

Topline Results

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Survey Methods section.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.

		Q1a How reliable of an ally is ____? Is ____ very reliable, somewhat reliable, not too reliable or not at all reliable as an ally? a. Britain					
		Very reliable ally	Somewhat reliable ally	Not too reliable ally	Not at all reliable ally	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	54	31	4	4	7	100
Germany	March, 2015	8	47	26	6	12	100

		Q1b How reliable of an ally is ____? Is ____ very reliable, somewhat reliable, not too reliable or not at all reliable as an ally? b. France					
		Very reliable ally	Somewhat reliable ally	Not too reliable ally	Not at all reliable ally	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	20	49	15	6	9	100
Germany	March, 2015	21	57	9	4	10	100

		Q1c How reliable of an ally is ____? Is ____ very reliable, somewhat reliable, not too reliable or not at all reliable as an ally? c. [U.S.: Germany/GERMANY: the U.S.]					
		Very reliable ally	Somewhat reliable ally	Not too reliable ally	Not at all reliable ally	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	24	48	12	6	10	100
Germany	March, 2015	13	49	22	9	7	100

		Q2a Do you approve or disapprove of the way ____ is dealing with U.S.-German relations? a. U.S. President Barack Obama			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	40	36	23	100
Germany	March, 2015	59	31	10	100

		Q2b Do you approve or disapprove of the way ____ is dealing with U.S.-German relations? b. German Chancellor Angela Merkel			
		Approve	Disapprove	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	38	27	35	100
Germany	March, 2015	71	21	8	100

		Q3 Which is more important for Germany – to have strong ties with the United States or strong ties with Russia?					
		Strong ties with the United States	Strong ties with Russia	Equally close ties with both the U.S. and Russia (VOL)	Neither (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
Germany	March, 2015	57	15	21	2	5	100

		Q4 Which of these statements comes closer to your view?					
		[U.S.: the U.S. /GERMANY: Germany] should deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems	[U.S.: the U.S. /GERMANY: Germany] should help other countries deal with their problems	Neither (VOL)	Both (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	50	39	3	5	3	100
Germany	March, 2015	50	43	1	4	2	100

		Q5 As you may know, the U.S. and the EU are negotiating a free trade agreement called the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, or TTIP. Do you think this trade agreement will be a good thing for our country or a bad thing?					
		Good thing	Bad thing	Haven't heard enough (VOL)	Neither good nor bad (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	50	21	15	2	11	100
	March 2014	53	20	14	2	12	100
Germany	March, 2015	41	36	7	3	13	100
	March 2014	55	25	8	1	11	100

		Q6 ASK IF SAYS FREE TRADE AGREEMENT IS A BAD THING (Q5=2): Which of the following is the most important reason why you think a free trade agreement between the U.S. and the EU would be bad for our country?							
		It would give foreign companies that invest in [U.S.: the U.S. /GERMANY: Germany] unfair advantages	It would lower [U.S.: American/ GERMANY: German] food, environmental, and auto safety standards	It would lead to job losses or a decrease in workers' wages	None of the above (VOL)	All of the above (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total	N=
United States	March, 2015	22	12	50	3	9	3	100	230
Germany	March, 2015	18	61	17	2	2	0	100	360

		Q7 In your opinion, do you think the U.S. is being too tough, not tough enough, or about right in dealing with Russia on the issue of Ukraine?				
		Too tough	Not tough enough	About right	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	4	54	32	11	100
Germany	March, 2015	27	23	35	14	100

		Q8 In your opinion, do you think the European Union is being too tough, not tough enough, or about right in dealing with Russia on the issue of Ukraine?				
		Too tough	Not tough enough	About right	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	4	59	22	15	100
Germany	March, 2015	18	26	44	11	100

		Q9 Thinking about our country's relations with Russia, which is more important – being tough with Russia on the issue of Ukraine OR having a strong economic relationship with Russia?			
		Be tough with Russia	Strong economic relationship with Russia	DK/Refused	Total
Germany	March, 2015	50	35	15	100

		Q10 Some people say that Germany should play a more active military role in helping to maintain peace and stability in the world. Other people say that, given its history, Germany should limit its military role in world affairs. Which view is closer to your own?			
		Play a more active military role	Limit its military role	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	54	37	9	100
Germany	March, 2015	25	69	5	100

		Q11 As you think about relations between the United States and Germany over the last 75 years, which one of these events is most important in your opinion?							
		World War II and the Holocaust	The Marshall Plan	The fall of the Berlin Wall	U.S.-German disagreements over the Iraq War	U.S. monitoring of [U.S. ONLY: German Chancellor] Angela Merkel's communications	None of the above (VOL)	DK/Refused	Total
United States	March, 2015	47	3	28	8	7	1	6	100
Germany	March, 2015	20	20	34	8	12	0	6	100