

YouGov European Political Monthly Survey Results

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How much, if at all, do you know about the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR)?

A great deal	2	4	7	2	1	1	2	6	1	1	3	2	3	2	6	2	3	2
A fair amount	20	21	23	21	19	15	21	22	20	19	20	19	20	21	26	22	27	17
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL/ A FAIR AMOUNT	22	25	30	23	20	16	23	28	21	20	23	21	23	23	32	24	30	19
Not very much	42	34	39	40	39	46	48	37	39	47	46	39	41	47	36	47	42	45
Nothing at all	36	41	32	37	42	38	29	35	40	33	31	40	37	30	32	29	28	36
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	78	75	71	77	81	84	77	72	79	80	77	79	78	77	68	76	70	81

Generally speaking, do you think the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) does a good or bad job?

Very good job	4	7	7	1	3	5	1	7	2	3	4	3	3	5	5	4	5	1
Fairly good job	33	29	35	28	34	32	38	33	31	35	35	31	33	35	47	37	47	22
TOTAL GOOD JOB	37	36	42	29	37	37	39	40	33	38	39	34	36	40	52	41	52	23
Fairly bad job	16	11	16	20	15	11	18	14	17	15	17	14	15	17	9	16	4	24
Very bad job	5	8	2	4	4	5	5	4	4	5	6	3	4	5	3	3	1	10
TOTAL BAD JOB	21	19	18	24	19	16	23	18	21	20	23	17	19	22	12	19	5	34
Don't know	43	46	39	48	45	46	38	42	46	42	38	48	44	39	36	39	43	43

Do you think that Germany should remain a member of the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) or should we withdraw from it?

Should remain a member	66	68	68	54	59	72	70	68	56	71	69	64	68	60	79	73	89	42
Should withdraw from it	12	6	12	14	14	9	14	10	14	12	15	9	11	17	7	10	0	33
Don't know	22	26	20	32	27	18	15	22	30	17	16	27	21	24	15	17	11	25

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What impact, if any, do you think Germany's
membership of the ECHR has on...?

Germany's ability to combat crime

Major positive impact	7	8	6	4	8	7	8	7	6	8	7	7	7	6	9	9	14	2
Minor positive impact	17	13	19	16	12	13	25	16	14	20	20	14	18	16	26	23	20	12
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	24	21	25	20	20	20	33	23	20	28	27	21	25	22	35	32	34	14
Not make much difference	33	24	33	30	28	38	37	30	29	37	34	32	32	36	35	30	35	31
Minor negative impact	9	7	12	13	12	5	6	11	12	5	9	8	9	10	3	9	2	11
Major negative impact	7	8	6	9	10	5	7	7	10	7	9	6	7	8	2	6	0	21
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	16	15	18	22	22	10	13	18	22	12	18	14	16	18	5	15	2	32
Don't know	27	40	24	28	31	32	17	30	29	23	21	32	28	23	26	22	30	23

Germany's ability to deport illegal migrants

Major positive impact	6	7	5	4	4	6	7	6	4	7	6	5	6	5	9	8	6	2
Minor positive impact	16	18	15	18	13	13	21	16	15	18	16	17	15	20	23	17	19	10
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	22	25	20	22	17	19	28	22	19	25	22	22	21	25	32	25	25	12
Not make much difference	29	14	29	32	27	28	33	23	29	31	33	24	27	33	27	27	35	26
Minor negative impact	9	11	17	9	6	8	8	15	7	8	11	8	11	5	6	14	5	7
Major negative impact	11	6	8	11	17	12	12	7	14	12	13	10	11	13	4	10	1	32
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	20	17	25	20	23	20	20	22	21	20	24	18	22	18	10	24	6	39
Don't know	29	43	27	26	34	34	19	33	30	25	21	36	30	23	31	24	34	23

Germany's reputation with other countries

Major positive impact	13	7	14	11	11	16	13	12	11	14	13	12	12	14	19	17	22	3
Minor positive impact	21	26	23	21	16	20	23	24	19	22	24	19	21	23	28	22	28	15
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	34	33	37	32	27	36	36	36	30	36	37	31	33	37	47	39	50	18
Not make much difference	30	20	29	30	34	26	35	26	32	31	33	27	30	30	25	32	18	37
Minor negative impact	6	6	7	5	6	5	6	7	6	5	5	7	6	5	6	5	3	7
Major negative impact	5	2	4	10	4	3	5	3	7	4	6	4	4	8	2	3	1	15
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	11	8	11	15	10	8	11	10	13	9	11	11	10	13	8	8	4	22
Don't know	25	39	22	24	29	29	18	29	26	23	19	32	26	20	20	21	28	22

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The level of control Germany has to set its laws

Major positive impact	7	8	7	5	6	7	8	7	6	7	7	7	7	10	8	14	3
Minor positive impact	18	17	16	20	15	14	22	16	18	19	20	16	18	19	24	24	10
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	25	25	23	25	21	21	30	23	24	26	27	23	25	26	34	32	13
Not make much difference	31	28	32	31	30	32	33	31	30	32	33	30	30	37	29	27	34
Minor negative impact	10	9	14	12	11	7	7	12	11	7	11	9	11	5	14	2	11
Major negative impact	5	1	2	6	7	4	7	2	7	6	6	5	5	7	3	0	18
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	15	10	16	18	18	11	14	14	18	13	17	14	16	12	8	17	29
Don't know	29	37	28	26	30	36	22	32	28	28	23	35	30	25	30	24	24

The strength of employment rights in Germany

Major positive impact	9	12	11	7	7	7	9	12	7	8	9	8	8	10	10	8	2
Minor positive impact	21	25	25	17	15	18	24	25	16	21	22	19	20	23	36	21	16
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	30	37	36	24	22	25	33	37	23	29	31	27	28	33	46	29	18
Not make much difference	35	19	31	37	40	37	39	27	38	38	40	31	35	37	26	40	41
Minor negative impact	5	4	7	6	4	3	6	6	5	5	6	5	5	5	2	4	10
Major negative impact	3	3	1	5	3	1	2	1	4	2	3	2	2	3	1	1	6
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	8	7	8	11	7	4	8	7	9	7	9	7	7	8	3	5	16
Don't know	28	36	25	28	32	34	19	29	30	26	20	35	29	22	26	26	24

German economy

Major positive impact	6	7	9	3	6	3	6	8	5	5	6	5	6	6	7	6	1
Minor positive impact	13	15	11	11	11	14	17	13	11	15	13	14	13	17	24	12	10
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	19	22	20	14	17	17	23	21	16	20	19	19	19	23	31	18	11
Not make much difference	38	26	37	39	38	36	44	33	39	41	42	35	38	40	33	45	32
Minor negative impact	10	9	11	15	11	8	8	10	13	8	12	8	10	9	8	9	19
Major negative impact	5	1	8	7	3	5	5	6	5	5	7	4	5	7	1	3	17
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	15	10	19	22	14	13	13	16	18	13	19	12	15	16	9	12	36
Don't know	27	41	23	25	31	34	19	30	28	26	20	34	29	21	26	25	21

Security co-operation with other European countries

Major positive impact	12	11	13	8	8	13	16	12	8	15	12	12	12	14	16	14	4
Minor positive impact	26	26	23	31	23	22	31	24	27	27	24	28	25	30	37	27	20
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	38	37	36	39	31	35	47	36	35	42	36	40	37	44	53	41	24
Not make much difference	26	17	28	24	27	27	27	24	25	27	32	20	25	29	18	25	38
Minor negative impact	6	9	9	6	4	3	6	9	5	4	8	4	6	4	2	7	9
Major negative impact	3	1	3	3	4	2	3	2	4	3	3	2	3	4	2	3	7
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	9	10	12	9	8	5	9	11	9	7	11	6	9	8	4	10	16
Don't know	27	37	24	28	35	34	16	29	31	24	20	34	29	20	25	23	23

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Everyday rights of German citizens in their day-to-day lives

Major positive impact	10	9	12	12	8	11	10	11	10	10	12	9	10	11	14	10	20	2
Minor positive impact	20	22	20	17	19	18	23	21	18	21	21	19	20	22	33	22	25	14
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	30	31	32	29	27	29	33	32	28	31	33	28	30	33	47	32	45	16
Not make much difference	34	27	35	28	33	36	41	32	31	38	39	30	34	35	28	36	29	41
Minor negative impact	6	1	8	11	6	3	5	5	9	4	6	5	6	6	3	5	2	9
Major negative impact	4	2	1	5	5	2	5	1	5	4	4	3	3	5	1	3	0	12
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	10	3	9	16	11	5	10	6	14	8	10	8	9	11	4	8	2	21
Don't know	26	40	23	27	29	29	18	29	28	23	19	33	27	20	22	24	24	21

Everyday rights for German minority groups in their day-to-day lives

Major positive impact	10	13	14	8	11	9	8	14	10	9	10	11	10	11	13	6	26	4
Minor positive impact	23	28	21	19	21	20	28	24	20	25	26	20	23	23	29	30	32	10
TOTAL POSITIVE IMPACT	33	41	35	27	32	29	36	38	30	34	36	31	33	34	42	36	58	14
Not make much difference	30	13	34	34	25	30	33	26	29	32	34	25	29	32	30	30	13	44
Minor negative impact	6	5	7	8	5	3	6	6	6	5	6	5	6	5	2	5	1	9
Major negative impact	3	2	3	5	4	3	3	2	4	3	3	4	3	5	2	3	1	8
TOTAL NEGATIVE IMPACT	9	7	10	13	9	6	9	8	10	8	9	9	9	10	4	8	2	17
Don't know	28	39	21	26	34	34	21	28	30	27	21	35	29	24	24	26	27	24

To what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose changing the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) to allow countries to deport immigrants who commit serious crimes, even if their family resides in the new country?

Strongly support	53	23	33	53	49	63	69	29	51	66	50	56	52	57	41	70	33	72
Tend to support	22	26	35	18	23	19	16	32	20	17	27	17	21	23	32	18	33	12
TOTAL SUPPORT	75	49	68	71	72	82	85	61	71	83	77	73	73	80	73	88	66	84
Tend to oppose	6	10	10	6	4	4	3	10	5	3	7	4	6	5	8	1	15	3
Strongly oppose	3	7	4	1	2	1	3	5	2	2	4	1	3	3	1	0	2	4
TOTAL OPPOSE	9	17	14	7	6	5	6	15	7	5	11	5	9	8	9	1	17	7
Don't know	17	34	17	22	21	14	9	24	22	11	12	22	18	12	19	10	18	9

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For each of the following statements about the ECHR, please say whether you think they are true or false. If you are unsure, please select the 'Don't know' option rather than guessing.

The ECHR is an EU body

TRUE	35	27	29	29	26	38	47	28	27	43	37	33	34	38	44	41	31	36
FALSE	15	21	23	14	13	12	12	22	13	12	18	12	15	15	18	11	22	11
Don't know	50	52	48	57	62	51	41	49	59	45	45	56	51	46	39	48	47	53

Countries have no leeway in how they interpret and/or implement ECHR provisions

TRUE	19	16	20	18	17	19	21	18	18	20	20	18	18	22	19	20	10	29
FALSE	23	25	28	28	20	18	22	27	24	20	28	18	23	24	31	26	32	12
Don't know	58	59	51	54	63	62	57	54	59	59	51	64	59	55	51	54	58	59

Freedom of speech is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	42	43	43	42	35	42	46	43	38	44	45	39	42	41	50	49	46	29
FALSE	15	10	19	15	14	15	16	16	15	15	17	13	15	17	12	14	12	25
Don't know	43	47	38	43	51	44	39	42	47	41	37	48	43	42	38	37	42	46

The right to a fair trial is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	49	33	54	45	41	50	57	46	43	54	54	43	48	50	65	59	58	39
FALSE	8	15	9	10	8	5	6	11	9	6	9	7	8	9	6	7	6	11
Don't know	43	52	37	45	51	45	37	43	48	40	36	50	44	41	29	34	36	49

The right to migrate between countries is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	20	16	25	19	12	17	26	22	15	22	23	17	19	21	24	24	18	16
FALSE	23	23	25	24	23	21	22	24	24	21	27	19	23	22	22	28	28	22
Don't know	57	60	50	57	65	62	53	54	61	57	50	64	58	56	55	49	53	63

The right not to be tortured is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	56	51	52	51	49	56	66	52	50	62	60	52	55	59	68	63	68	53
FALSE	7	9	15	10	7	5	4	12	8	5	9	6	7	8	7	7	4	8
Don't know	36	40	33	39	44	39	29	36	42	33	31	41	37	34	25	30	28	39

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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

The right to free healthcare is an area covered by the ECHR

TRUE	18	24	13	22	13	13	21	17	18	18	17	18	16	22	21	24	11	13
FALSE	27	19	31	28	26	22	32	27	27	28	31	24	27	29	27	26	34	34
Don't know	55	57	55	50	61	65	47	56	56	55	53	58	57	48	52	50	55	53

The European Court of Human Rights (which hears cases on matters covered by the ECHR) can overrule and/or annul national laws

TRUE	28	29	30	27	26	23	32	29	27	28	33	23	28	29	38	29	35	29
FALSE	18	28	22	19	11	17	19	24	15	18	21	16	18	21	15	19	18	16
Don't know	54	43	48	54	63	60	50	46	59	54	46	61	55	50	47	52	47	54