries, and the previous reports from Pew Research Center can be found here for [September 2020](#), [May 2020](#), [March 2020](#), [2019](#) and [2018](#).

The Körber-Stiftung findings are contained within their larger “Berlin Pulse” report and can be found here for [2021](#), [2020](#), [2019](#) and [2018](#).

The September 2021 findings come from a Pew Research Center survey conducted by SSRS in the U.S. from Sept. 7 to 12 among 1,008 respondents and a Körber-Stiftung survey conducted by Kantar in Germany from Sept. 2 to 9 among 1,162 respondents.

Here are the [questions](#) used for this report, along with the responses, and its U.S. survey [methodology](#).

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Germans and Americans have both become more skeptical of China

A tumultuous year in the United States and Germany that included a transfer of political power for both countries has dramatically affected attitudes on the state of the bilateral relationship, according to a new joint survey conducted by Pew Research Center in the U.S. and [Körber-Stiftung](#) in Germany.

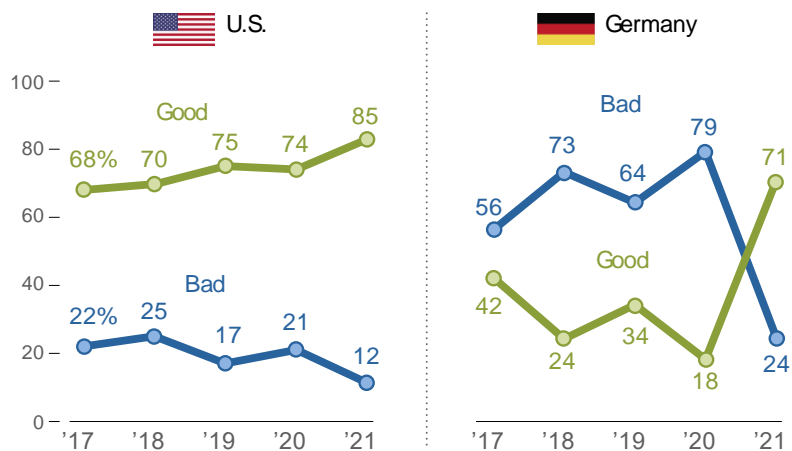
This fundamental shift in public opinion is most apparent in Germany, where the percentage saying that the U.S.-German relationship is in good shape has more than tripled from its Trump era lows and now stands at 71%. And 85% of Americans say that the relationship with Germany is good, up 17 percentage points since the question was first asked in 2017.

Germans have also shifted their preferred foreign policy partnerships away from longtime ally France and now see the U.S. as its most important partner. Currently, 44% of Germans see the U.S. as

their preeminent ally, up from the 10% who said this as recently as [September 2020](#), before the election of Joe Biden as president (attitudes toward the U.S. [have improved dramatically](#) since the election in many advanced economies, including Germany).

In dramatic shift, Germans and Americans alike see bilateral relationship as good

% who say the relations today between the U.S. and Germany are ...



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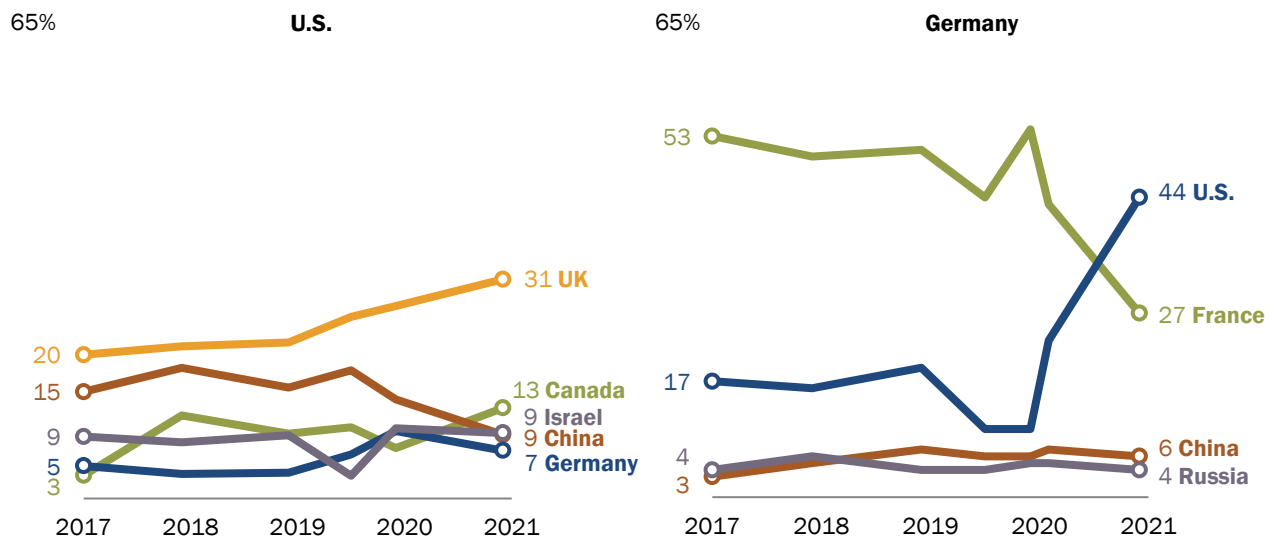
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In the U.S., most people see the state of bilateral relations as good, and majorities of Americans continue to see Germany as a partner on all major foreign policy issues tested. Still, few Americans name Germany as the most important foreign policy partner, and far more Americans see the United Kingdom as their closest ally.

Germans now see the U.S. as their most important foreign policy partner; Americans still say their own is the UK

% who say ___ is the most important partner for American/German foreign policy



Note: Only countries with 3% or more mentions listed.

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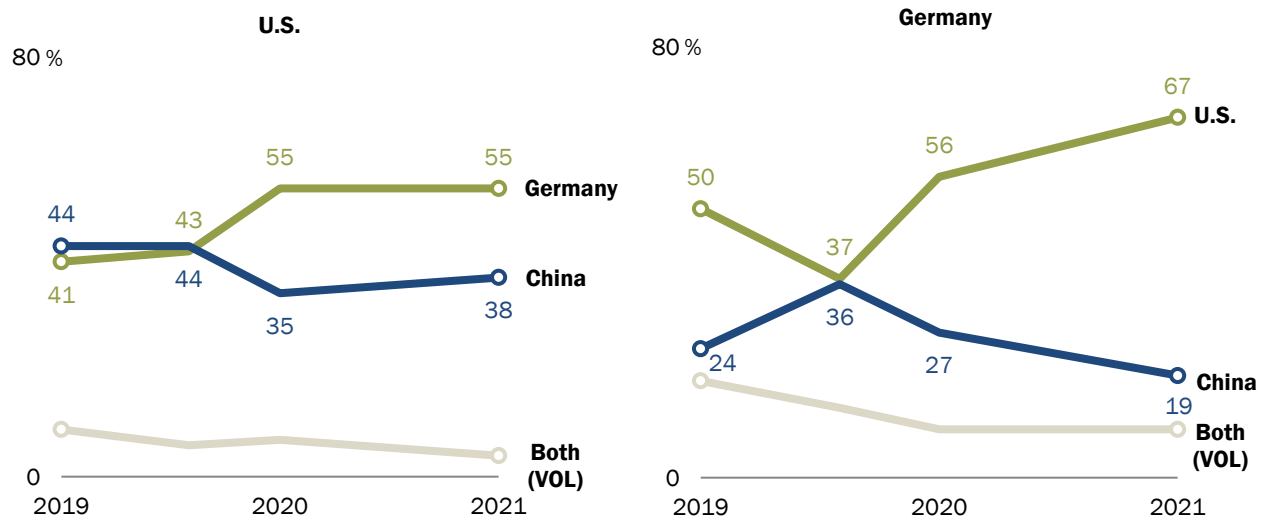
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On one of the most salient international issues – China – Germans and Americans express somewhat different views. More Americans, for example, name China as a threat to their country’s values, while Germans are less concerned (61% vs. 26%, respectively). Older Americans are especially likely to see China as a threat to American values. In both countries, however, attitudes toward China have become significantly more negative in recent years.

And over the past two years, Germans have increasingly said their country’s relationship with the U.S. is more important than the one with China, while more Americans similarly prioritize the relationship with Germany over ties to China. Still, nearly four-in-ten Americans say the relationship with China is more important.

Americans and Germans increasingly see bilateral relationship as more important than relations with China

% who say it is important for their country to have a close relationship to ...



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

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Respondents were also asked whether they see the other country as a partner on various international issues. Only 41% of Germans see the U.S. as a partner on China, while 59% of Americans say the same about Germany.

But overall, Germans are now much more willing to view their country as a partner to America on issues such as promoting free trade, protecting the environment, protecting democracy and human rights, protecting

European security, and dealing with China. This is despite the fact that a majority of Germans say that the U.S. is not or has never been a good [example for other democracies to follow](#).

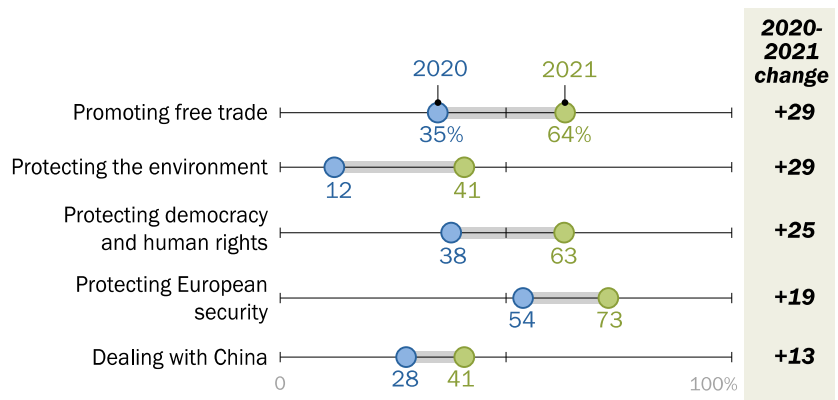
Even with these improvements, many Germans say the U.S. is *not* a partner on dealing with the coronavirus pandemic (59%) or protecting the environment (54%). This aligns with other Pew Research Center polling showing that roughly four-in-ten Germans say the U.S. is doing a [good job of dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic](#) and only two-in-ten say the U.S. is doing a [good job of dealing with global climate change](#). And on dealing with Afghanistan – for which the Biden administration was [sharply criticized by the American public](#) as troops departed in August – half of Germans still see the U.S. as a partner, while 58% of Americans see Germany as one.

Americans and Germans are more closely aligned on views of Russia, with majorities in each country saying they prefer a close bilateral relationship with each other rather than closer ties to Moscow. But as with China, fewer Germans see Russia as a threat. When it comes to the future of international relations, more Germans say that working with other countries will be more common after the coronavirus pandemic (50%) than Americans (30%).

Separately, when asked whether an increasingly digital world is a threat or opportunity for democracy, Americans and, to a lesser extent Germans, say it is an opportunity. But young people in both countries are much more likely to think technology is an opportunity for democratic values rather than a threat.

Germans are now more willing to see the U.S. as a partner on key issues

% of Germans who say the U.S. is a partner on ...



Source: German results from Körber-Stiftung survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2021. "U.S.-German Relations on the Mend as New Leadership Takes Hold"

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These are among the findings from a Pew Research Center survey of 1,008 adults conducted in the U.S. from Sept. 7-12, 2021, as well as a Körber-Stiftung survey of 1,162 adults conducted in Germany from Sept. 2-9, 2021. The surveys were both conducted before the German national election, which marked the end of Angela Merkel's 16-year tenure as chancellor. For additional results from the Körber-Stiftung survey, access the newly released "[Berlin Pulse](#)" publication.

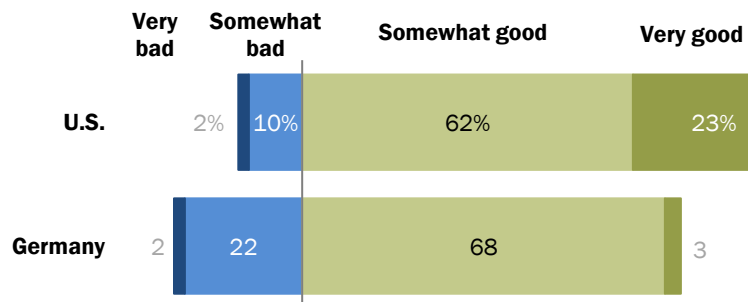
The bilateral relationship between the U.S. and Germany

Americans' and Germans' views of the relationship between their two countries are closer than at least since 2017, when the question was first asked. Large majorities in both countries now say the bilateral relationship is good.

With this shift, 71% of Germans now say relations with the U.S. are good, a 53 percentage point increase from 2020, when fewer than two-in-ten Germans said the same. Americans' views of the relationship with Germany also grew rosier, as 85% now say the relationship is good (up 11 points from 2020) and only 12% say it is bad.

Germans and Americans alike now see the bilateral relationship as good

% who say the relations today between the U.S. and Germany are ...



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

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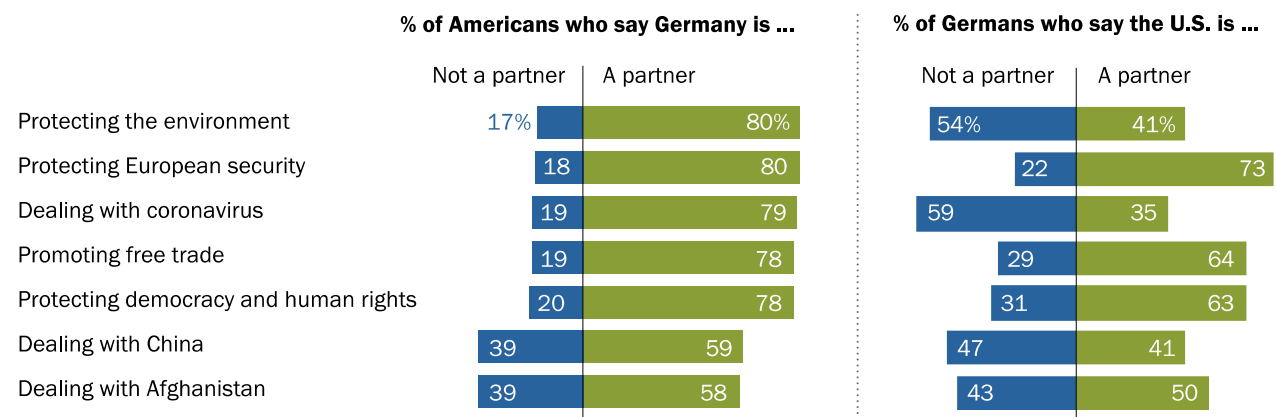
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In the U.S., Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents are more likely than their Republican and Republican-leaning counterparts to say relations with Germany are good: 90% of Democrats say this while 79% of Republicans agree. Notably, this represents a 20-point increase since September 2020 in the share of Democrats who say the relationship with Germany is good. Republicans' views of the bilateral relationship have not shifted much in that same time period.

The American-German partnership on key issues

In a marked change from last year, Germans are now much more likely to name the U.S. as a partner on a number of key issues. The shares of Germans who see the U.S. as a partner on protecting the environment and on promoting free trade have increased by 29 percentage points since 2020. Affirmative views of partnership have also risen by double digits in protecting democracy and human rights, protecting European security and dealing with China.

Americans more likely to see Germany as a partner on key issues than vice versa



Source: Pew Research Center survey conducted in the U.S. Sept. 7-12, 2021. Q4a-g. German results from Körber-Stiftung survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2021.

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In 2021, 73% of Germans say the U.S. is a partner when it comes to protecting European security. Majorities also say the U.S. is a partner on promoting free trade and protecting democracy and human rights.

German views are more split on whether the U.S. is a partner or not on dealing with Afghanistan and with China. Half of Germans say the U.S. is a partner on Afghanistan, with 43% saying the U.S. is not a partner. Only about four-in-ten Germans say the U.S. is a partner on dealing with the world's second largest economy. And while there has been a notable increase, just 41% of Germans say the U.S. is a partner when it comes to protecting the environment. An even smaller share (35%) of Germans say the U.S. is a partner on dealing with the coronavirus outbreak.

Americans, on the other hand, have been and remain vocal supporters of the U.S.-Germany partnership on these key issues. A majority of Americans consider Germany a partner on all the issues polled, with about eight-in-ten describing Germany as a partner on the environment,

European security, the coronavirus, free trade and protecting democracy. When it comes to dealing with China and Afghanistan, however, Americans are slightly less enthusiastic about German partnership: About six-in-ten say Germany is a partner on these issues.

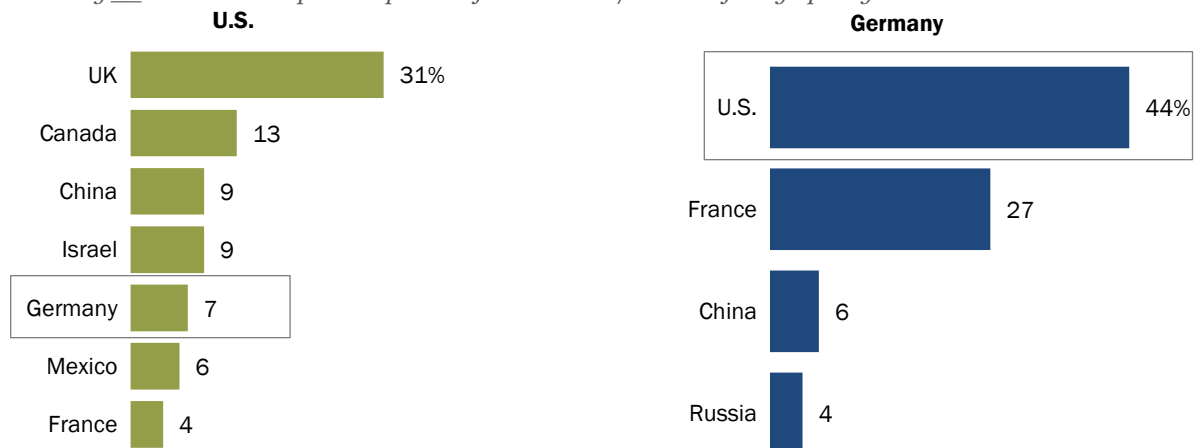
Even as about three-quarters among Republicans see Germany as a partner on protecting the environment, European security, democracy and human rights, and dealing with the coronavirus outbreak, Democrats are slightly more likely to consider Germany a partner on all of these issues.

Americans' and Germans' perception of foreign policy partners

Few Americans name Germany as their most important foreign policy partner (7%) despite holding positive views of the U.S.-German relationship. In contrast, more than four-in-ten in Germany name the U.S.

Germans see U.S. as most important foreign policy partner, but Americans say UK

% who say ___ is the most important partner for American/German foreign policy



Note: Only countries with 4% or more mentions listed.

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In a dramatic shift since 2020, 44% of Germans now see the U.S. as the most important foreign policy partner, while 27% name France. In previous years (2017 through 2020), four-in-ten or more Germans consistently listed France in the top spot.

In these past surveys, all of which were conducted during Donald Trump's presidency, the U.S. was mentioned as a top partner by about two-in-ten or fewer Germans. In a [November 2020](#)

[survey](#) conducted after the election of Joe Biden to the U.S. presidency, only 23% of Germans had named the U.S. as their most vital foreign partner.

Among Americans, Germany remains a less frequently mentioned partner on foreign policy. Only 7% of Americans cite Germany as a key partner, whereas 31% mention the UK. A further 13% of Americans say Canada, and 9% respectively name China or Israel. However, 14% of Americans ages 18 to 34 say China is the most important policy partner.

In the U.S., Democrats are more likely than their Republican counterparts to name Canada as the most important foreign policy partner, while Republicans are more likely to name Israel.

Americans and Germans see bilateral relationship as more important than relations with China and Russia, but threat perceptions differ

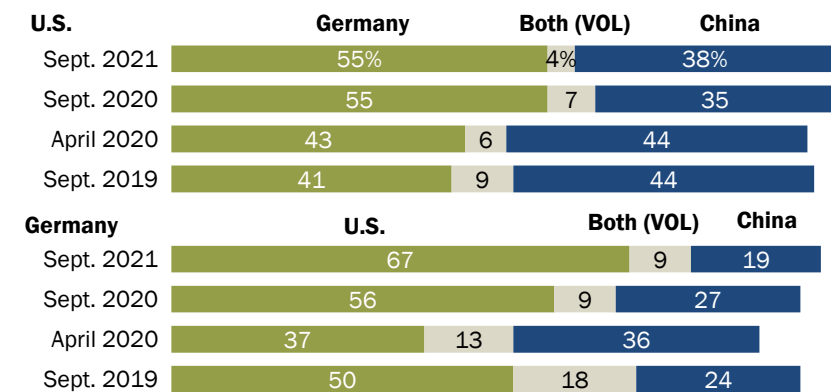
As overall relations with the U.S. have improved, a growing share of Germans now say it is more important to have a close relationship with the U.S. rather than China. In the current survey, 67% of Germans say a strong relationship with the U.S. is more important than one with China. In April 2020, almost equal shares of Germans wanted a close relationship with either the U.S. (37%) or China (36%).

Since September 2020, a majority of Americans have preferred a close relationship with Germany rather than China. But, as recently as spring of 2020, nearly equal shares of Americans wanted a close relationship with China and Germany.

Young American adults are much more divided on this question than their older counterparts. Roughly equal shares of 18- to 34-year-olds surveyed say they prefer a closer relationship with

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% who say it is important for their country to have a close relationship to ...



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China (47%) and Germany (46%). Among Americans 65 and older, 65% prefer being closer to Germany and 31% favor China.

Americans and Germans are more closely aligned on the importance of a relationship with Russia. Around six-in-ten in both the U.S. and Germany say they would choose to have a close relationship with each other rather than Russia.

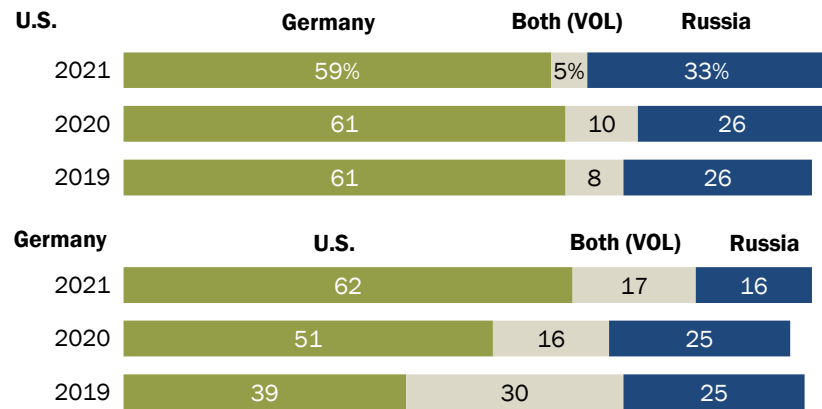
This is in part due to an increasing share of Germans who pick the U.S. over Russia when it comes to bilateral relations. As recently as 2019, only 39% of Germans wanted to have a close relationship with the U.S. American public opinion on relations with Germany or Russia has held relatively steady over the same time period.

Americans with less education, Republicans and younger American adults are especially likely to say they want a close relationship with Russia rather than Germany, although in no instance does it constitute the majority opinion. In Germany, greater shares of older adults than younger adults and of those living in former East rather than former West Germany say they prefer Russia, but again this is not a plurality view.

Americans are far more likely than are Germans to view both China and Russia as substantial threats to their country's values. Around six-in-ten Americans say China is a major threat to American values, as 54% say the same about Russia. But only around a quarter of Germans (26%) name China as a major threat to German values, with even fewer saying this about Russia (16%).

Americans and Germans prioritize their bilateral relationship over relations with Russia

% who say it is important for their country to have a close relationship to ...



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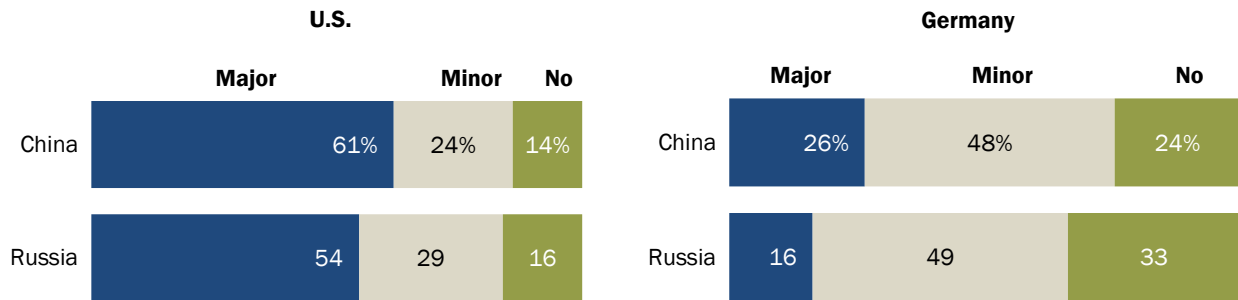
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Germans less likely than Americans to see China and Russia as major threats to their country's values

% who say each country represents a ___ threat to American/German values



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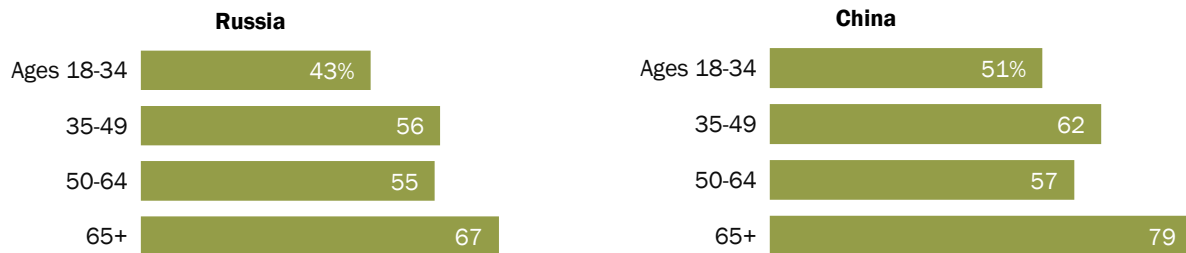
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Older Americans are far more likely than younger Americans to see Russia and China as threats to American values. Two-thirds of Americans 65 and older say that Russia is a major threat to the country's values, compared with 43% among those ages 18 to 34. Similarly, 79% of older Americans see China as a major threat to U.S. values, while 51% of younger Americans say this.

Older Americans more likely to say Russia and China represent major threats to American values

% of Americans who say ___ represents a **major threat** to American values



Note: Don't know responses not shown.

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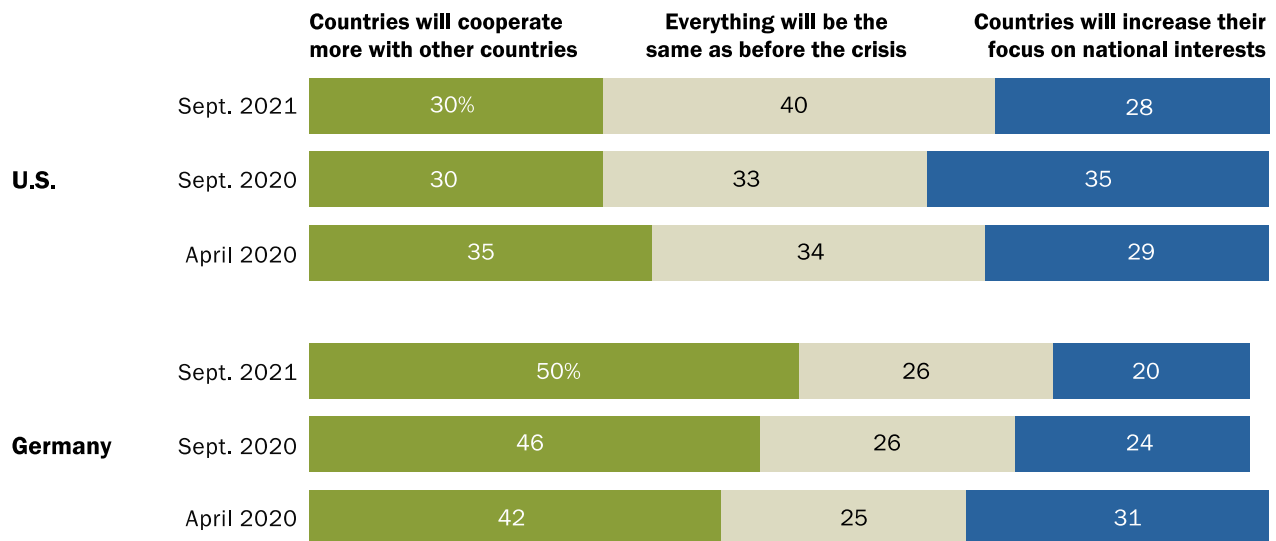
There is also a slight partisan division on the question of China as a threat to American principles. Republicans are more likely than Democrats to say China is a major threat to American values (71% vs. 56%).

Germans increasingly expect more international cooperation post-pandemic, but many in U.S. see return to status quo

The view that countries will cooperate more with other countries in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic has become more widespread in Germany since 2020, with 50% of Germans now saying this compared with 42% in spring 2020. Only one-in-five Germans now believe that countries will increase their focus on national interests once the coronavirus crisis is over, a drop from about one-in-three who said the same in spring 2020.

Germans are more likely than Americans to expect increased international cooperation post-pandemic

% who say once the coronavirus crisis is over ...



Note: Those who did not answer not shown.

Source: Pew Research Center survey conducted in the U.S. Sept. 7-12, 2021. Q5. German results from Körber-Stiftung survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2021.

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In Germany, a majority of women and those who support the Social Democratic Party (SPD) expect increased cooperation with other countries, while fewer than half say this among men and those who support Merkel's Christian Democratic Union and its Bavarian partner (CDU/CSU).

In the U.S., views that international cooperation will increase have remained relatively steady since 2020, but a plurality of Americans (40%) now say that everything will be the same as prior to the crisis when it comes to international relations.

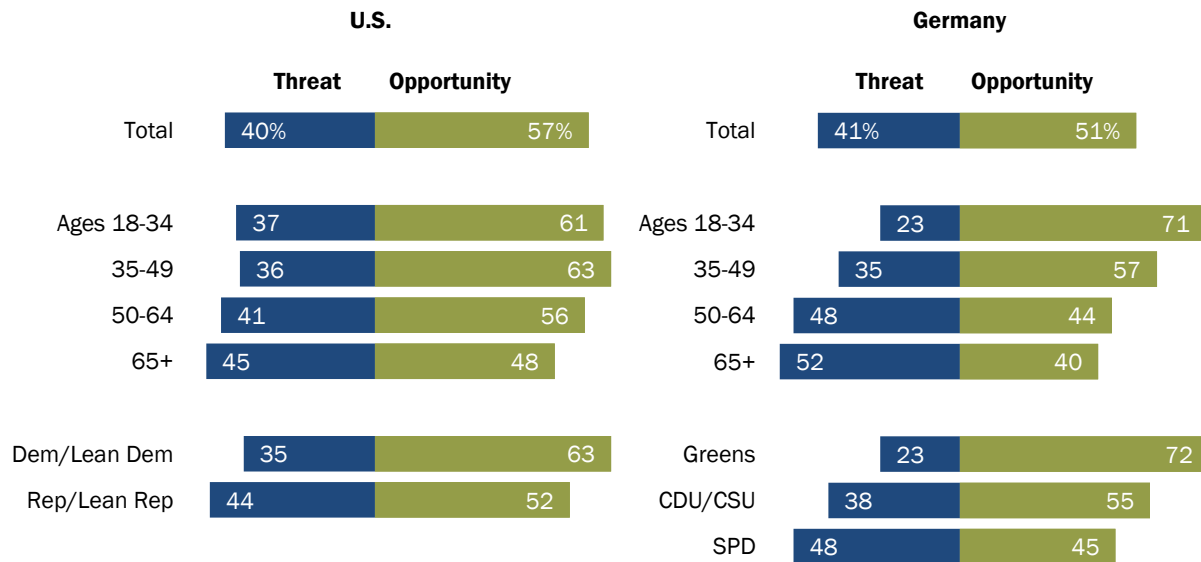
Both Germans and Americans consider an increasingly digital world as an opportunity for democracy

In both Germany and the U.S., at least half of those surveyed consider an increasingly digital world to be an opportunity for democracy around the world, rather than a threat, with slightly more people in the U.S. saying this than in Germany.

In the U.S., younger people are more likely to believe that an increasingly digital world is an opportunity for democracy. Around six-in-ten of those ages 18 to 34 say a more digital world is an opportunity for democracy, compared with roughly half of those 65 and older who agree.

Younger Americans and Germans are more likely than others to view technology as an opportunity for democracy

% of Americans/Germans who say an increasingly digital world is more of a ___ for democracy around the world



Note: Those who did not answer not shown.

Source: Pew Research Center survey conducted in the U.S. Sept. 7-12, 2021. Q7. German results from Körber-Stiftung survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2021.

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Similarly, in Germany, roughly seven-in-ten of those 18 to 34 say that an increasingly digital world is an opportunity for democracy around the world, compared with 40% among those 65 and older. Older adults in Germany more commonly say that an increasingly digital world is a threat to democracy, with around half of those older than 65 saying this in contrast to roughly one-quarter of those 18 to 34.

About half or more of both Republicans and Democrats in the U.S. believe that technology is more of an opportunity than a threat to democracy around the world. However, Democrats are somewhat more likely than Republicans to say technology is an opportunity for democracy (63% vs. 52%). Only about a third of Democrats see an increasingly digital world as a threat to democracy, while 44% of Republicans see it as a threat.

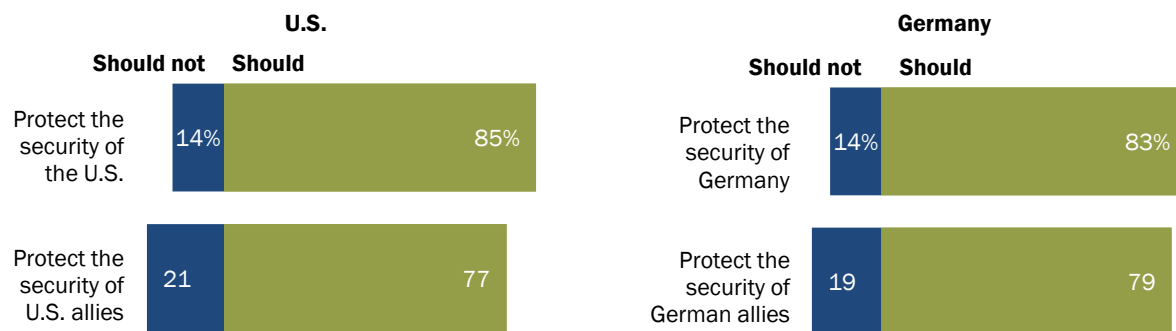
In Germany, too, there are differences by party. Nearly three-quarters of those who preferred the center-left Greens in the Bundestag election believe that an increasingly digital world is an opportunity for democracy around the world, as opposed to 55% of center-right CDU/CSU supporters and 45% of SPD supporters.

Americans and Germans agree on using military force to protect themselves and allies

Despite the abrupt pullout of NATO troops from [Afghanistan in August 2021](#), both Americans and Germans are in strong agreement that their countries should use the military in foreign conflicts to protect the security of their country and its allies. Over eight-in-ten in both countries say military force should be used to protect the security of their own country. Slightly fewer in each country agree that military force should be used to protect American and German allies, but overwhelming majorities still say this.

Majorities in both U.S. and Germany support military involvement in foreign conflicts to protect the security of both their own country and their allies

% who say the U.S./German military ___ be involved in foreign conflicts to ...



Note: Those who did not answer not shown.

Source: Pew Research Center survey conducted in the U.S. Sept. 7-12, 2021. Q8. German results from Körber-Stiftung survey conducted Sept. 2-9, 2021.

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Methodology

The analysis in this report is based on telephone interviews conducted Sept. 7-12, 2021, among a national sample of 1,008 adults, 18 years of age or older, living in the United States (201 respondents were interviewed on a landline telephone, and 807 were interviewed on a mobile phone, including 553 who had no landline telephone). The survey was conducted under the direction of SSRS. A combination of landline and mobile phone random-digit-dial samples were used. Interviews were conducted in English (973) and Spanish (35). For detailed information about our survey methodology, see <http://www.pewresearch.org/methodology/u-s-survey-research/>.

The SSRS Omnibus sample is designed to represent the adult U.S. population. The SSRS Omnibus uses a fully replicated, stratified, single-stage, random-digit-dialing (RDD) sample of landline telephone households, and randomly generated mobile phone numbers. Sample telephone numbers are computer generated and loaded into online sample files accessed directly by the computer-assisted telephone interviewing (CATI) system.

Each SSRS Omnibus insert is weighted to provide nationally representative and projectable estimates of the adult population 18 years of age and older. The weighting process takes into account the disproportionate probabilities of household and respondent selection due to the number of separate telephone landlines and mobile phones answered by respondents and their households, as well as the probability associated with the random selection of an individual household member. Following application of the above weights, the sample is post-stratified and balanced by key demographics: age, race, sex, region and education. The sample is also weighted to reflect the distribution of phone usage in the general population, meaning the proportion of those who are mobile phone only, landline only and mixed users.

The following table shows the unweighted sample size and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the U.S. in the survey: Sample sizes and sampling errors for subgroups are available upon request.

Group	Unweighted sample size	Weighted %	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1,008		4.0 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	375	37	6.2 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	537	53	5.1 percentage points

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.

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, 2021	September, 2020	April, 2020	September, 2019	September, 2018	October, 2017
		United States	United States	United States	United States	United States	United States
Q1. Which country currently is the most important partner for American foreign policy?	Australia	2	0	0	1	0	0
	Canada	13	7	10	9	12	3
	China	9	14	18	16	18	15
	France	4	2	1	1	1	3
	Germany	7	10	6	4	3	5
	United Kingdom	31	27	26	22	21	20
	Israel	9	10	3	9	8	9
	Italy	0	0	1	0	1	0
	Japan	1	1	1	2	1	3
	Mexico	6	5	4	6	4	2
	North Korea	0	1	1	1	0	1
	Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Russia	3	4	4	2	5	4
	South Korea	1	1	0	0	0	1
	Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0
	The European Union (EU)	3	5	2	4	3	1
	Other	2	2	3	2	2	4
DK/Refused	10	11	20	22	19	29	
Total	N=	100	100	100	100	100	100
		1008	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, 2021	23	62	10	2	3	100
	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	Neither	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	59	33	5	2	1	100
	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	Neither	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	55	38	4	2	1	100
	September, 2020	55	35	7	0	1	100
	April, 2020	43	44	6	4	3	100
	September, 2019	41	44	9	2	4	100

		Q4a. 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, 2021	80	17	3	100
	September, 2020	76	21	3	100

		Q4b. 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, 2021	59	39	2	100
	September, 2020	60	35	5	100

		Q4c. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? c. Dealing with the coronavirus outbreak			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	79	19	2	100

		Q4d. 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, 2021	78	19	3	100
	September, 2020	76	21	3	100

		Q4e. 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, 2021	80	18	2	100
	September, 2020	78	18	3	100

		Q4f. 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, 2021	78	20	2	100
	September, 2020	75	22	3	100

		Q4g. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? g. Dealing with Afghanistan			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	58	39	3	100

		Q5. 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, 2021	28	30	40	2	100
	September, 2020	35	30	33	2	100
	April, 2020	29	35	34	2	100

		Q6a. Do you think each of the following countries represents a major threat, a minor threat, or no threat to American values? a. Russia				
		A major threat to American values	A minor threat to American values	No threat to American values	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	54	29	16	1	100

		Q6b. Do you think each of the following countries represents a major threat, a minor threat, or no threat to American values? b. China				
		A major threat to American values	A minor threat to American values	No threat to American values	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	61	24	14	1	100

		Q7. Overall, do you think an increasingly digital world is more of a threat to democracy or more of an opportunity for democracy around the world?			
		Threat to democracy	Opportunity for democracy	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	40	57	3	100

		Q8a. Do you think the U.S. military should or should not be involved in foreign conflicts to _____? a. Protect the security of the United States			
		Yes, the U.S. military should be involved	No, the U.S. military should not be involved	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	85	14	0	100

		Q8b. Do you think the U.S. military should or should not be involved in foreign conflicts to _____? b. Protect the security of U.S. allies			
		Yes, the U.S. military should be involved	No, the U.S. military should not be involved	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	77	21	2	100

		PARTY. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as:				
		A Republican	A Democrat	An Independent	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	27	36	36	1	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, 2021	28	46	23	3	100