

Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Methodology section and our [international survey methods database](#).
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
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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.
- East and West Germany respondents live in former German Democratic Republic and pre-1990 Federal Republic of Germany, respectively.
- The survey included 1,473 respondents from West Germany, 315 respondents from East Germany and 227 people who could not be sorted by region.

		Q1. Here is a ladder representing the ladder of life. Let's suppose the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you; and the bottom, the worst possible life for you. On which step of the ladder do you feel you personally stand at the present time?												
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	1	1	1	3	4	15	11	23	27	9	5	0	100
	East Germany	0	2	1	2	7	18	12	17	27	7	7	0	100
Fall, 2009	West Germany	1	1	2	1	9	19	19	22	18	4	3	0	100
	East Germany	1	0	3	5	6	26	16	24	11	4	3	0	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	0	1	2	3	6	19	14	18	21	7	6	3	100
	East Germany	2	2	6	12	11	33	16	7	5	2	1	4	100

		Q1. Here is a ladder representing the ladder of life. Let's suppose the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you; and the bottom, the worst possible life for you. On which step of the ladder do you feel you personally stand at the present time?				
		High (7-10)	Medium (4-6)	Low (0-3)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	64	31	5	0	100
	East Germany	59	37	5	0	100
Fall, 2009	West Germany	48	47	6	0	100
	East Germany	43	48	9	0	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	52	39	6	3	100
	East Germany	15	60	21	4	100

		Q2. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in our country today?			
		Satisfied	Dissatisfied	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	61	37	2	100
	East Germany	50	47	3	100
Fall, 2009	West Germany	49	49	2	100
	East Germany	41	56	3	100

		Q4. When children today in (survey country) grow up, do you think they will be better off or worse off financially than their parents?				
		Better off	Worse off	Same (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	50	41	6	3	100
	East Germany	42	48	6	5	100

		Q5. How satisfied are you with the way democracy is working in our country – very satisfied, somewhat satisfied, not too satisfied, or not at all satisfied?					
		Very satisfied	Somewhat satisfied	Not too satisfied	Not at all satisfied	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	18	48	20	14	0	100
	East Germany	13	42	26	19	0	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
Spring, 2019	West Germany	20	52	22	5	2	100
	East Germany	13	46	31	7	3	100

		Q9GERa. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ____? a. Christian Democratic Union (CDU)					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	7	38	38	11	5	100
	East Germany	8	37	41	11	2	100

		Q9GERb. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ____? b. Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD)					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	6	36	43	10	5	100
	East Germany	3	39	47	8	3	100

		Q9GERc. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ____? c. Alternative for Germany (AfD)					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	4	8	22	58	7	100
	East Germany	5	19	24	50	1	100

		Q9GERd. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ____? d. The Left					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	5	31	39	17	8	100
	East Germany	6	38	43	11	2	100

		Q9GERe. Please tell me if you have a very favorable, somewhat favorable, somewhat unfavorable or very unfavorable opinion of ____? e. Alliance 90/The Greens					
		Very favorable	Somewhat favorable	Somewhat unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	19	47	18	10	6	100
	East Germany	12	39	31	16	2	100

		Q12d. Thinking about the future of (survey country), please tell me whether you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about the following areas. d. Our country's education system				
		Optimistic	Pessimistic	Neither (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	57	41	1	1	100
	East Germany	44	55	1	0	100

		Q12e. Thinking about the future of (survey country), please tell me whether you feel generally optimistic or generally pessimistic about the following areas. e. The way our political system works				
		Optimistic	Pessimistic	Neither (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	53	45	1	1	100
	East Germany	43	55	1	1	100

		Q13. Generally speaking, do you think our country's membership in the European Union is a good thing, a bad thing, or neither good nor bad?					
		Good thing	Bad thing	Neither	Both (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	75	6	18	0	0	100
	East Germany	62	9	29	0	0	100
Fall, 2009	West Germany	63	10	26	0	1	100
	East Germany	62	10	25	0	2	100

In 2009, the question asked 'of the European Union.'

		Q18. Was German unification in 1990 a good thing or a bad thing for Germany?			
		Good thing	Bad thing	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	89	9	2	100
	East Germany	91	8	1	100

		Q21a. Think of the changes that have taken place in (survey country) since 1989 / 1991. Have those changes had a very good influence, a good influence, a bad influence or a very bad influence on the following? a. Law and order						
		Very good influence	Good influence	Bad influence	Very bad influence	No influence (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	11	55	25	3	4	2	100
	East Germany	8	50	34	6	1	1	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	5	22	42	6	18	6	100
	East Germany	3	22	46	20	3	5	100

Question asked 'since 1989.'

		Q21b. Think of the changes that have taken place in (survey country) since 1989 / 1991. Have those changes had a very good influence, a good influence, a bad influence or a very bad influence on the following? b. Family values						
		Very good influence	Good influence	Bad influence	Very bad influence	No influence (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	11	56	20	3	5	4	100
	East Germany	9	52	30	4	3	2	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	8	38	16	4	23	11	100
	East Germany	6	36	32	6	11	9	100

Question asked 'since 1989.'

		Q21c. Think of the changes that have taken place in (survey country) since 1989 / 1991. Have those changes had a very good influence, a good influence, a bad influence or a very bad influence on the following? c. Spiritual values						
		Very good influence	Good influence	Bad influence	Very bad influence	No influence (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	8	57	24	3	4	5	100
	East Germany	8	50	31	3	3	5	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	6	35	14	4	25	15	100
	East Germany	6	38	24	7	11	15	100

Question asked 'since 1989.'

		Q21d. Think of the changes that have taken place in (survey country) since 1989 / 1991. Have those changes had a very good influence, a good influence, a bad influence or a very bad influence on the following? d. The standard of living						
		Very good influence	Good influence	Bad influence	Very bad influence	No influence (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	13	60	19	3	3	2	100
	East Germany	17	61	15	4	2	1	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	4	26	36	10	17	7	100
	East Germany	9	59	17	7	4	4	100

Question asked 'since 1989.'

		Q21e. Think of the changes that have taken place in (survey country) since 1989 / 1991. Have those changes had a very good influence, a good influence, a bad influence or a very bad influence on the following? e. Pride in our country						
		Very good influence	Good influence	Bad influence	Very bad influence	No influence (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	17	55	19	4	3	3	100
	East Germany	16	54	20	4	1	5	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	9	43	20	5	15	8	100
	East Germany	6	48	20	5	11	10	100

Question asked 'since 1989. In 1991, this response was worded 'civic pride.'

		Q21f. Think of the changes that have taken place in (survey country) since 1989 / 1991. Have those changes had a very good influence, a good influence, a bad influence or a very bad influence on the following? f. Health care						
		Very good influence	Good influence	Bad influence	Very bad influence	No influence (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	17	52	22	3	4	2	100
	East Germany	17	56	19	5	1	2	100

Question asked 'since 1989.'

		Q21g. Think of the changes that have taken place in (survey country) since 1989 / 1991. Have those changes had a very good influence, a good influence, a bad influence or a very bad influence on the following? g. Education						
		Very good influence	Good influence	Bad influence	Very bad influence	No influence (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	12	56	21	4	4	3	100
	East Germany	10	41	40	5	1	2	100

Question asked 'since 1989.'

		Q48a. I'd like you to rate some different groups of people in (survey country) according to how you feel about them. Please tell me whether your opinion of them is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable. a. Jews					
		Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	33	55	4	1	7	100
	East Germany	26	55	10	2	7	100
Fall, 2009	West Germany	19	58	7	2	13	100
	East Germany	22	57	6	1	14	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	6	45	20	7	23	100
	East Germany	4	55	10	2	29	100

		Q48b. I'd like you to rate some different groups of people in (survey country) according to how you feel about them. Please tell me whether your opinion of them is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable. b. Roma					
		Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	11	43	29	6	11	100
	East Germany	9	34	39	9	10	100
Fall, 2009	West Germany	6	42	26	4	22	100
	East Germany	8	35	29	4	24	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	3	17	36	24	20	100
	East Germany	0	17	37	20	26	100

		Q48c. I'd like you to rate some different groups of people in (survey country) according to how you feel about them. Please tell me whether your opinion of them is very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable or very unfavorable. c. Muslims					
		Very favorable	Mostly favorable	Mostly unfavorable	Very unfavorable	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	18	55	18	4	6	100
	East Germany	14	45	24	12	6	100

		Q66a. Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statements. a. Prayer is an important part of my daily life					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	22	20	17	40	1	100
	East Germany	11	14	8	67	0	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	14	36	27	17	6	100
	East Germany	9	15	22	46	8	100

		Q66b. Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statements. b. God plays an important role in my life					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	29	27	15	28	1	100
	East Germany	15	13	17	55	1	100
Spring, 1991	West Germany	16	37	25	15	6	100
	East Germany	9	16	21	48	7	100

		Q85. How important is religion in your life: very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?					
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	Total
Spring, 2019	West Germany	27	33	14	26	1	100
	East Germany	13	26	15	45	1	100
Fall, 2009	West Germany	28	34	18	19	1	100
	East Germany	13	24	18	45	1	100