

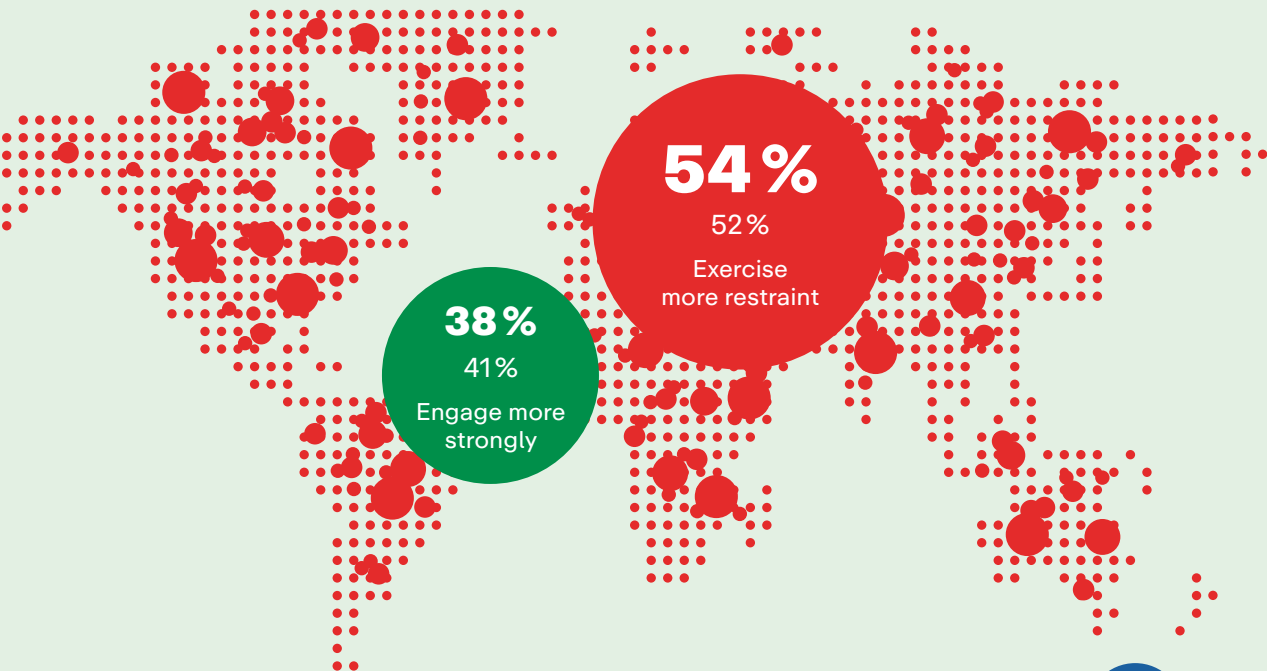
The Berlin Pulse Survey 2023/2024

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

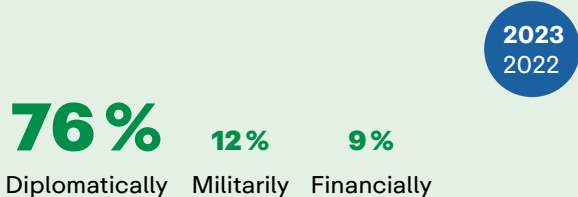
All US results by Pew Research Center 
September 2023

Germans favour international restraint

Should Germany engage more strongly in international crises, or exercise more restraint?



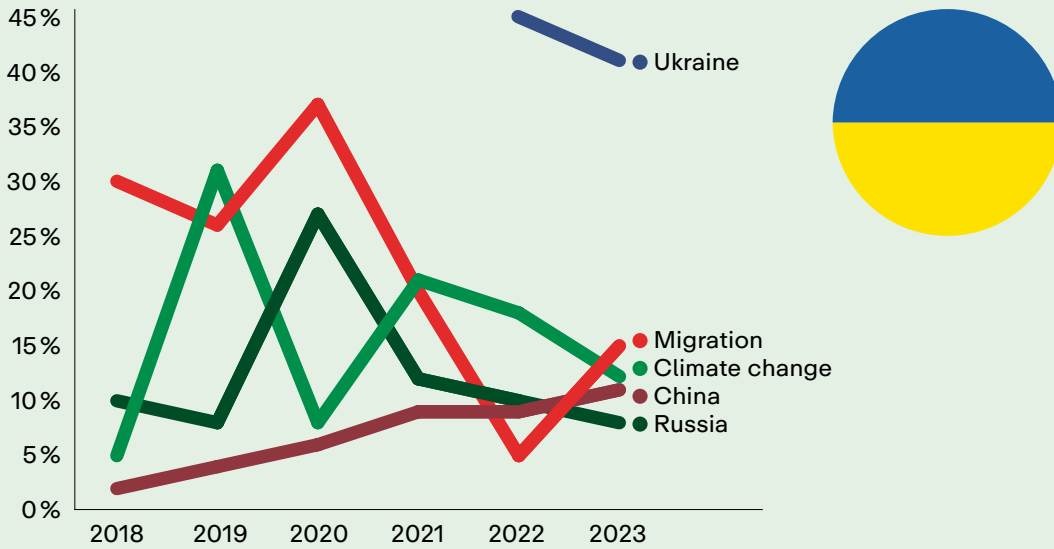
Should Germany become more strongly engaged militarily, diplomatically or financially?



2023: spontaneously: none of the above 4%, don't know 2%, no answer 2% | 2023: don't know 5%, no answer 2%

Greatest challenge: War in Ukraine

What are the greatest challenges currently facing German foreign policy?



2023: don't know 11%, no answer 5% | 2022: don't know 13%, no answer 4%

2 per cent or more

Germany increased its defense spending to two per cent of its GDP. Is this target ...

26%
Too low

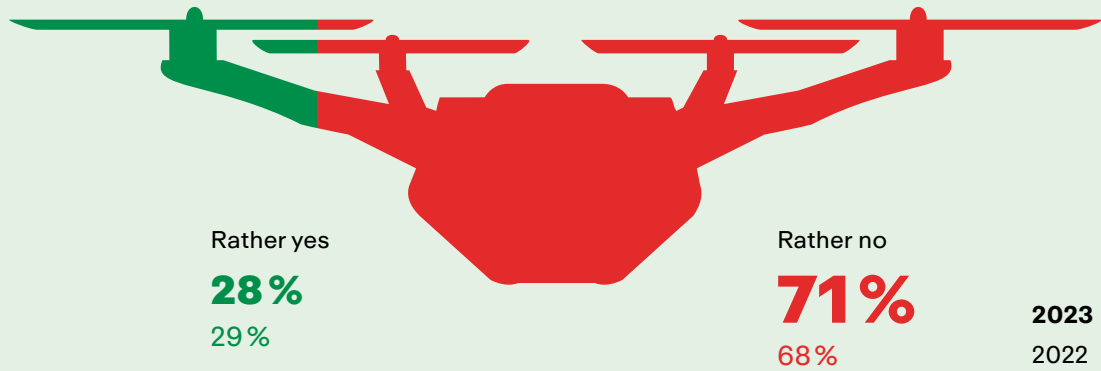
25%
Too high

46%
Just right

2023: don't know 2%, no answer 1%

No military leadership

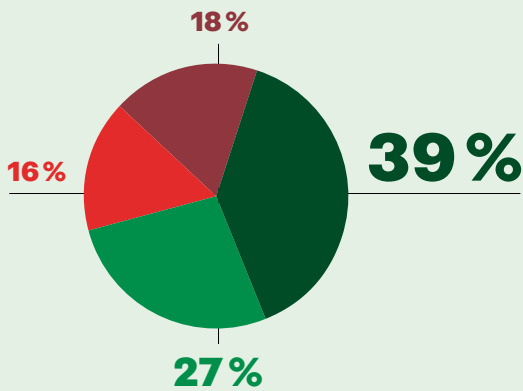
Should Germany play a military leadership role in Europe?



2023: don't know 1%, no answer 0% | 2022: don't know 2%, no answer 1%

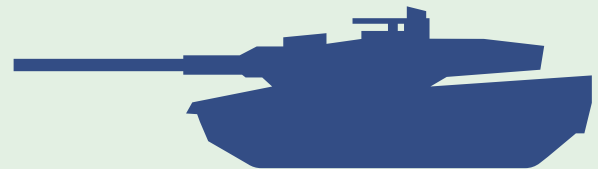
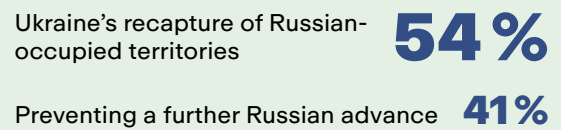
Stay with Ukraine

Should Germany continue to provide military support to Ukraine?



● Yes ● Rather yes ● Rather no ● No

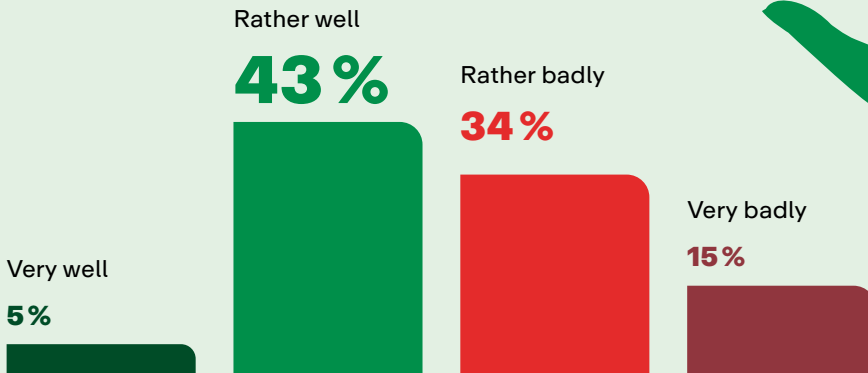
Which goal should Germany primarily pursue with its military support for Ukraine?



2023: spontaneously: none of the above 2%, don't know 2%, no answer 1%

Partly values-based

How is Germany doing in terms of its values-based foreign policy?

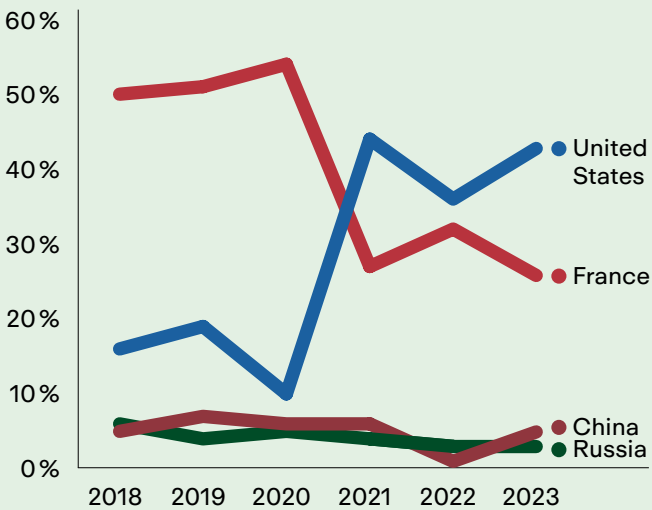


2023: don't know 2%, no answer 1%

Close partnership with the United States

German respondents:

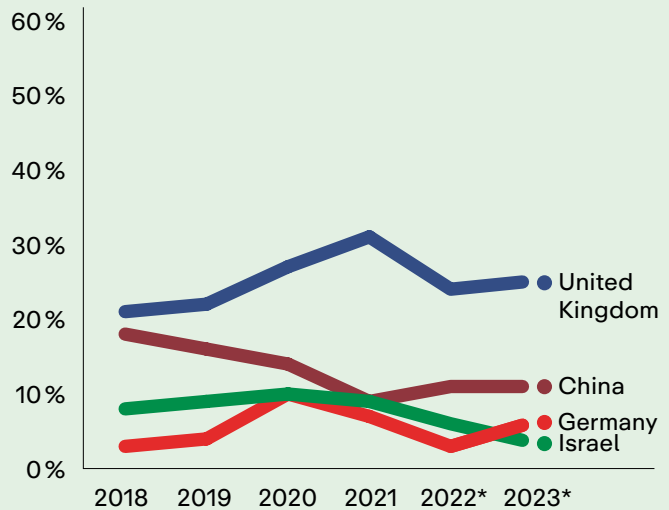
Which country is currently the most important partner for Germany?



German respondents, 2023: don't know 14%, no answer 4%

US respondents:

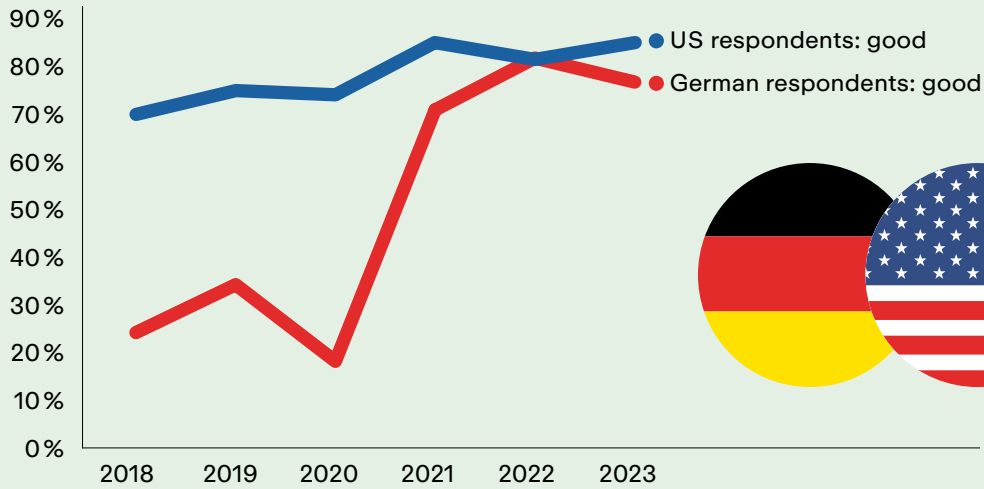
Which country is currently the most important partner for the United States's?



US respondents, 2023: don't know/no answer 24%;
*Limited comparability to previous years due to a change in methodology from telephone to online survey

Best friends across the Atlantic

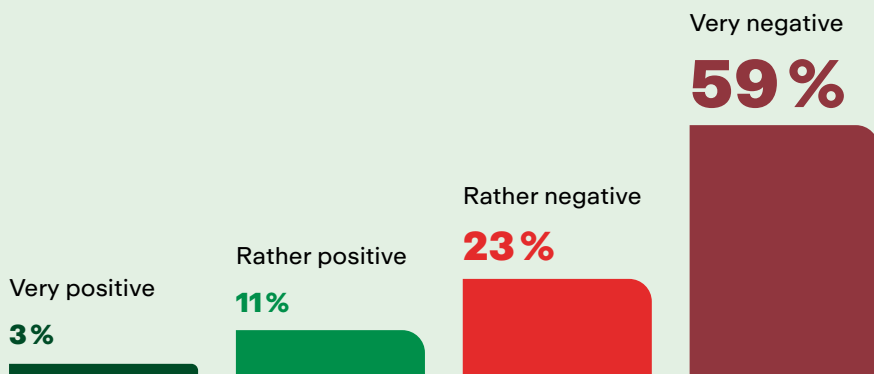
How would you rate the current relations between Germany and the United States?



German respondents, 2023: bad 19%, don't know 3%, no answer 1%
US respondents, 2023: bad 10%, don't know/no answer 4%

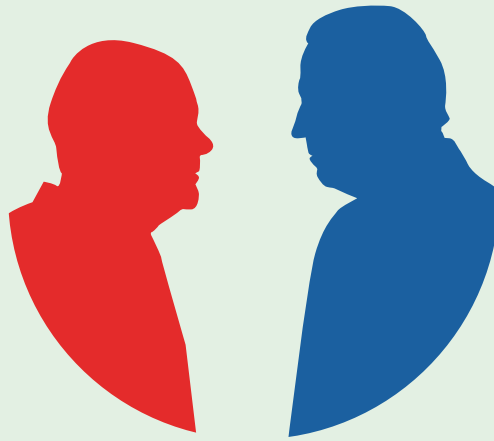
Gloomy outlook for transatlantic relations

How would a second Trump presidency affect German-US relations?



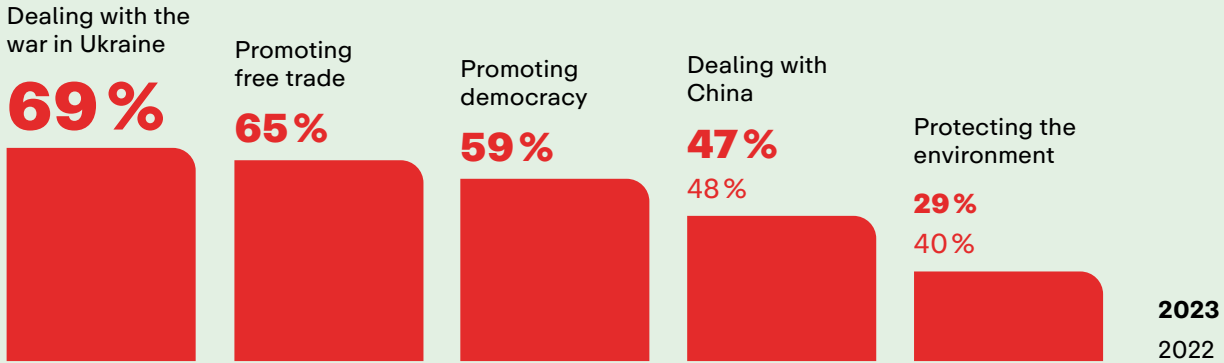
2023: don't know 3%, no answer 1%

Partnership for Ukraine and free trade



German respondents:

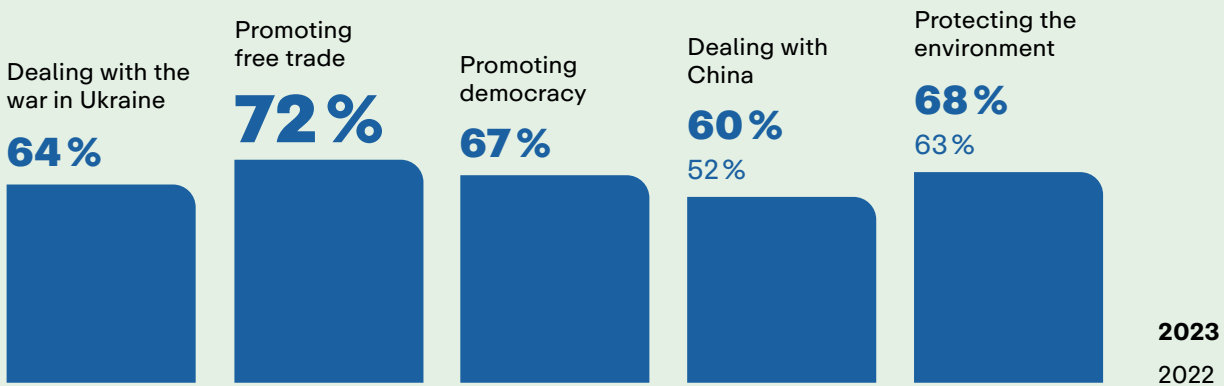
Do you see the United States as a partner on these issues?



answer 'neither' ranged from 0 to 1 per cent for all issues

US respondents:

Do you see Germany as a partner on these issues?



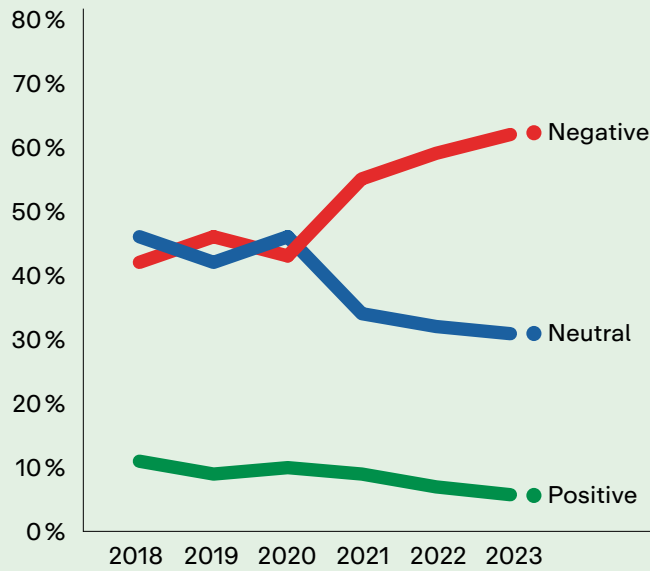
answer 'neither' 6 per cent for all issues;

Limited comparability to previous years due to a change in methodology from telephone to online survey

China scepticism on the rise

German respondents:

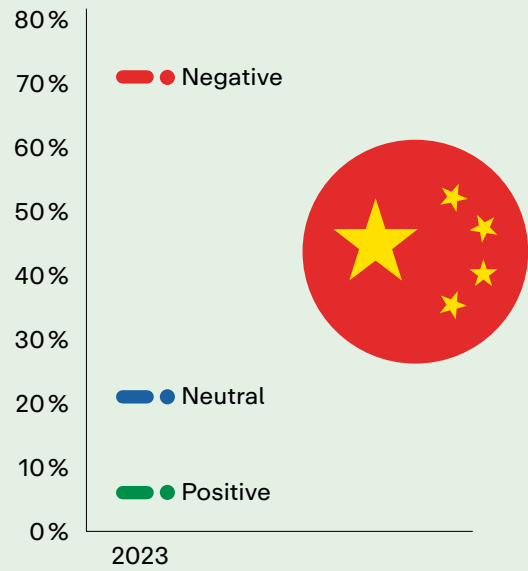
How do you see China's rising influence?



German respondents, 2023: don't know 0%, no answer 1%

US respondents:

How do you see China's rising influence?



US respondents, 2023: don't know/no answer 3%

China as a competitor

What is China to Germany?

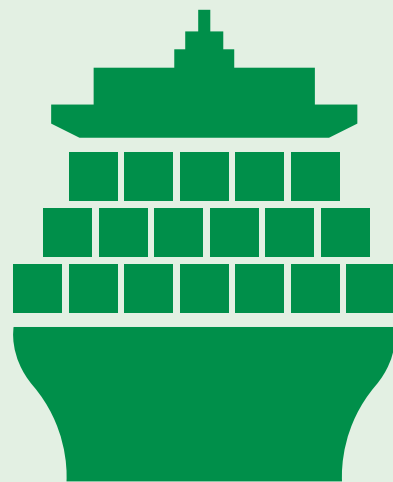
China is an economic competitor



China is a rival



China is a partner



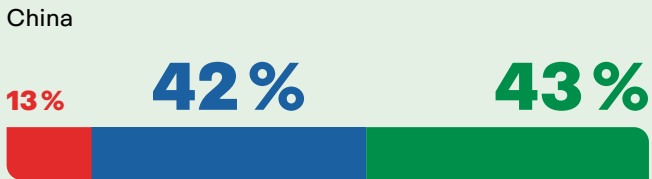
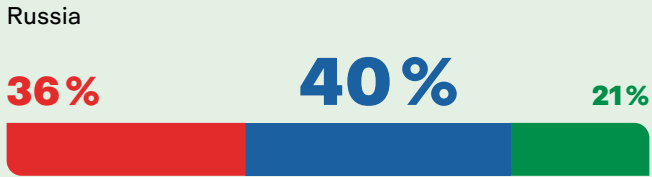
2023: don't know 2%, no answer 1%



Russia threatens Germany's security

Do the following countries represent a military threat to ...?

... Germany's security? (German respondents):



... security in the United States? (US respondents):

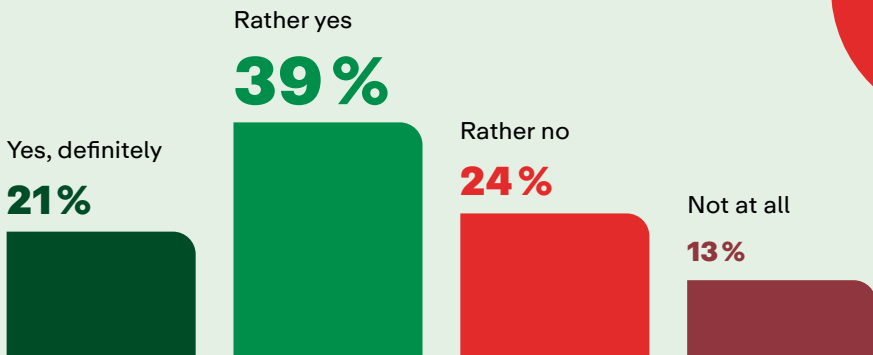


● Major military threat ● Minor military threat ● No military threat

answer 'don't know' ranged from 1 to 4 per cent for all issues

Let's de-risk!

Should German companies reduce their dependency on China, even if it leads to economic loss?

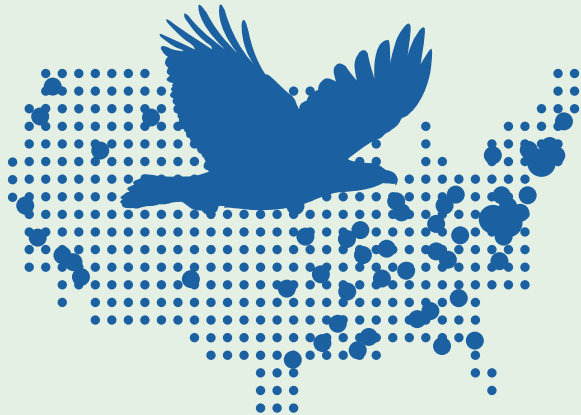
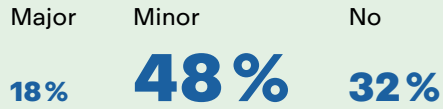


2023: don't know 3%, no answer 0%

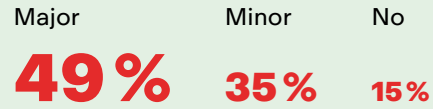
China's economy seen as a threat

Do the following countries represent a major, a minor or no threat to Germany's economy? (German respondents):

United States



China



Does China represent a major, a minor or no threat to the American economy? (US respondents):

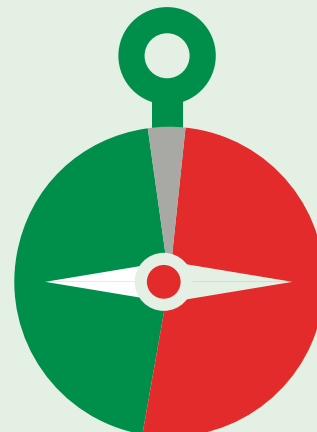


2023: answer 'don't know' ranged from 1 to 4 per cent for all issues

Scepticism about further EU-enlargement

Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia as well as Georgia and Moldova wanting to join the EU is ...?

Rather positive
45%



Rather negative
51%

2023: don't know 3%, no answer 1%

Russia's supporters remain a minority

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

Close relations with the United States

Equally close relations

Close relations with Russia

75%

8%

14%

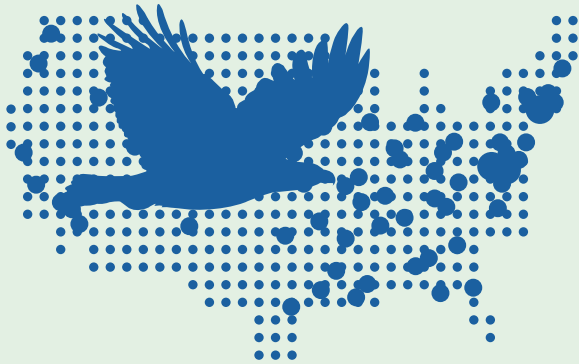
2023

72%

9%

13%

2022



What is more important for the United States? (US respondents):

Close relations with Germany

Equally close relations

Close relations with Russia

51%

32%

7%

German respondents, 2023: don't know 2%, no answer 1% | US respondents, 2023: don't know/no answer 3%, neither 7%

No more trust in the Russian government

Do you trust Russia's government under Vladimir Putin?

Yes

4%

Rather yes

8%

Rather no

17%

No

69%

Would you trust the Russian government again, if ...

Russia withdraws from Ukraine without preconditions

87%

Russia is willing for serious peace negotiations

84%

Vladimir Putin loses power

79%



2023: don't know 1%, no answer 1%

2023: answer 'don't know' ranged from 1 to 2 per cent for all issues

Democracies deliver

Which system is better equipped to deal with global challenges in the long term?

German respondents:

Democratic governments

82%

Non-democratic governments

12%



US respondents:

Democratic governments

80%

Non-democratic governments

16%

German respondents, 2023: don't know 4%, no answer 2% | US respondents, 2023: don't know/no answer 4%

Loss of influence

Has Germany's international influence in the world in the last two years ...?



German respondents:

11%

30%

57%

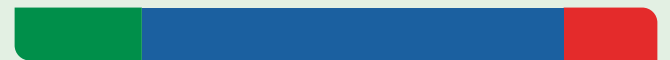


US respondents:

19%

63%

14%

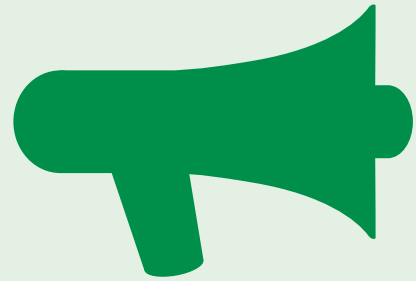


● Rather increased ● Stayed the same ● Rather decreased

German respondents, 2023: don't know 1%, no answer 1% | US respondents, 2023: don't know/no answer 5%

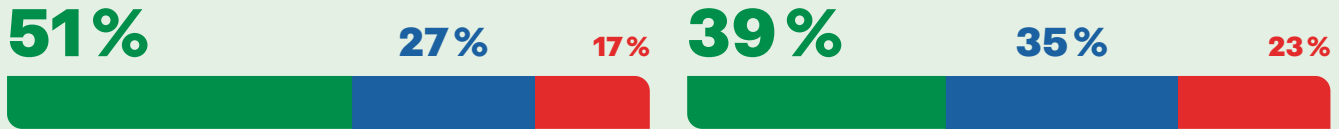
Optimism towards emerging powers

Do you think the growing influence of emerging economies like Brazil, India and South Africa is ... ?



German respondents:

US respondents:

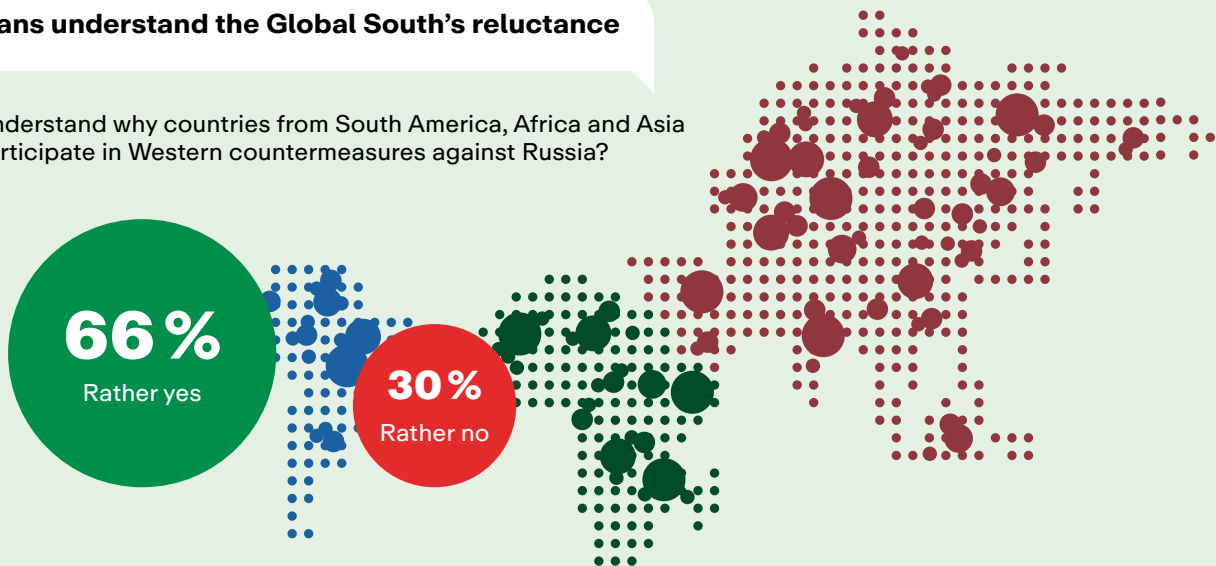


● Positive ● Neutral ● Negative

German respondents, 2023: don't know 4%, no answer 1% | US respondents, 2023: don't know/no answer 3%

Germans understand the Global South's reluctance

Do you understand why countries from South America, Africa and Asia do not participate in Western countermeasures against Russia?



2023: Spontaneously: Neutral 1%, don't know 2%, no answer 1%

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The survey for the United States was conducted by Ipsos for Pew Research Center in September 2023. Online interviews were conducted with a representative random sample of

1,014 participants, September 15–24, 2023 (Margin of error: +/- 3.2 per cent at the 95 per cent confidence level).

The 2023 US survey was conducted on the Ipsos Knowledge-Panel G&A Omnibus. Many questions have been asked in previous surveys on the phone and Pew Research Center's American Trends Panel. 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.