

Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see our [international survey methods database](#).
- The following table shows the unweighted sample sizes and the error attributable to sampling that would be expected at the 95% level of confidence for different groups in the United States in the survey:

Group	Unweighted sample size	Weighted %	Plus or minus ...
Total sample	1003		3.7 percentage points
Rep/Lean Rep	426	41	5.6 percentage points
Dem/Lean Dem	492	49	5.3 percentage points

- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, Pew Research Center has used an automated process to generate toplines for its Global Attitudes surveys. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- Not all questions included in the Fall 2020 Survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q4. Now thinking about our economic situation, how would you describe the current economic situation in (survey country) – is it very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad or very bad?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	12	36	31	21	1	100
	Summer, 2020	5	25	36	33	1	100
	Spring, 2020	17	32	29	20	2	100
	Spring, 2019	20	40	26	13	1	100
	Spring, 2018	17	48	20	12	3	100
	Spring, 2017	9	49	27	13	2	100
	Spring, 2016	5	39	33	21	2	100
	Spring, 2015	4	36	32	24	4	100
	Spring, 2014	2	38	34	24	2	100
	Spring, 2013	2	31	35	30	2	100
	Spring, 2012	3	28	38	30	2	100
	Spring, 2011	1	17	38	42	1	100
	Spring, 2010	1	23	41	34	1	100
	Fall, 2009	1	19	44	34	2	100
	Spring, 2009	2	15	42	41	1	100
	Spring, 2008	2	18	41	36	3	100
	Spring, 2007	9	41	32	16	3	100
	Summer, 2002	4	42	39	13	2	100
	France	Fall, 2020	3	22	52	22	1
Summer, 2020		1	17	51	30	1	100
Spring, 2019		2	35	44	18	1	100
Spring, 2018		1	42	42	15	1	100
Fall, 2017		1	32	47	17	3	100
Spring, 2017		0	21	55	23	0	100
Spring, 2016		2	10	50	36	1	100
Spring, 2015		1	13	56	29	1	100
Spring, 2014		1	11	54	34	0	100
Spring, 2013		0	9	53	38	0	100
Spring, 2012		1	18	52	29	0	100
Spring, 2011		0	17	52	31	0	100
Spring, 2010		1	12	56	31	0	100
Fall, 2009		1	15	60	24	0	100
Spring, 2009		0	14	58	27	0	100
Spring, 2008		0	19	61	20	0	100
Spring, 2007		1	29	53	17	0	100
Summer, 2002	1	44	47	6	2	100	

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		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
Germany	Fall, 2020	13	60	19	7	1	100
	Summer, 2020	7	44	35	12	2	100
	Spring, 2019	21	58	16	3	1	100
	Spring, 2018	21	57	16	4	1	100
	Fall, 2017	23	62	11	3	1	100
	Spring, 2017	31	55	12	1	1	100
	Spring, 2016	15	60	18	4	3	100
	Spring, 2015	15	60	20	3	2	100
	Spring, 2014	14	71	13	2	1	100
	Spring, 2013	10	65	22	3	1	100
	Spring, 2012	12	61	22	5	0	100
	Spring, 2011	9	58	27	5	1	100
	Spring, 2010	2	42	47	8	1	100
	Fall, 2009	1	27	58	12	1	100
	Spring, 2009	1	27	54	16	2	100
	Spring, 2008	4	49	39	7	1	100
	Spring, 2007	8	55	25	11	1	100
	Summer, 2002	1	26	55	16	1	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	5	27	37	30	1	100
	Summer, 2020	2	19	43	36	1	100
	Spring, 2019	7	43	33	16	1	100
	Spring, 2018	4	42	35	15	4	100
	Fall, 2017	4	37	40	16	2	100
	Spring, 2017	6	45	33	12	3	100
	Spring, 2016	4	43	33	14	5	100
	Spring, 2015	5	47	29	16	3	100
	Spring, 2014	2	41	37	18	2	100
	Spring, 2013	2	13	44	39	2	100
	Spring, 2012	1	14	47	37	1	100
	Spring, 2011	1	14	45	40	1	100
	Spring, 2010	2	18	40	39	1	100
	Fall, 2009	2	14	45	38	2	100
	Spring, 2009	1	10	38	49	2	100
	Spring, 2008	2	28	47	20	2	100
	Spring, 2007	13	56	20	8	3	100
	Summer, 2002	8	57	24	8	4	100

		Q5. Do you think you personally have a very good, somewhat good, somewhat bad, or very bad chance to improve your standard of living?					
		Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	29	49	11	7	3	100
France	Fall, 2020	10	41	36	12	2	100
Germany	Fall, 2020	16	56	19	6	2	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	16	51	20	9	3	100

		Q10. Please tell me which statement is closer to your view, even if neither is exactly right.			
		It is generally good for our society if the government regulates business	It is generally bad for our society if the government regulates business	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	46	50	4	100
France	Fall, 2020	58	37	5	100
	Fall, 2017	55	35	11	100
Germany	Fall, 2020	53	43	4	100
	Fall, 2017	55	36	10	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	67	25	8	100
	Fall, 2017	68	24	8	100

		Q13. And, which comes closest to your view about the ECONOMIC SYSTEM in (survey country) - it needs to be completely reformed, it needs major changes, it needs minor changes, or it doesn't need to be changed?					
		It needs to be completely reformed	It needs major changes	It needs minor changes	It doesn't need to be changed	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	10	40	38	12	1	100
France	Fall, 2020	12	58	25	3	2	100
Germany	Fall, 2020	5	45	40	9	1	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	9	41	42	6	2	100

		Q19a. Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the national government to take the following actions? a. Provide a universal basic income for all people					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	31	21	15	30	1	100
France	Fall, 2020	38	30	19	11	1	100
Germany	Fall, 2020	37	29	22	9	2	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	50	29	11	7	2	100

		Q19b. Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the national government to take the following actions? b. Provide more job and skills training for (survey country nationality) workers					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	75	19	3	3	0	100
France	Fall, 2020	62	31	5	2	1	100
Germany	Fall, 2020	61	30	8	1	1	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	76	17	4	2	1	100

		Q19c. Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the national government to take the following actions? c. Increase government benefits for the poor					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	47	30	10	12	1	100
France	Fall, 2020	39	33	20	7	1	100
Germany	Fall, 2020	48	38	12	1	1	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	53	33	8	3	2	100

		Q19d. Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the national government to take the following actions? d. Build more public housing					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	44	34	10	12	0	100
France	Fall, 2020	48	34	11	6	1	100
Germany	Fall, 2020	55	34	9	2	1	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	62	27	5	4	1	100

		Q19e. Would you say it is very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important for the national government to take the following actions? e. Raise taxes on the wealthy					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Fall, 2020	45	25	13	16	1	100
France	Fall, 2020	37	31	23	9	1	100
Germany	Fall, 2020	42	33	16	8	1	100
United Kingdom	Fall, 2020	48	33	11	6	2	100