

# Involvement or Restraint?

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


in September 2020 (p. 1–6; 9–12) and November 2020 (p. 7–8).

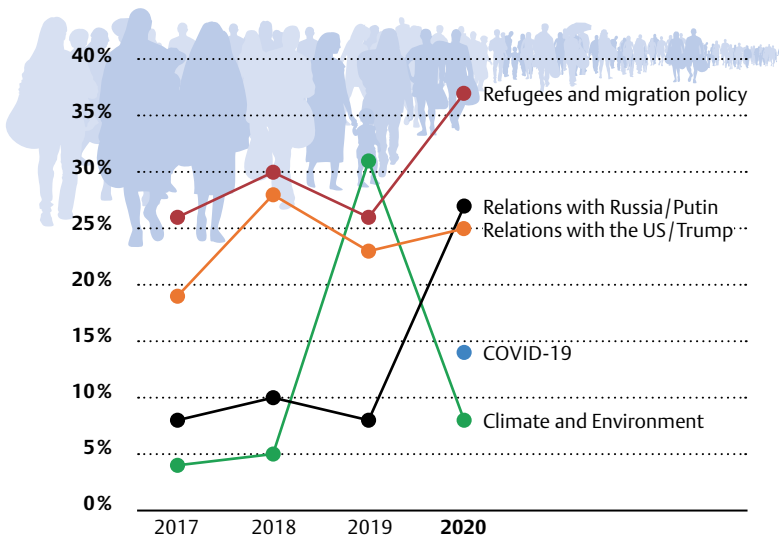
All US results by Pew Research Center 

## German Foreign Policy: Challenges, Partners and Priorities

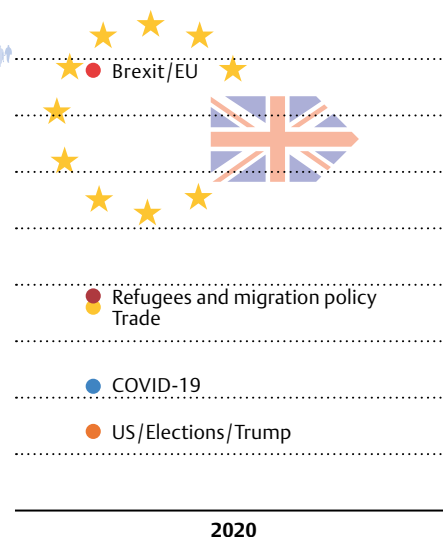
International responsibility: Should Germany become more strongly involved in international crises?



 German respondents:  
What are the greatest challenges currently facing German foreign policy?

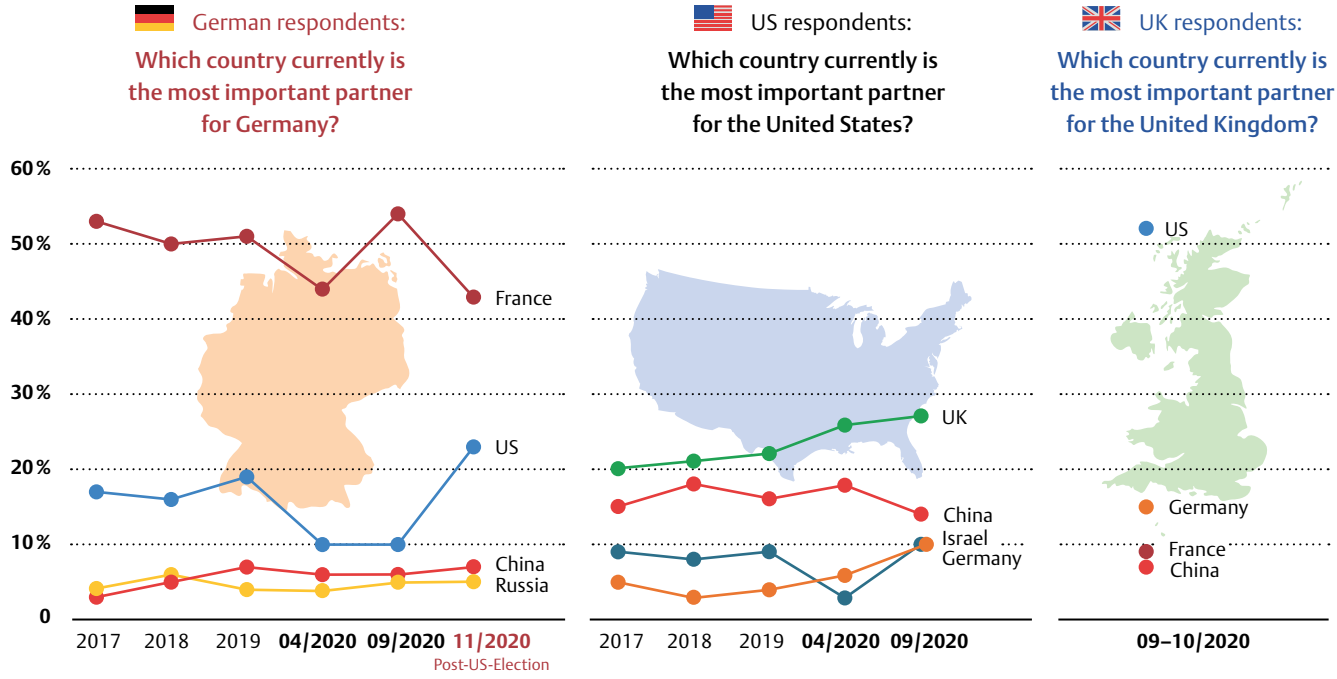


 UK respondents:  
What are the greatest challenges currently facing British foreign policy?



Multiple answers possible

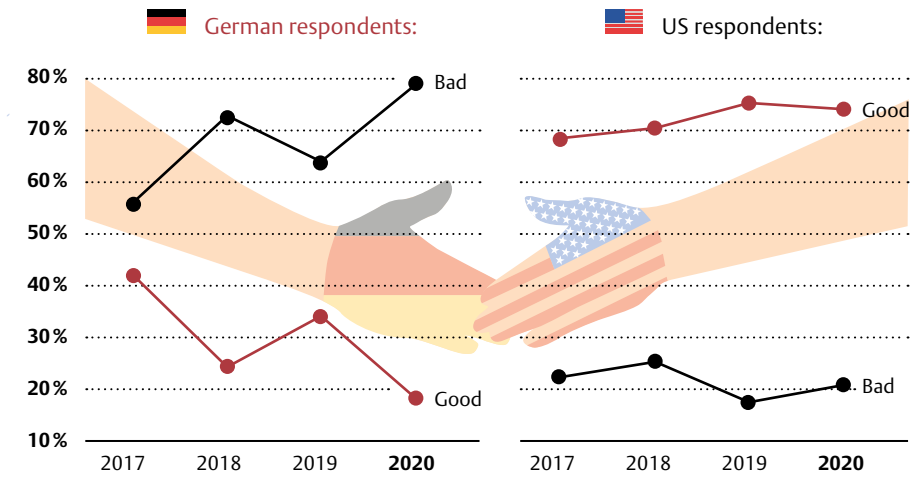
Results from the UK by YONDER.  
In cooperation with British Embassy Berlin



In previous editions the results referred to added value of the most and second most important partner.

## Transatlantic Relations

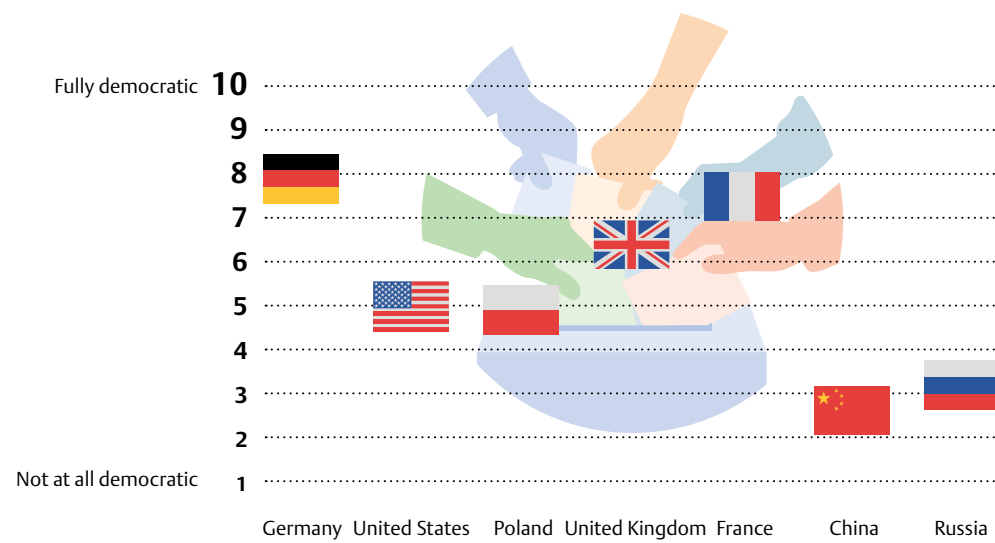
How would you rate the current relationship between Germany and the United States?



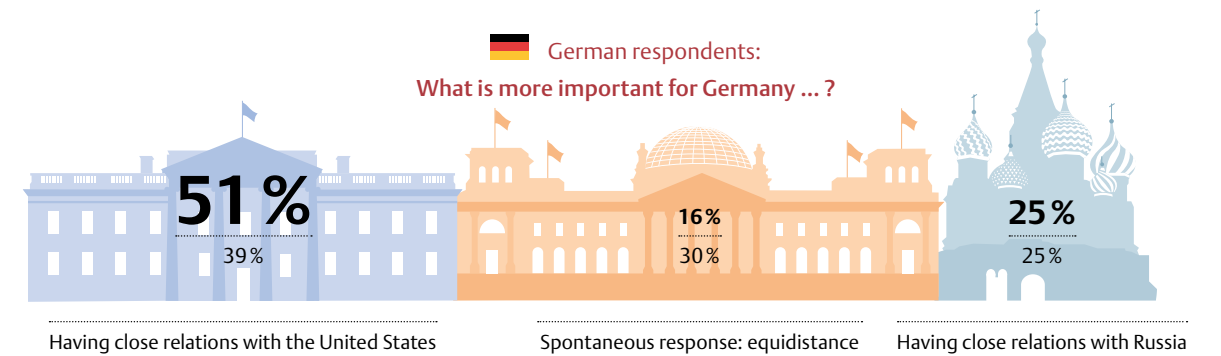
September 2020: don't know 2%, no answer 1%

2020: don't know 5%

How democratic do you think the following countries are?



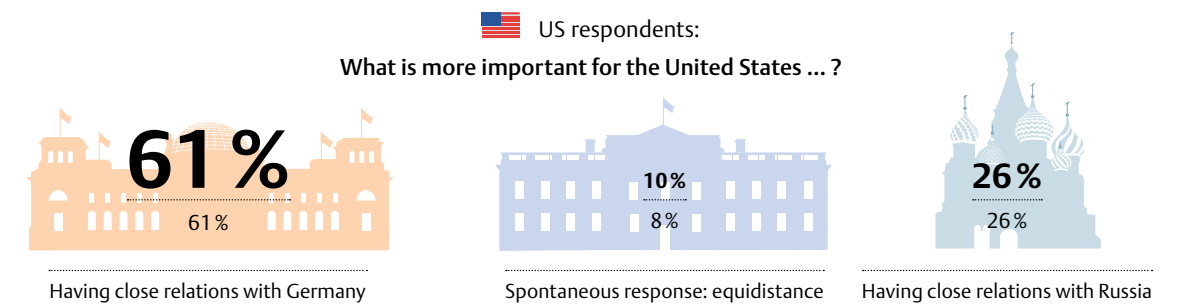
**German respondents:**  
What is more important for Germany ... ?



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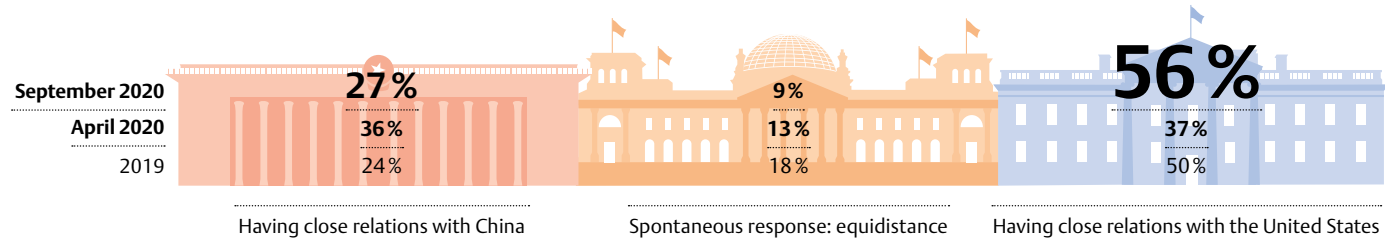
2020  
2019

**US respondents:**  
What is more important for the United States ... ?



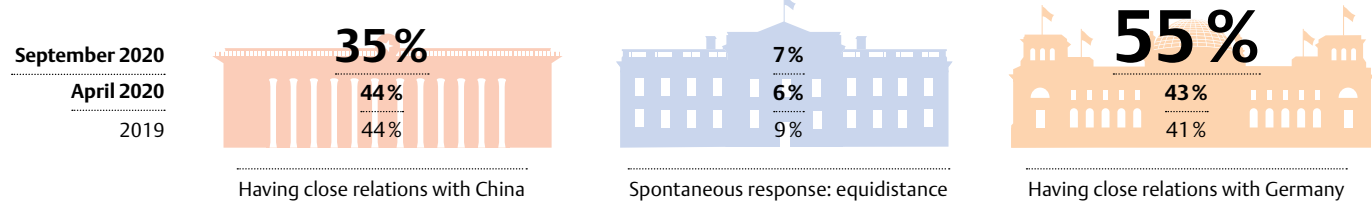
September 2020: neither 1%, don't know/no answer 3% | 2019: neither 3%, don't know/no answer 4%

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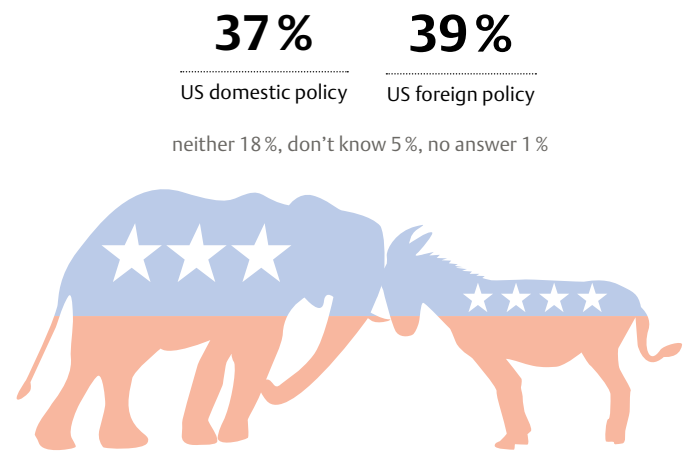
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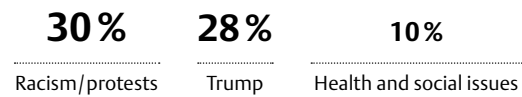


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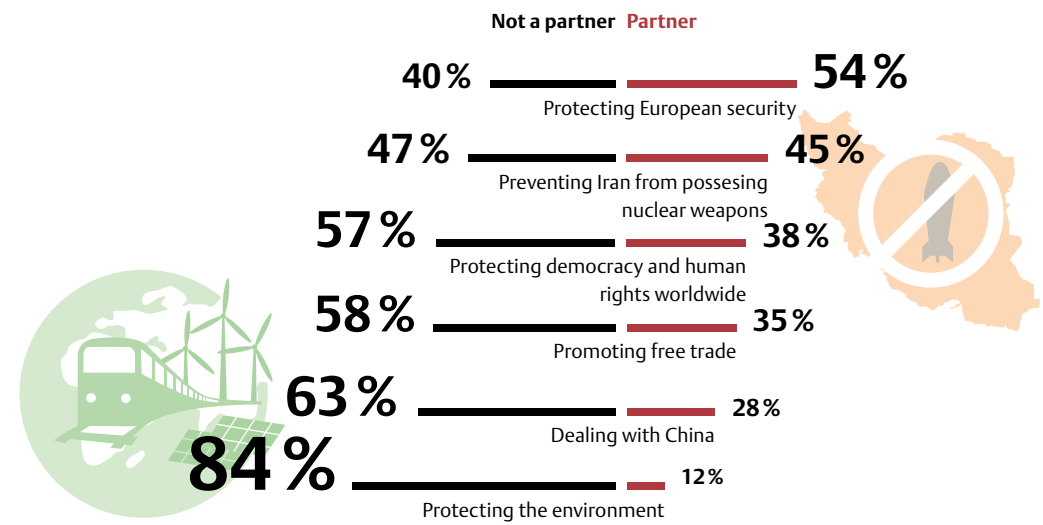
What has a bigger impact on your perception of the United States?



Which aspects of US domestic policy particularly influence your perception of the United States?

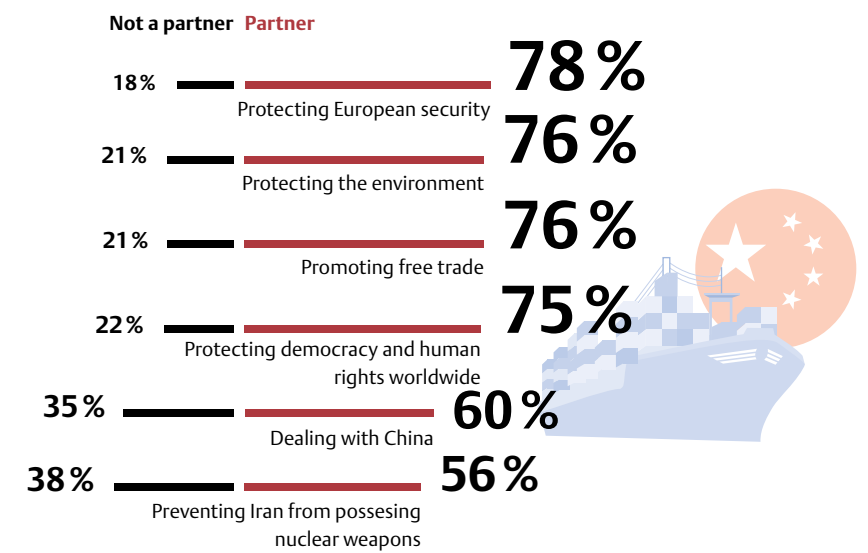


**German respondents:**  
For each of the following issues, do you see the United States as a partner or not?



answer 'neither' ranged from 1 to 6 percent for all issues

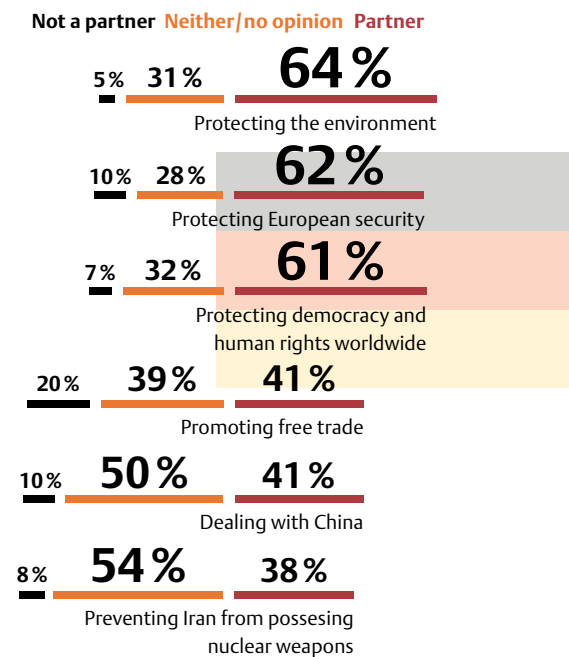
**US respondents:**  
For each of the following issues, do you see Germany as a partner or not?



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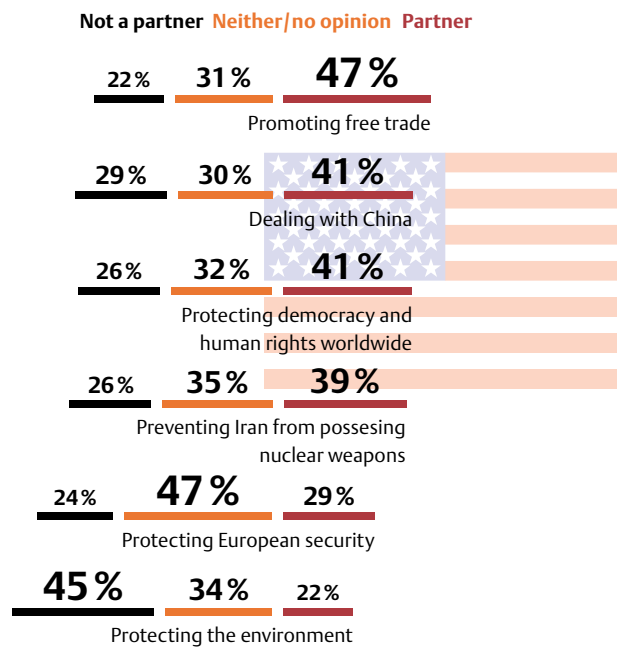
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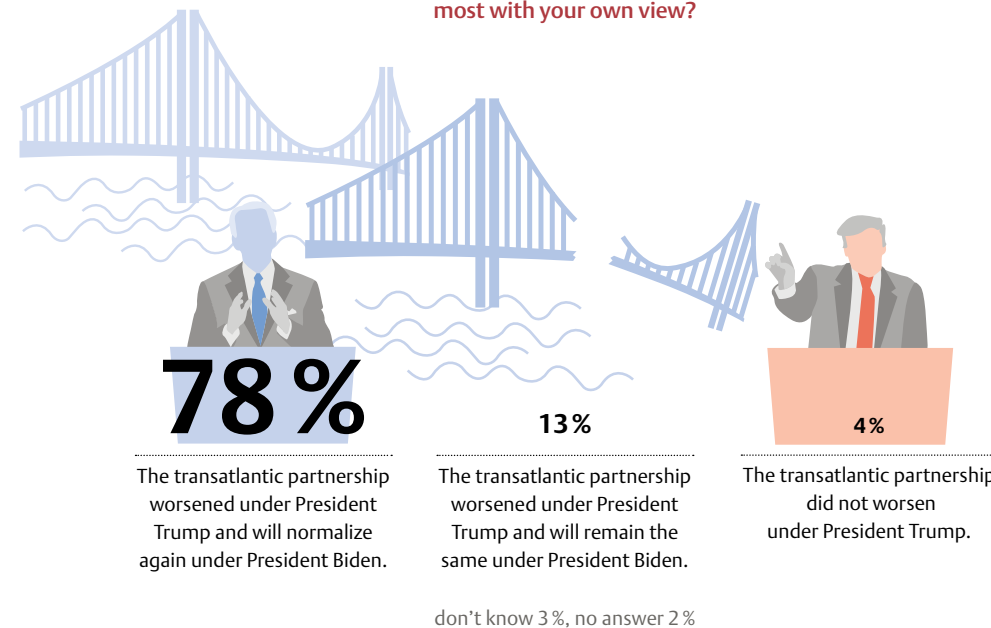


For UK respondents neither/nor was actively offered as one possible response option.

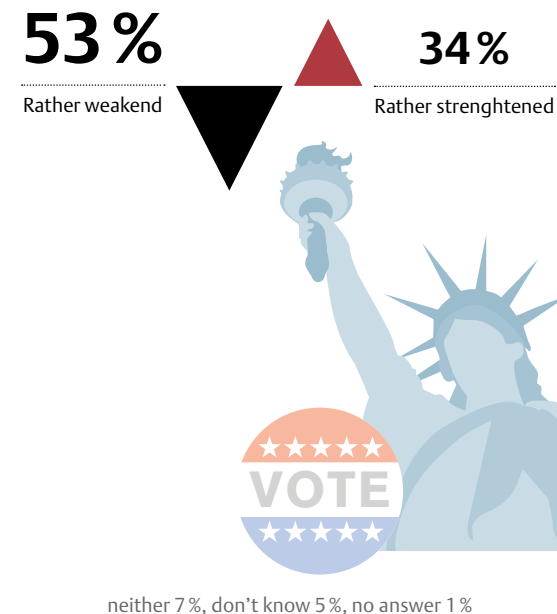
## Hot off the Press – Transatlantic Relations after the US Presidential Election

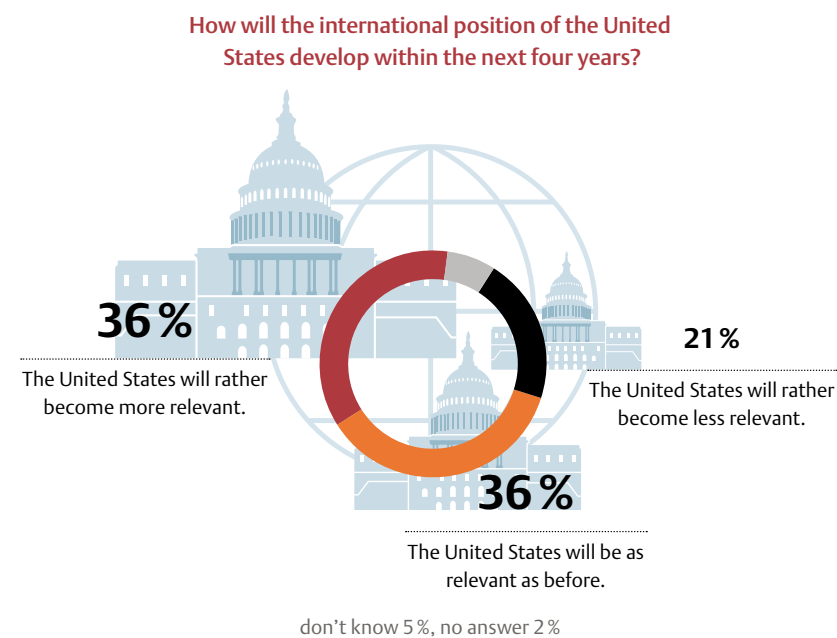
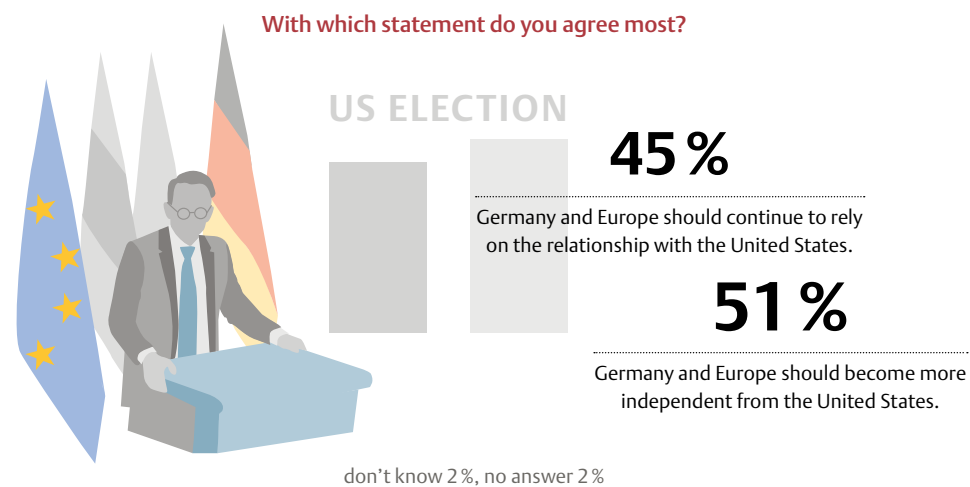
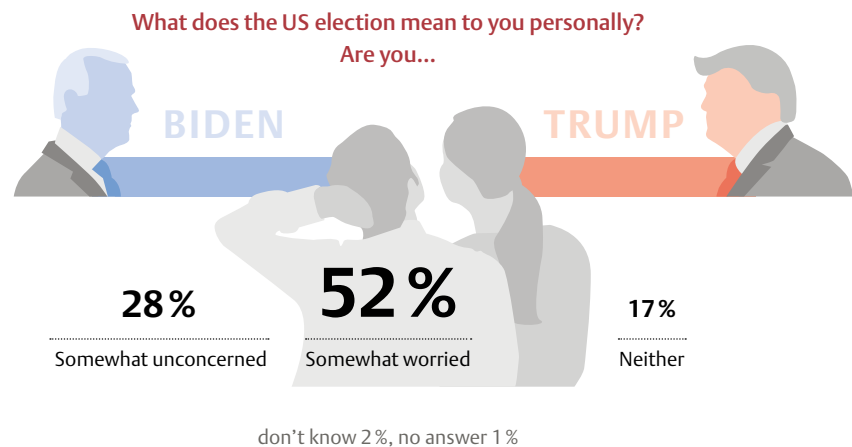
The following five questions were posed to the German public between 6 and 10 November 2020

Which of the following statements corresponds most with your own view?



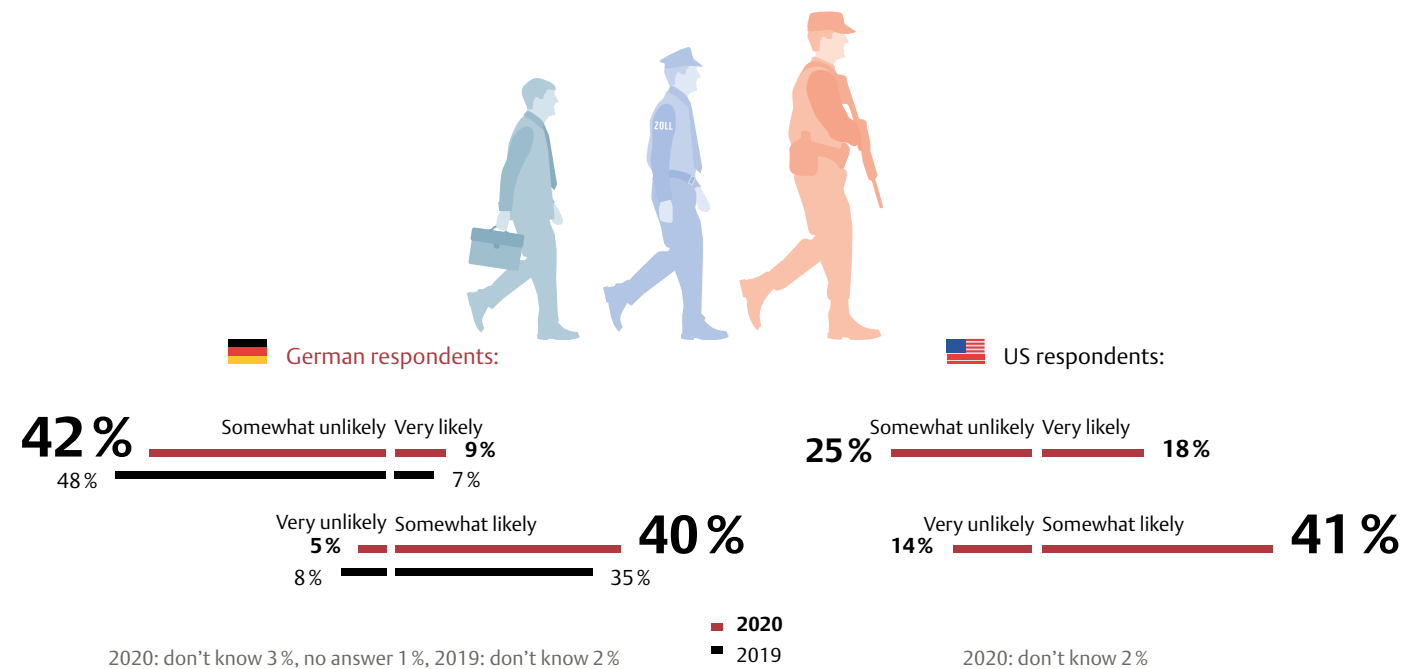
Has the US election rather strengthened or weakened your trust in US democracy?





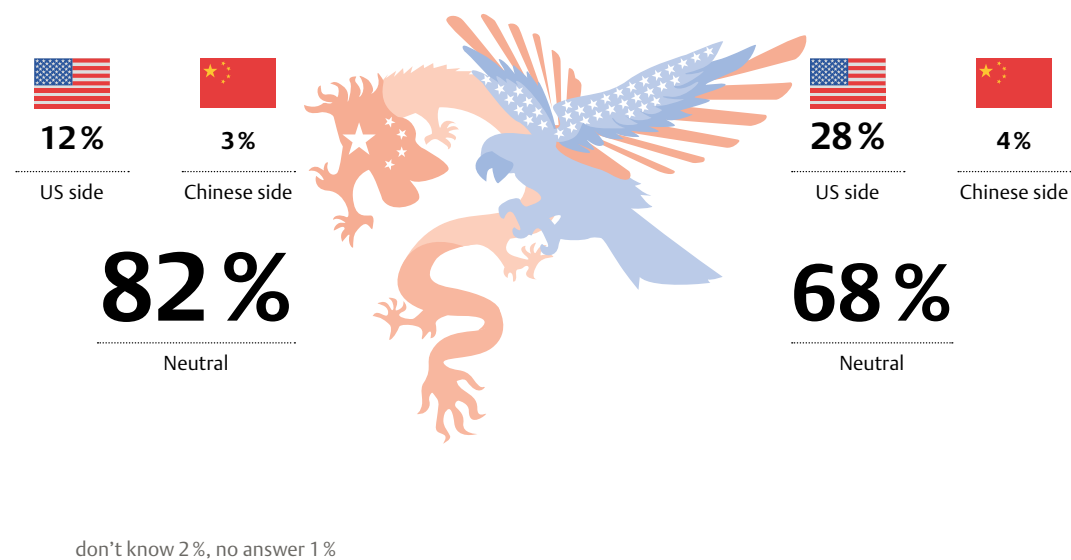
## Europe-US-China Triangle

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

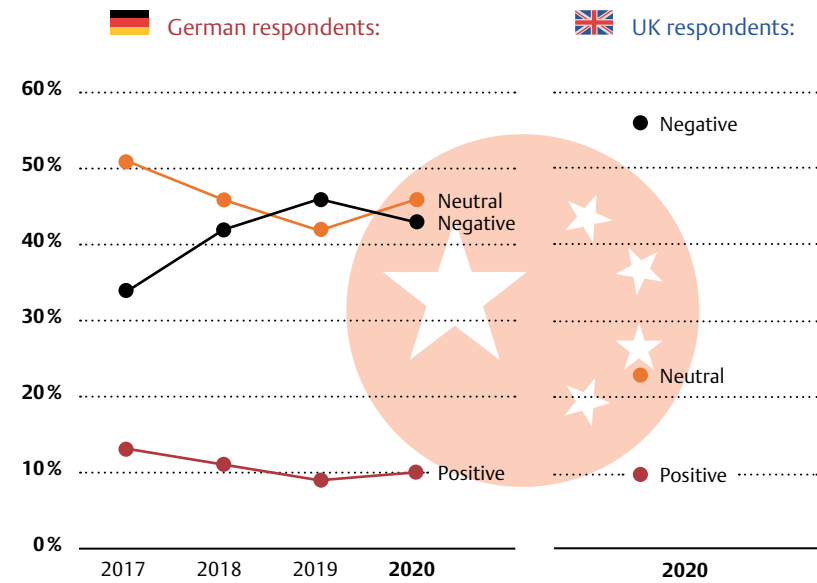


German respondents:  
If there is a new US-Chinese cold war, how should Germany position itself?

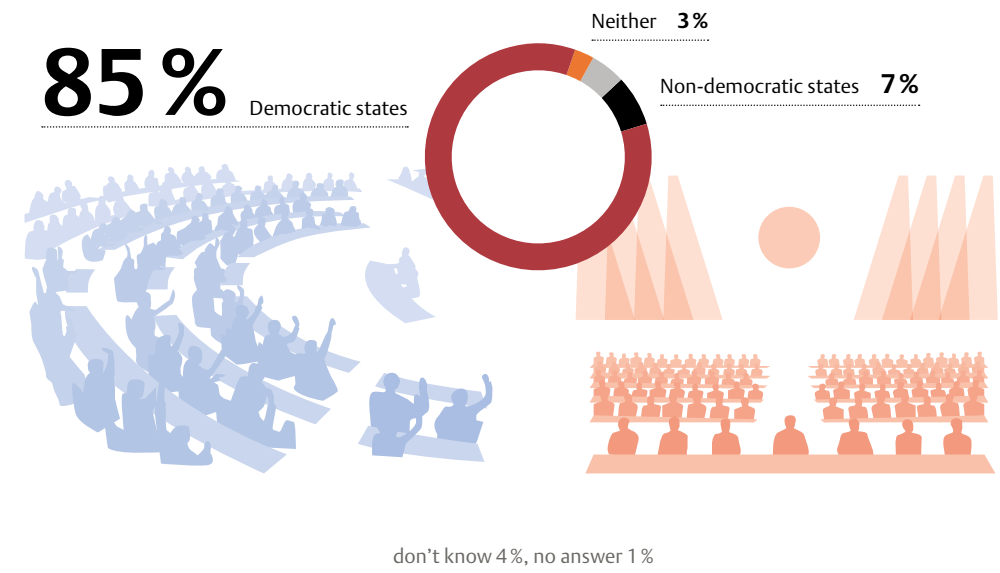
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If there is a new US-Chinese cold war, how should the United Kingdom position itself?



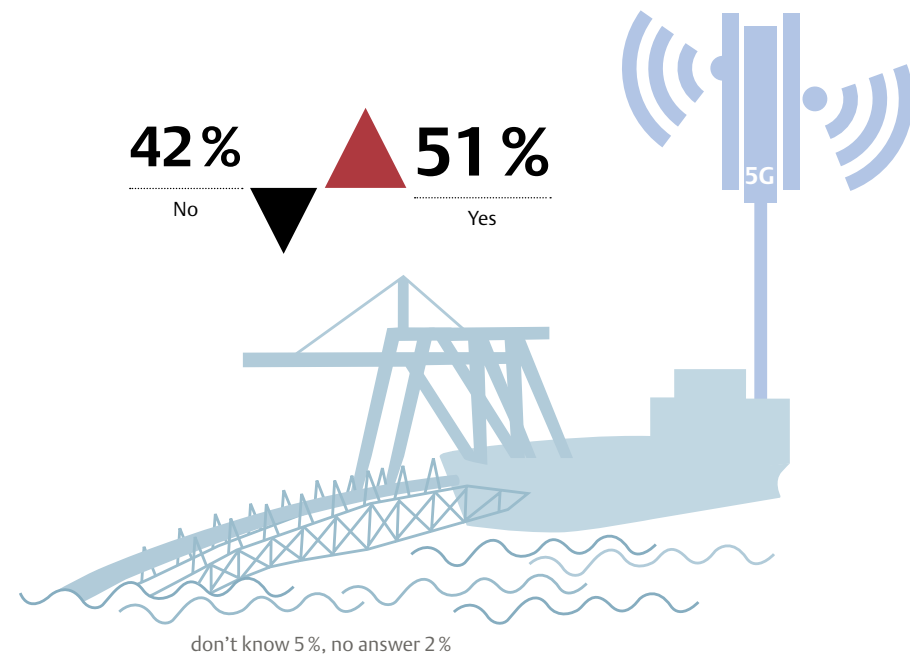
What is your view of China's growing influence?



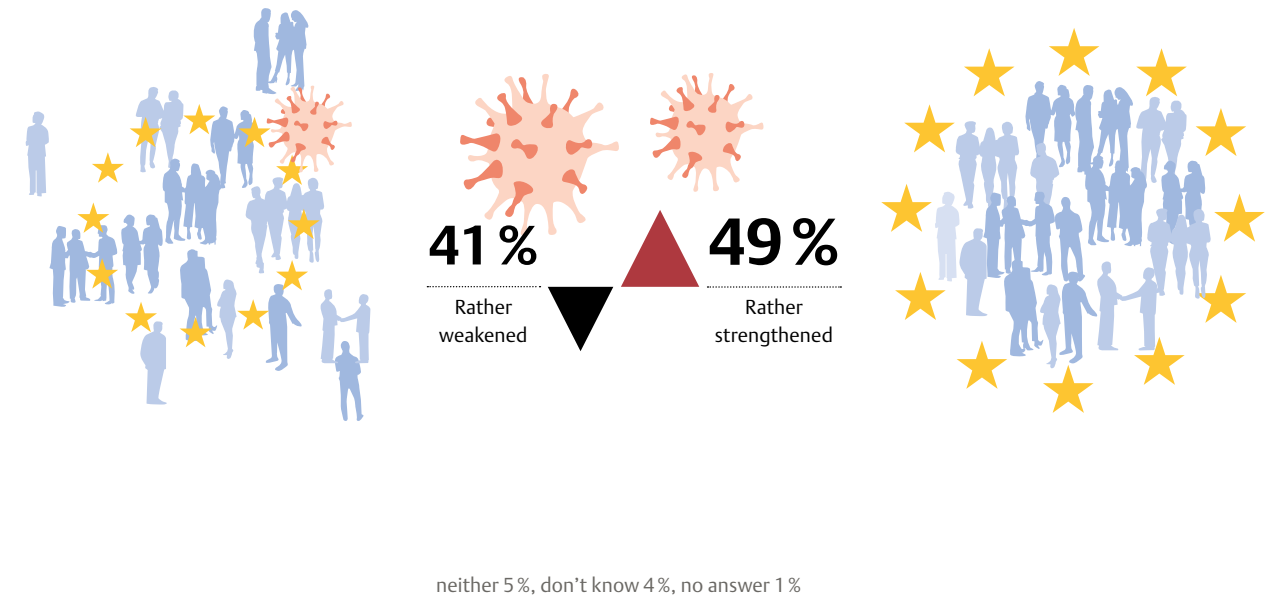
Who is better suited to meet the international challenges of the 21st century, such as pandemics, climate change, digitalization and international tensions?



Should Germany deny non-democratic states to provide critical infrastructure, like telecommunication technology or energy supply, on its territory?



Has the COVID-19 pandemic rather strengthened or rather weakened solidarity within the EU?





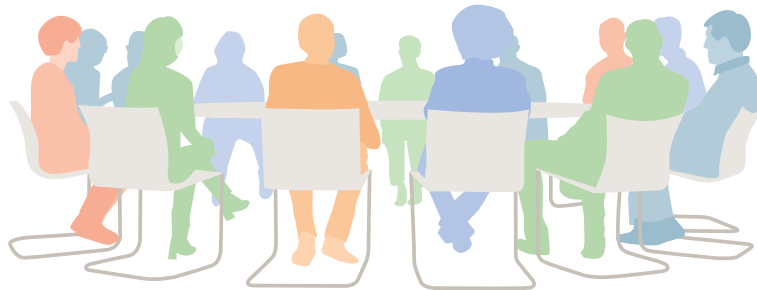
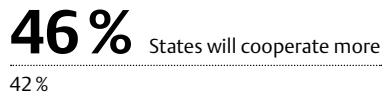
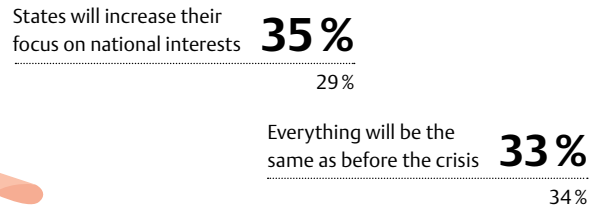
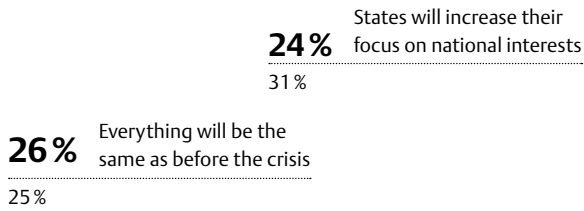
German respondents:

What would you expect once the COVID-19 crisis is over?



US respondents:

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September 2020

April 2020

The survey for Germany was commissioned by Körber-Stiftung and carried out by KANTAR PUBLIC Germany in September 2020 or as indicated in November 2020. Telephone interviews conducted with a representative random sample of 1,005 participants in September and 1,058 participants in November. (Margin of error: <1.4 percent for unit values of 5 percent; <3.1 percent for unit values of 50 percent). German data and results available at [www.theberlinpulse.org](http://www.theberlinpulse.org).

The survey for the United States was conducted by SSRS for Pew Research Center in September 2020. Telephone interviews conducted with a representative random sample of 1,007 participants. (Margin of error: +/- 3.66 percent at the 95 percent confidence level.)

The survey for the United Kingdom was conducted by Yonder on behalf of the British Embassy Berlin in September and October 2020. Online survey with a sample of 2,096 participants. Data is weighted to be representative of the population of the United Kingdom (Margin of error: +/- 2.2% at the 95 percent confidence level for unit values of 5 percent).