

Pew Global Attitudes Project
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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, see Methods in Detail.
- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline “total” columns show 100%, because they are based on unrounded numbers.
- Since 2007, the Global Attitudes Project has used an automated process to generate topline. As a result, numbers may differ slightly from those published prior to 2007.
- Not all questions included in the Spring 2011 survey are presented in this topline. Omitted questions have either been previously released or will be released in future reports.

		Q15a Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statements: a. Success in life is pretty much determined by forces outside our control					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2011	9	27	39	23	3	100
	Fall, 2009	6	23	43	25	3	100
	Spring, 2009	10	29	38	22	2	100
	Spring, 2007	7	26	41	23	3	100
	Summer, 2002	9	23	39	26	3	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	9	32	37	18	4	100
	Fall, 2009	10	31	38	17	4	100
	Spring, 2009	13	34	36	15	2	100
	Spring, 2007	11	31	40	16	3	100
	Summer, 2002	14	34	31	17	4	100
France	Spring, 2011	19	38	25	18	0	100
	Fall, 2009	20	32	27	20	0	100
	Spring, 2009	16	37	31	17	0	100
	Spring, 2007	18	34	26	22	0	100
	Summer, 2002	20	35	30	14	2	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	22	50	22	5	1	100
	Fall, 2009	18	48	22	9	3	100
	Spring, 2009	21	48	21	8	2	100
	Spring, 2007	23	47	24	7	0	100
	Summer, 2002	23	45	25	7	1	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	10	40	37	10	3	100
	Fall, 2009	10	41	32	10	8	100
	Spring, 2009	13	39	33	9	5	100
	Spring, 2007	14	39	29	10	8	100
	Spring, 1991	27	29	19	10	15	100

		Q15b Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statements: b. Our people are not perfect, but our culture is superior to others					
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2011	14	35	29	17	5	100
	Spring, 2007	18	37	24	16	6	100
	Summer, 2002	23	37	23	13	3	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	7	25	34	29	4	100
	Spring, 2007	8	23	35	29	6	100
	Summer, 2002	9	28	32	26	4	100
France	Spring, 2011	6	21	30	43	0	100
	Spring, 2007	9	23	32	36	0	100
	Summer, 2002	10	23	33	34	1	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	8	39	32	20	1	100
	Spring, 2007	9	33	35	22	1	100
	Summer, 2002	8	32	32	26	2	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	10	34	38	17	1	100
	Spring, 2007	11	39	33	9	8	100

		Q15c Please tell me whether you completely agree, mostly agree, mostly disagree or completely disagree with the following statements: c. It is sometimes necessary to use military force to maintain order in the world.					Total
		Completely agree	Mostly agree	Mostly disagree	Completely disagree	DK/Refused	
United States	Spring, 2011	26	49	15	8	2	100
	Spring, 2010	30	47	13	7	3	100
	Spring, 2007	35	42	14	6	3	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	17	53	17	10	3	100
	Spring, 2010	23	50	14	10	3	100
	Spring, 2007	19	48	19	9	5	100
	Spring, 1991	41	43	8	6	2	100
France	Spring, 2011	18	44	20	17	0	100
	Spring, 2010	19	38	20	23	0	100
	Spring, 2007	26	41	18	15	0	100
	Spring, 1991	39	38	12	9	3	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	10	40	28	22	0	100
	Spring, 2010	13	33	29	25	0	100
	Spring, 2007	11	30	29	29	1	100
	Spring, 1991	15	37	23	16	8	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	13	49	24	12	1	100
	Spring, 2010	10	45	28	15	2	100
	Spring, 2007	11	54	18	9	9	100
	Spring, 1991	28	18	19	29	7	100

		Q17 Which one of these comes closest to your opinion, number 1 or number 2?			Total
		Number 1 – It is not necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values	Number 2 – It is necessary to believe in God in order to be moral and have good values	DK/Refused	
United States	Spring, 2011	46	53	2	100
	Spring, 2007	41	57	2	100
	Summer, 2002	40	58	2	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	78	20	2	100
	Spring, 2007	75	22	3	100
	Summer, 2002	73	25	2	100
France	Spring, 2011	85	15	0	100
	Spring, 2007	83	17	0	100
	Summer, 2002	86	13	1	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	66	33	1	100
	Spring, 2007	60	39	2	100
	Summer, 2002	66	33	1	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	80	19	1	100
	Spring, 2007	71	25	4	100

		Q18 And which one of these comes closer to your opinion, number 1 or number 2?			
		Number 1 – Homosexuality is a way of life that should be accepted by society	Number 2 – Homosexuality is a way of life that should not be accepted by society	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2011	60	33	7	100
	Spring, 2007	49	41	10	100
	Summer, 2002	51	42	7	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	81	15	3	100
	Spring, 2007	71	21	8	100
	Summer, 2002	74	22	4	100
France	Spring, 2011	86	14	0	100
	Spring, 2007	83	17	0	100
	Summer, 2002	77	21	2	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	87	12	1	100
	Spring, 2007	81	17	2	100
	Summer, 2002	83	15	2	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	91	8	1	100
	Spring, 2007	82	9	9	100

		Q35CHR ASK IF CHRISTIAN: Do you think of yourself first as (name of survey country's people) or first as a Christian?					Total	N
		(Name of survey country's people)	Christian	Both equally (DO NOT READ)	Other (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused		
United States	Spring, 2011	46	46	6	1	1	100	768
	Spring, 2006	47	43	8	1	2	100	820
Britain	Spring, 2011	63	21	10	4	1	100	463
	Spring, 2006	59	24	8	7	2	100	215
France	Spring, 2011	90	8	1	0	0	100	819
	Spring, 2006	83	14	3	0	0	100	325
Germany	Spring, 2011	70	23	6	1	1	100	616
	Spring, 2006	59	33	8	1	0	100	285
Spain	Spring, 2011	53	22	21	2	2	100	565
	Spring, 2006	60	14	21	4	1	100	384

		Q61 What's more important in (survey country) society that everyone be [In Britain: is] free to pursue their life's goals without interference from the state or that the state play an active role in society so as to guarantee that nobody is in need?			
		Freedom to pursue life's goals without interference	Nobody in need	DK/Refused	Total
United States	Spring, 2011	58	35	7	100
	Fall, 2009	55	36	9	100
	Summer, 2002	58	34	8	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	38	55	7	100
	Fall, 2009	44	47	9	100
	Summer, 2002	33	61	5	100
	Spring, 1991	33	59	8	100
France	Spring, 2011	36	64	0	100
	Fall, 2009	27	73	0	100
	Summer, 2002	36	62	2	100
	Spring, 1991	44	51	5	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	36	62	2	100
	Fall, 2009	34	62	4	100
	Summer, 2002	39	57	4	100
	Spring, 1991	47	47	7	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	30	67	3	100
	Fall, 2009	29	64	7	100
	Spring, 1991	34	57	9	100

		Q65 Which of these statements comes closer to your view?					Total
		(Survey country) should deal with its own problems and let other countries deal with their own problems as best they can	(Survey country) should help other countries deal with their problems	Neither (DO NOT READ)	Both (DO NOT READ)	DK/Refused	
United States	Spring, 2011	52	39	1	4	4	100
	Spring, 2010	46	45	1	4	3	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	48	45	1	4	2	100
	Spring, 2010	49	43	1	4	3	100
France	Spring, 2011	57	43	0	0	0	100
	Spring, 2010	65	35	0	0	0	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	43	54	0	2	0	100
	Spring, 2010	44	52	1	2	1	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	40	55	1	4	1	100
	Spring, 2010	47	49	1	1	1	100

		Q71 Do you think (survey country) should have UN approval before it uses military force to deal with an international threat or do you think that would make it too difficult for our country to deal with international threats?			Total
		Should have UN approval	Would make it too difficult to deal with threats	DK/Refused	
United States	Spring, 2011	45	44	11	100
	March, 2004	41	48	10	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	67	25	8	100
	March, 2004	64	30	7	100
France	Spring, 2011	66	33	0	100
	March, 2004	63	36	2	100
Germany	Spring, 2011	76	19	5	100
	March, 2004	80	15	5	100
Spain	Spring, 2011	74	17	10	100

		Q118 How important is religion in your life - very important, somewhat important, not too important, or not at all important?					Total
		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	
United States	Spring, 2011	50	27	10	11	1	100
	Spring, 2010	56	25	9	9	1	100
	Fall, 2009	55	27	8	9	1	100
	Spring, 2009	53	29	8	9	1	100
	Spring, 2008	55	27	9	7	2	100
	Spring, 2007	56	26	9	8	1	100
	Spring, 2006	54	29	10	6	1	100
	Summer, 2002	59	25	8	6	1	100
Britain	Spring, 2011	17	21	21	40	1	100
	Spring, 2010	17	25	23	34	1	100
	Fall, 2009	19	26	23	31	1	100
	Spring, 2009	21	25	22	31	1	100
	Spring, 2008	18	24	23	34	1	100
	Spring, 2007	18	24	24	34	1	100
France	Spring, 2011	25	37	26	13	1	100
	Spring, 2010	13	23	25	38	0	100
	Spring, 2010	12	22	24	43	0	100
	Fall, 2009	13	24	27	36	0	100
	Spring, 2009	13	24	23	39	1	100
	Spring, 2008	10	27	26	36	0	100
	Spring, 2007	12	26	27	36	0	100
	Spring, 2006	13	31	25	30	0	100
Germany	Summer, 2002	11	27	28	33	1	100
	Spring, 2011	21	31	23	24	1	100
	Spring, 2010	25	32	20	23	1	100
	Fall, 2009	25	32	18	24	1	100
	Spring, 2009	24	32	18	25	1	100
	Spring, 2008	22	35	21	21	0	100
	Spring, 2007	24	32	20	24	1	100
	Spring, 2006	30	30	20	21	0	100
Spain	Summer, 2002	21	28	25	25	0	100
	Spring, 2011	22	27	19	31	1	100
	Spring, 2010	24	30	16	30	0	100
	Fall, 2009	23	32	21	24	1	100
	Spring, 2009	23	29	19	28	1	100
Spring, 2008	19	27	23	30	1	100	

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		Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not at all important	DK/Refused	
	Spring, 2007	18	26	24	31	1	100
	Spring, 2006	25	23	24	27	1	100