Topline questionnaire

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Methodological notes:

- Survey results are based on national samples. For further details on sample designs, refer to the Methodology section.

- Due to rounding, percentages may not total 100%. The topline "total" columns show 100% because they are based on unrounded numbers.

- Combined totals are based on unrounded topline figures. Prior to 2024, combined totals were based on rounded topline figures, so these figures might be different than in previous years.

- The U.S. survey was conducted by Ipsos for Pew Research Center on the Ipsos KnowledgePanel Government and Academic Omnibus. Many questions have been asked in previous surveys on Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel and on the phone. Web and phone trends for comparison are provided in separate tables throughout the topline. The extent of the mode differences varies across questions; while there are negligible differences on some questions, others have more pronounced differences. Caution should be taken when evaluating online and phone estimates.

- German results, based on a nationally representative telephone sample, can be found through Körber-Stiftung.

		September, 2026	September, 2025	September, 2024	September, 2023
		United States	United States	United States	United States
IMP_COUNTRY. Which country currently is the most important partner for American foreign policy?	U.K.	12	19	20	25
	U.S.	2	1	3	4
	Canada	13	7	3	6
	China	8	10	7	11
	Europe	2	3	2	2
	Russia	1	2	1	1
	France	1	1	1	1
	Germany	1	1	4	6
	Israel	11	7	10	4
	Japan	2	2	2	3
	Mexico	3	3	3	3
	Ukraine	0	1	1	1
	India	0	0	0	2
	Other	4	3	4	3
	All	0	0	0	0
	None	3	3	2	1
	DK/Refused	38	36	37	24
	Total N=	100	100	100	100
		1014	1015	1021	1014

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U.S. WEB TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		July-August, 2022
		United States
Q1. Which country currently is the most important partner for American foreign policy?	Asia	0
	Africa	0
	Canada	5
	China	11
	Europe	2
	European Union	1
	France	1
	Germany	3
	Israel	6
	Japan	2
	Mexico	2
	NATO	0
	Russia	1
	Saudi Arabia	0
	South America	0
	South Korea	0
	Ukraine	1
	United Kingdom	24
	United States	2
	Other	2
	All	0
	None	1
	DK/Refused	36
	Total N=	100
		12147

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U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		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

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		US_GERM_REL. In general, how would you describe relations today between the United States and Germany?							
		TOTAL Good	TOTAL Bad	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	62	33	7	55	27	6	5	100
	September, 2025	71	24	9	63	20	4	5	100
	September, 2024	84	9	23	62	8	2	6	100
	September, 2023	86	10	22	63	8	2	4	100

U.S. WEB TREND FOR COMPARISON

		US_GERM_REL. In general, how would you describe relations today between the United States and Germany?							
		TOTAL Good	TOTAL Bad	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	80	15	16	65	13	2	5	100

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		US_GERM_REL. In general, how would you describe relations today between the United States and Germany?							
		TOTAL Good	TOTAL Bad	Very good	Somewhat good	Somewhat bad	Very bad	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2021	85	12	23	62	10	2	3	100
	September, 2020	74	21	19	55	17	4	5	100
	September, 2019	74	17	13	62	14	3	9	100
	September, 2018	69	25	12	58	21	4	6	100
	October, 2017	68	22	9	59	18	4	10	100

		PARTNER_BATT_UKRAINE. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? Dealing with the war in Ukraine			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	47	43	10	100
	September, 2025	54	37	9	100
	September, 2024	59	29	12	100
	September, 2023	64	30	6	100

		PARTNER_BATT_TRADE. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? Promoting free trade			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	54	35	11	100
	September, 2025	62	29	9	100
	September, 2024	67	22	11	100
	September, 2023	72	21	6	100

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		PARTNER_BATT_TRADE. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? 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

		PARTNER_BATT_CHINA. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? Dealing with China			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	45	45	10	100
	September, 2025	52	39	9	100
	September, 2024	55	33	12	100
	September, 2023	60	34	6	100

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		PARTNER_BATT_CHINA. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? Dealing with China			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	52	40	8	100

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		PARTNER_BATT_CHINA. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? 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

		PARTNER_BATT_IRAN. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? Dealing with Iran			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	33	56	11	100

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		PARTNER_BATT_IRAN. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? Dealing with Iran			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2020	56	38	6	100

		PARTNER_BATT_AI. For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not? Regulating artificial intelligence (AI)			
		Yes, as a partner	No, not a partner	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	43	46	11	100

		MIL_ASSIST_UKRAINE. Do you think the United States should provide military assistance to the following places or should they not provide military assistance? Ukraine in its war with Russia				
		Yes, should provide military assistance	No, should not provide military assistance	Not sure	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	42	28	26	4	100
	September, 2025	41	28	28	3	100
	September, 2024	41	29	27	3	100

		MIL_ASSIST_TAIWAN. Do you think the United States should provide military assistance to the following places or should they not provide military assistance? Taiwan in its conflict with China				
		Yes, should provide military assistance	No, should not provide military assistance	Not sure	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	34	30	32	4	100
	September, 2025	32	28	36	4	100
	September, 2024	36	26	34	4	100

		MIL_ASSIST_ISRAEL. Do you think the United States should provide military assistance to the following places or should they not provide military assistance? Israel in its war with Hamas				
		Yes, should provide military assistance	No, should not provide military assistance	Not sure	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	25	45	26	4	100
	September, 2025	22	47	28	3	100
	September, 2024	30	36	31	3	100

		CHINA_INFLU. In recent years, China has gained a lot of influence globally. Do you see this as more of a good thing, more of a bad thing or does it not make a difference for our country?				
		More of a good thing for our country	More of a bad thing for our country	Does not make a difference	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	8	60	28	4	100
	September, 2025	7	61	27	5	100
	September, 2024	5	67	24	4	100
	September, 2023	6	71	21	3	100

		MIL_THREAT_CHINA. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? China				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	58	24	12	7	100
	September, 2025	61	25	9	5	100
	September, 2024	64	21	9	6	100
	September, 2023	70	21	5	4	100

U.S. WEB TREND FOR COMPARISON

		MIL_THREAT_CHINA. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? China				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	64	26	7	3	100

		MIL_THREAT_RUSSIA. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? Russia				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	53	31	10	6	100
	September, 2025	59	27	9	5	100
	September, 2024	59	28	7	6	100
	September, 2023	68	24	5	3	100

U.S. WEB TREND FOR COMPARISON

		MIL_THREAT_RUSSIA. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? Russia				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	July-August, 2022	66	26	5	3	100

		MIL_THREAT_IRAN. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? Iran				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	42	36	16	6	100
	September, 2025	32	46	18	5	100
	September, 2024	42	40	12	7	100

		MIL_THREAT_EUROPE. Do the following countries represent a major military threat, minor military threat or no military threat to American security? The countries of the European Union (EU)				
		Major military threat	Minor military threat	No military threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	9	28	56	6	100

		ECON_THREAT_CH. Does China represent a major economic threat, minor economic threat or no economic threat to the American economy?				
		Major economic threat	Minor economic threat	No economic threat	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	64	21	9	5	100
	September, 2025	66	21	9	4	100
	September, 2024	67	20	8	5	100
	September, 2023	70	21	5	4	100

		TROOPS. As you may know, the United States currently operates several military bases in Germany with approximately 35,000 active-duty American troops. How important do you think these military bases are for U.S. national security?							
		TOTAL Important	TOTAL Not important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	80	15	46	34	10	5	5	100

U.S. PHONE TRENDS FOR COMPARISON

		TROOPS. As you may know, the United States currently operates several military bases in Germany with approximately 35,000 active-duty American troops. How important do you think these military bases are for U.S. national security?							
		TOTAL Important	TOTAL Not important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2019	85	12	56	29	8	5	2	100

		UNIMPORT. How important do you think the United Nations (UN) is for resolving wars and conflicts around the world?								
		TOTAL Extremely/very imporant	TOTAL Not too/not at all important	Extremely important	Very important	Somewhat important	Not too important	Not important at all	DK/Refused	Total
United States	September, 2026	45	24	19	26	26	11	13	4	100

		AIPEACE. Do you think the increased use of artificial intelligence (AI) will...?					
		Increase military conflicts between countries	Decrease military conflicts between countries	Have no impact on military conflicts between countries	Not sure	DK/Refused	Total
United States	**September, 2026**	41	4	15	38	2	100