

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