

# Involvement or Restraint?

A representative survey on German attitudes to foreign policy commissioned by Körber-Stiftung

All US results by Pew Research Center

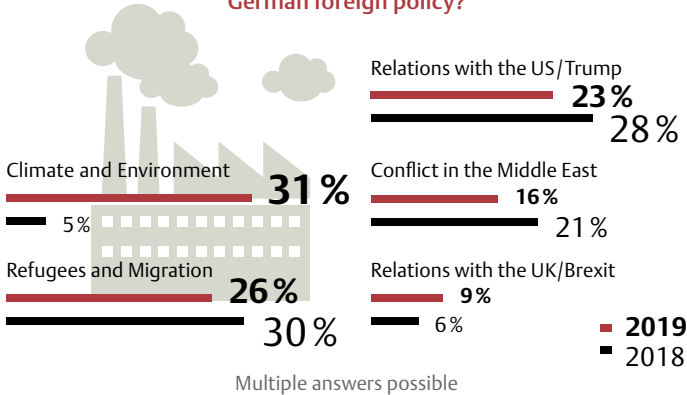
## German Foreign Policy: Challenges, Partners and Priorities

International responsibility: Should Germany become more strongly involved in international crises?

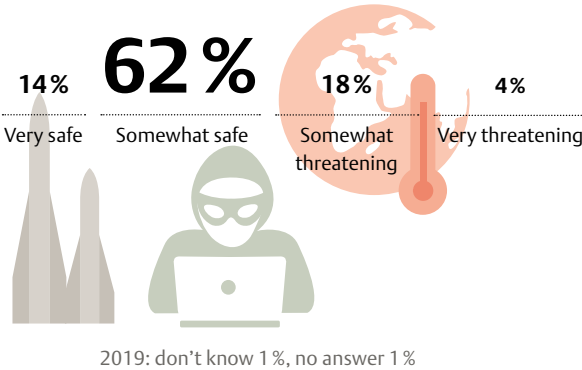


2019: don't know 5%, no answer 3% | 2018: don't know 3%, no answer 1%

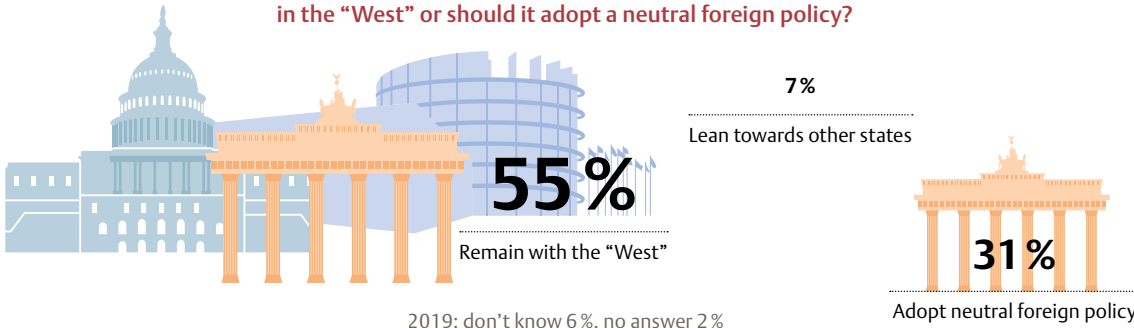
What are the greatest challenges currently facing German foreign policy?



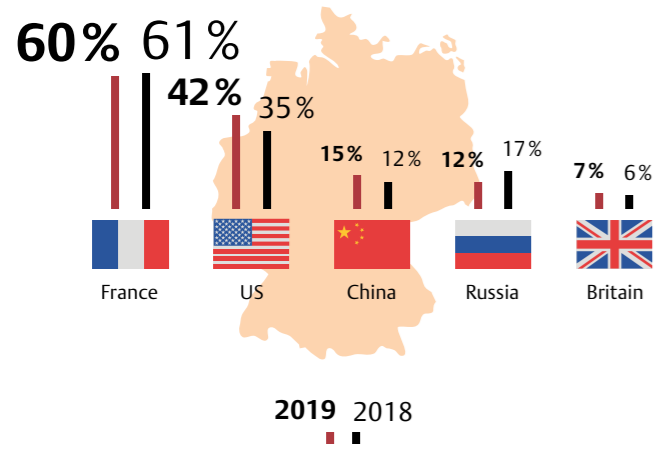
What is your assessment of the international security situation facing Germany?



Would you prefer for German foreign policy to remain anchored in the "West" or should it adopt a neutral foreign policy?



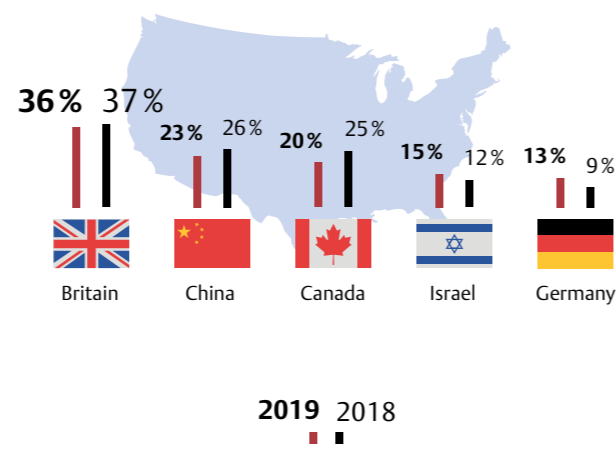
**German respondents:**  
Which country is currently Germany's most or second most important partner?



Multiple answers possible

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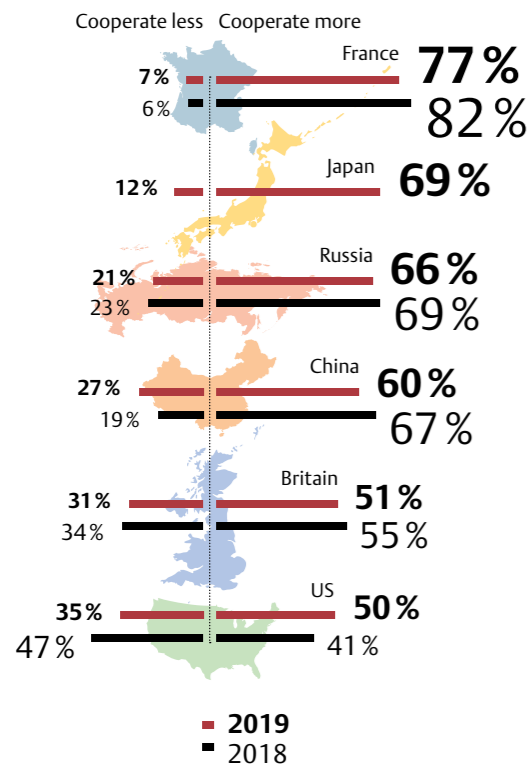
**US respondents:**  
Which country is currently the most or second most important partner for the United States?



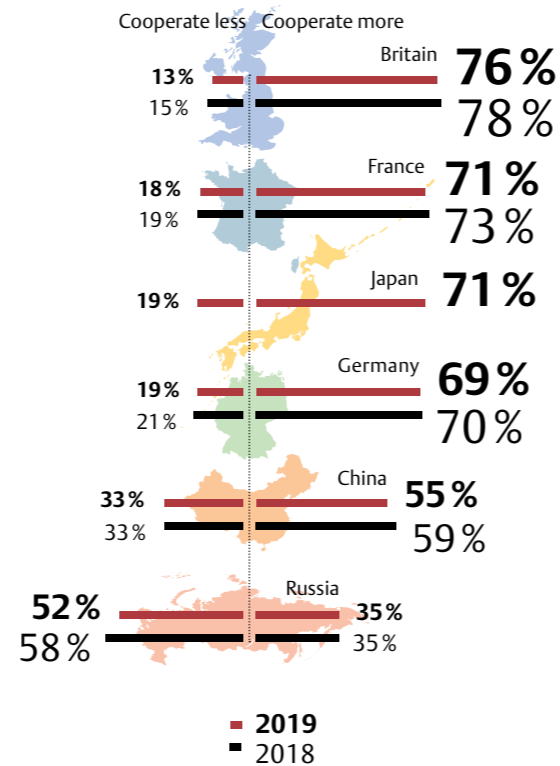
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**German respondents:**  
Should Germany cooperate less or more with each of these countries in the future?

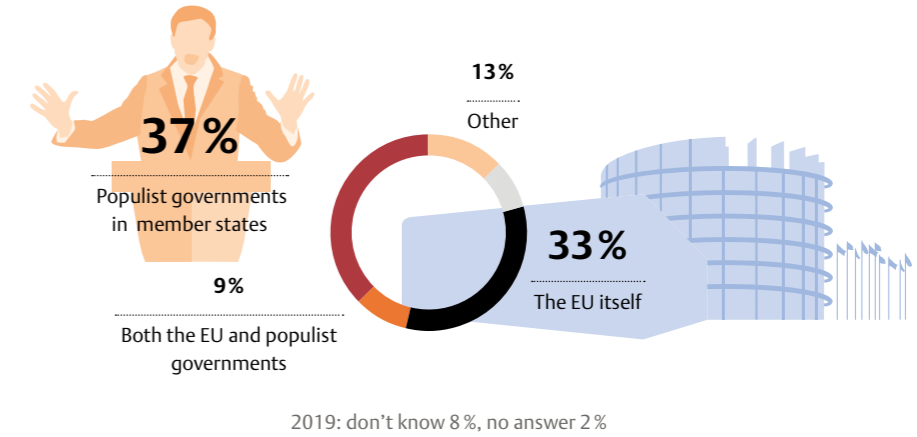


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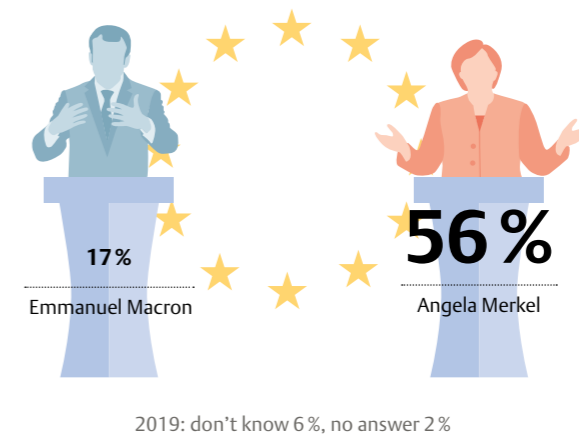


**Europe**

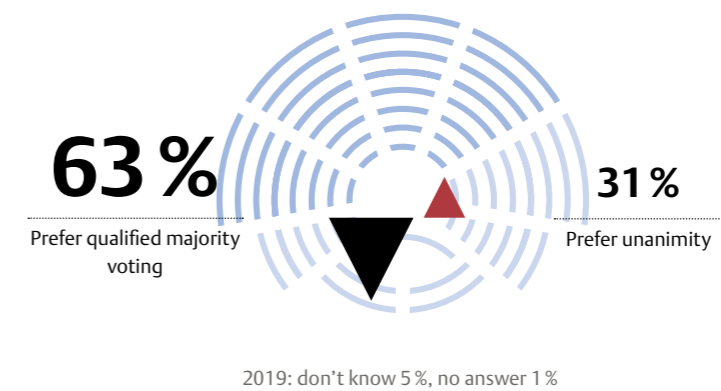
Who bears the main responsibility for the present decline in EU cohesion?

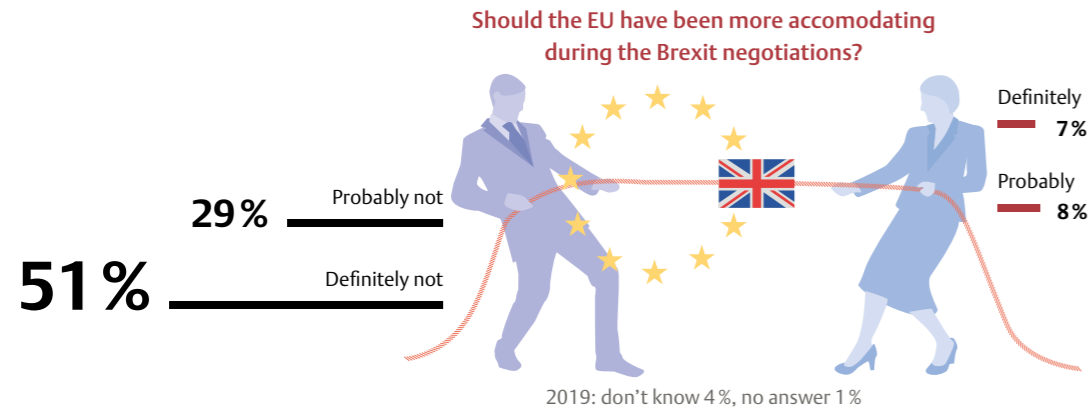


Who has done more for the future of the EU?

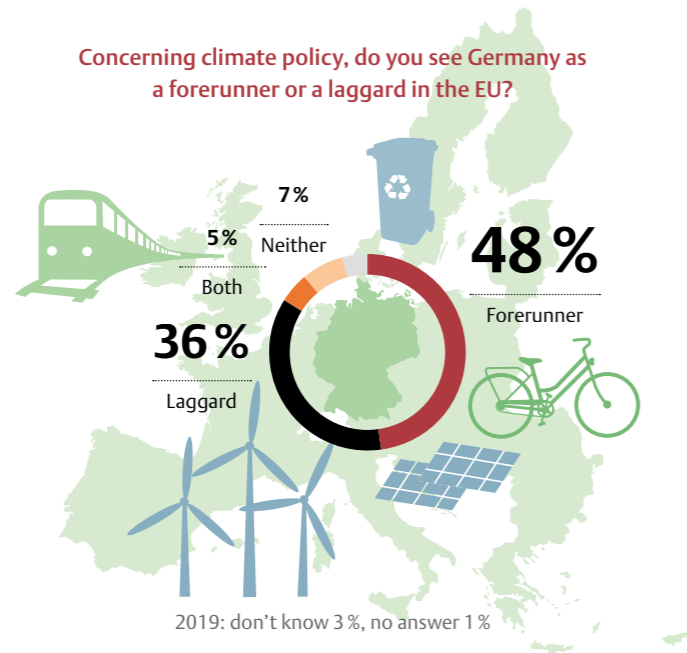


Should the EU maintain its current mode of foreign policy decisions requiring unanimity, or adopt qualified majority voting?



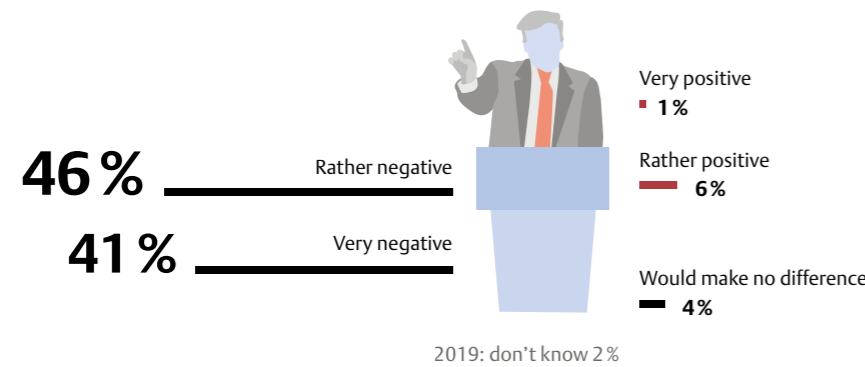


### Concerning climate policy, do you see Germany as a forerunner or a laggard in the EU?

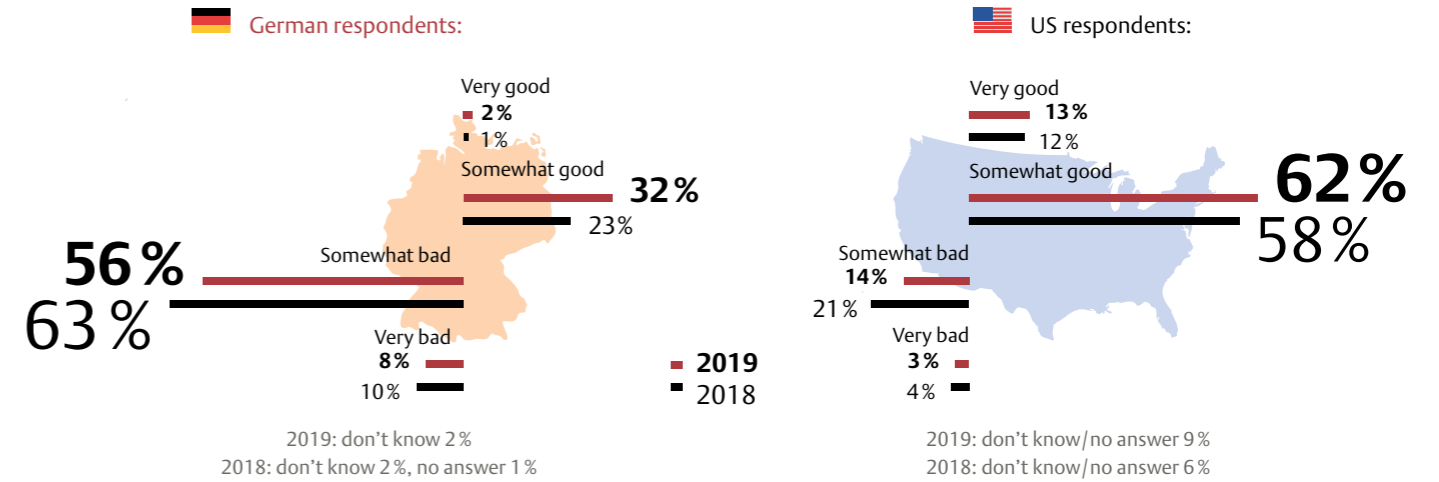


## Transatlantic Relations

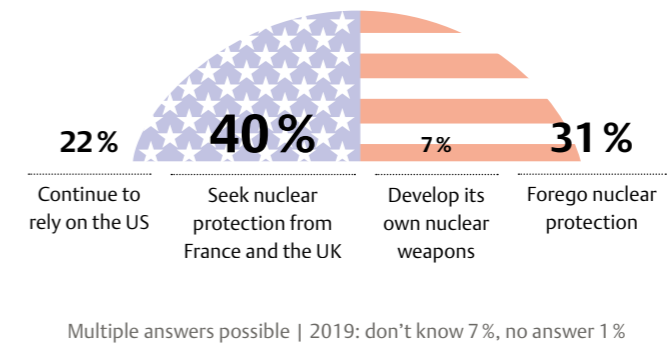
### What would be the impact on German-US relations if President Trump were re-elected in 2020?



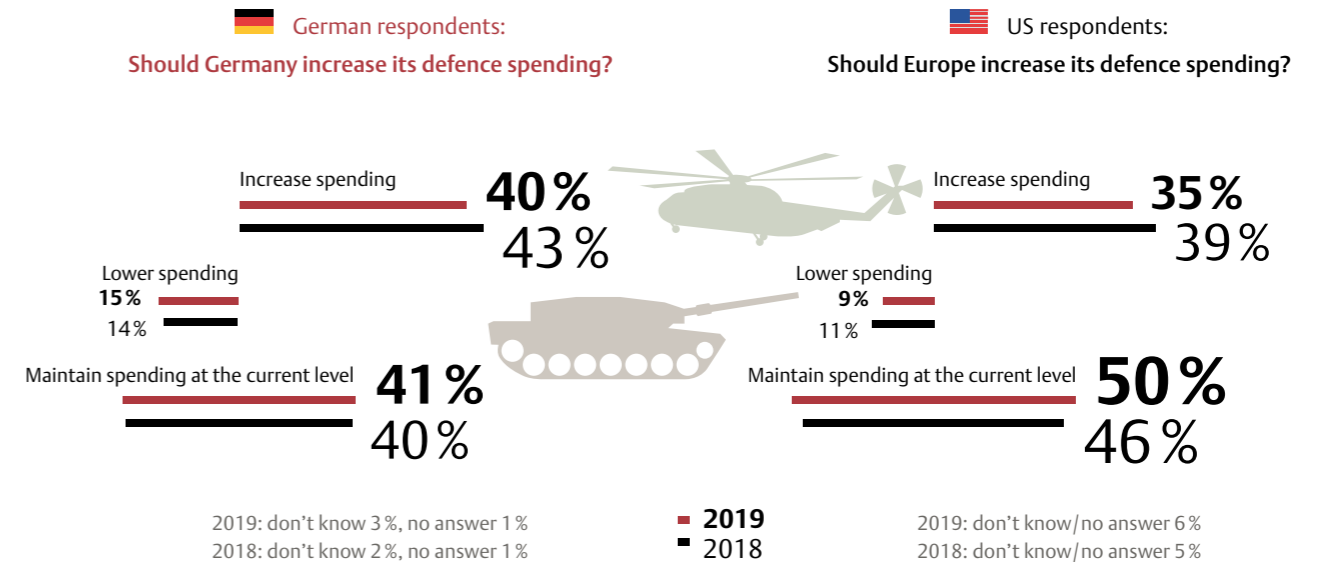
### How would you rate the current relationship between Germany and the US?



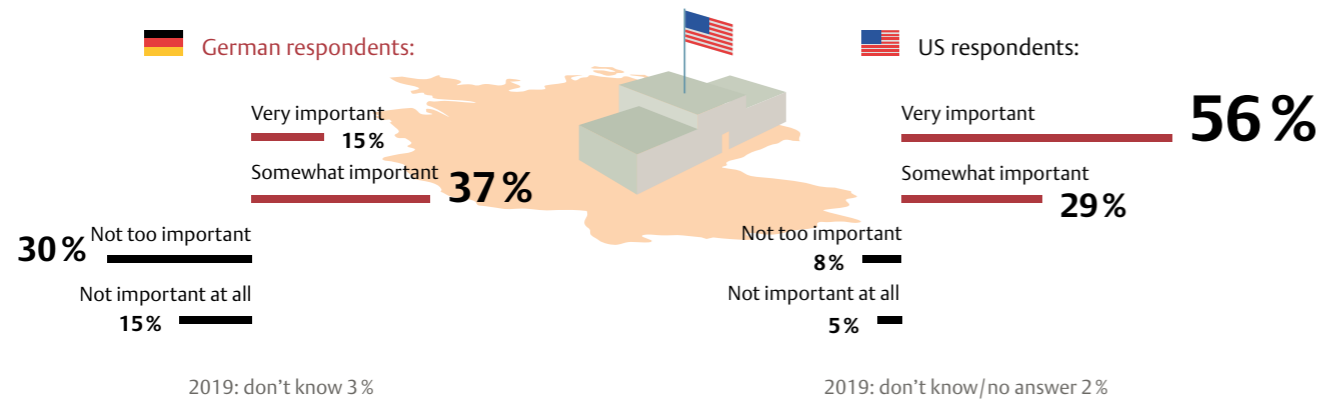
### Currently the US nuclear umbrella plays a crucial role for German security. Should Germany ...



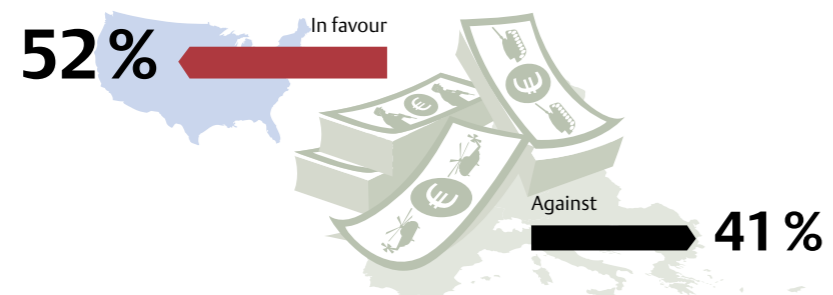
### Should Germany increase its defence spending?



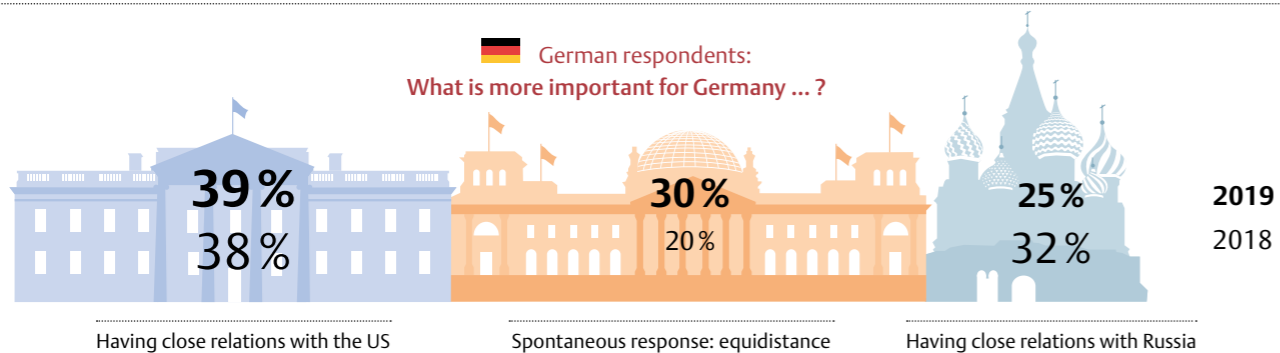
The United States currently operates several military bases in Germany with ~35,000 troops.  
How important are these for the national security of your country?



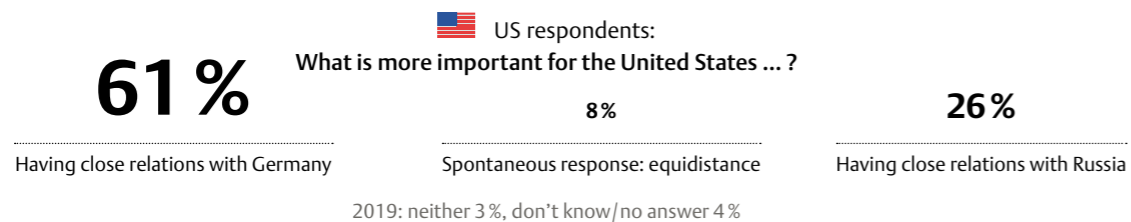
Should Germany strive for greater independence from the United States in defence matters, even if this meant more than doubling defence spending?



German respondents:  
What is more important for Germany ... ?

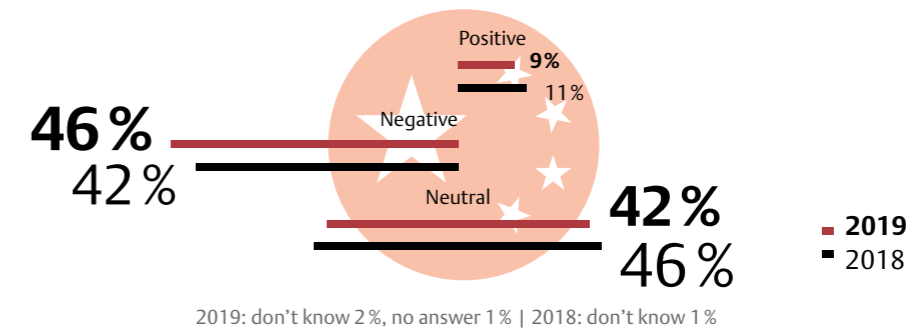


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## Germany and the Asia-Pacific

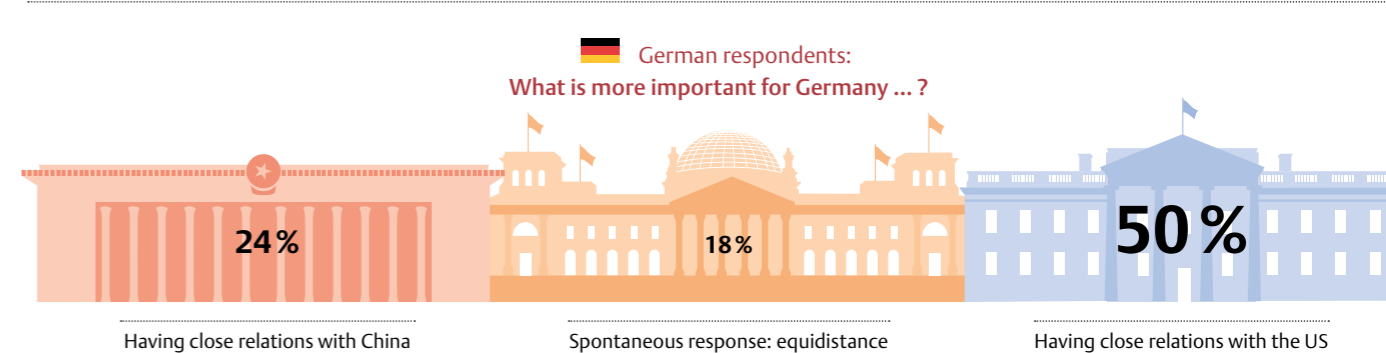
What is your view of China's growing influence?



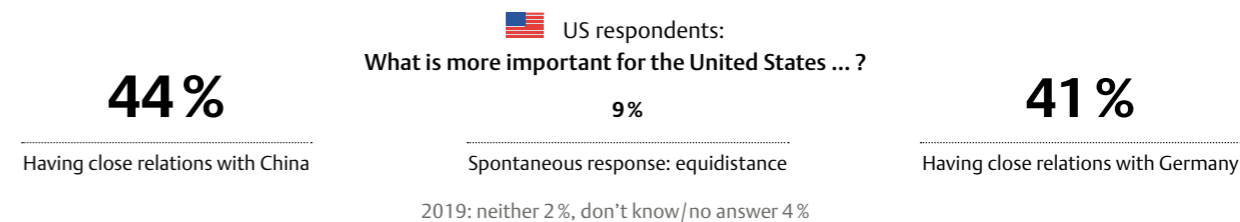
How do you assess the Chinese model of state capitalism with strong economic growth and authoritarian rule?



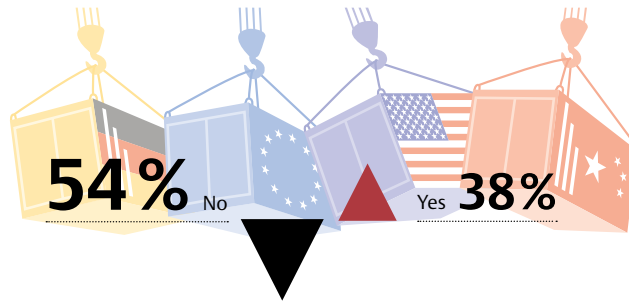
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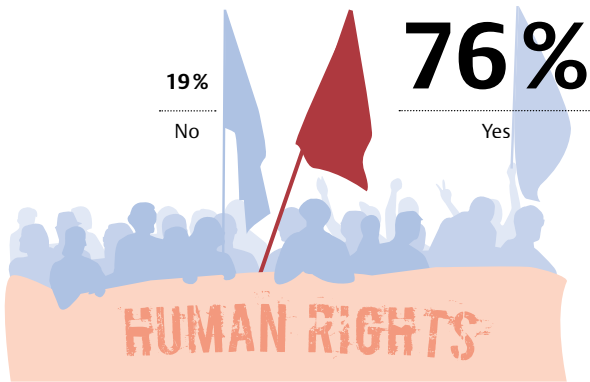


The US has adopted a tougher trade policy towards China. Should Germany and Europe follow suit?



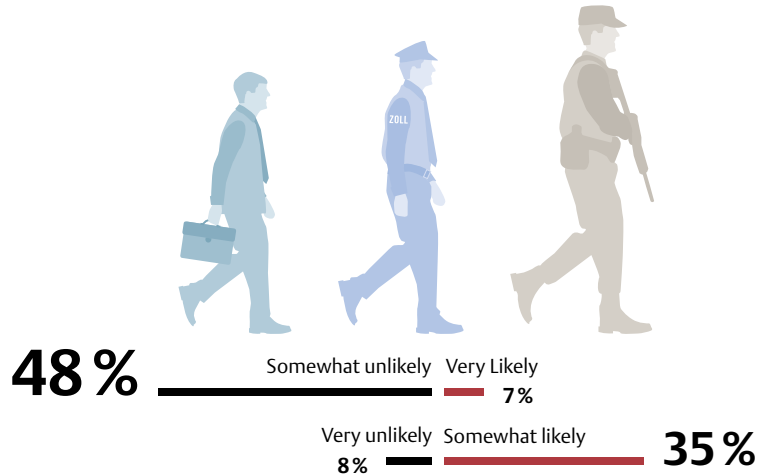
2019: don't know 6%, no answer 2%

In dealing with China, should Germany defend its political interests more strongly, even if doing so might harm its economic interests?



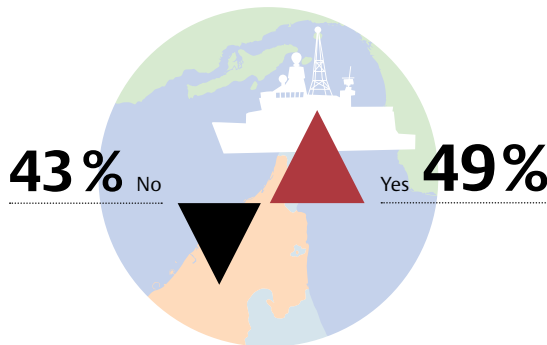
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How likely is the possibility that the current Sino-US confrontation turns into a Cold War?



2019: don't know 2%

Should Germany take part in naval missions to protect freedom of navigation and maritime trade routes?



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This survey was commissioned by Körber-Stiftung and carried out by KANTAR PUBLIC Germany in September 2019. Telephone interviews conducted with a representative random sample of 1,000 participants. (Margin of error: <1.4 percent for unit values of 5 percent; <3.1 percent for unit values of 50 percent). All data and results available at [www.theberlinpulse.org](http://www.theberlinpulse.org).