

YouGov Survey Results



Sample Size: 1030 adults in Italy

Fieldwork: 23rd September - 1st October 2025

Weighted Sample Unweighted Sample		Age (1)						Age (2)			Gender		Region					2022 Past Vote				
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	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Thinking about all the different threats facing Europe at the moment, which of the following, if any, do you think are the biggest threats? Please choose up to three.

Armed conflicts	32	35	30	38	33	29	29	32	35	29	27	36	27	28	35	37	28	34	32	35	31	34
Economic downturn	28	27	21	31	36	26	25	23	34	25	25	30	28	24	28	28	31	37	28	24	20	36
Immigration	25	9	18	27	26	30	30	15	26	30	26	25	25	28	30	20	25	11	33	30	41	9
Climate change	24	38	29	20	18	24	23	33	18	23	22	25	28	22	23	22	21	23	19	17	14	28
Inflation	22	32	32	23	21	16	20	32	22	18	21	23	24	21	25	21	18	25	22	20	17	24
Russian aggression	20	14	18	21	20	20	23	17	20	22	18	23	16	27	22	22	14	18	14	25	27	27
US foreign policy	17	10	12	18	13	23	19	11	15	21	20	13	17	20	13	16	21	18	16	7	10	25
Political extremism	13	18	8	13	15	10	13	12	14	12	15	11	13	12	16	11	10	12	14	12	11	19
Spread of disinformation	12	19	13	12	10	12	11	16	11	12	14	11	12	17	11	12	9	18	9	6	10	18
Terror attacks	11	4	7	9	9	13	18	6	9	16	8	15	12	9	12	13	9	13	20	13	15	12
Cyber attacks	11	9	5	7	12	11	16	7	10	14	9	13	10	8	14	11	13	11	14	12	19	8
Corruption	11	5	14	8	12	11	11	11	10	11	15	7	8	9	10	12	19	18	10	11	8	6
Organised crime	9	4	8	6	4	14	12	6	5	13	11	7	8	10	9	8	11	8	7	9	8	8
Nuclear attacks	8	7	8	14	9	7	5	7	11	6	6	10	7	10	6	9	9	9	13	9	9	9
Artificial intelligence (AI)	7	3	8	5	9	8	7	6	8	7	8	6	10	4	11	5	3	4	8	11	12	8
Harmful content online	4	1	3	4	3	4	4	2	4	4	4	3	5	3	3	5	3	4	0	2	3	4
Cyber surveillance	4	11	2	4	6	3	4	5	5	3	5	4	5	4	1	6	5	7	4	4	6	0
Pandemics	4	6	5	4	4	1	3	5	4	2	4	3	4	5	4	2	1	1	4	12	4	6
China foreign policy	3	2	1	2	6	4	2	1	5	3	5	2	3	5	3	2	3	2	1	6	6	2
Other [See Tab 1]	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	1	1	0
None of these	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0
Don't know	5	5	10	4	3	5	3	8	3	4	4	6	6	2	3	5	9	6	3	3	1	1

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How would you describe the relationship
between the European Union and each of the
following countries?

USA

A friend and ally to the European Union	13	20	7	14	14	8	15	12	14	12	15	10	9	15	12	16	10	11	18	17	24	7
A friendly rival to the European Union	26	23	17	24	36	23	27	20	31	25	28	24	28	27	25	27	18	15	30	42	34	24
Generally unfriendly towards the European Union	22	23	19	23	19	20	25	21	21	23	23	20	25	17	31	14	20	24	34	16	15	30
A hostile threat to the European Union	16	7	14	18	16	21	16	11	17	18	17	15	16	12	15	18	18	23	3	10	11	19
None of these	5	9	5	2	4	6	6	7	3	6	5	6	7	7	4	3	6	4	0	3	8	3
Don't know	19	18	38	19	13	21	12	30	15	16	11	25	14	22	13	22	28	23	15	11	8	16

UK

A friend and ally to the European Union	27	36	19	29	29	27	27	25	29	27	31	24	32	28	27	28	15	23	29	28	35	26
A friendly rival to the European Union	28	28	20	29	33	26	30	23	31	28	32	24	28	31	32	23	25	21	37	34	32	41
Generally unfriendly towards the European Union	12	13	18	13	8	9	14	16	10	11	14	10	12	10	14	11	14	17	8	17	9	9
A hostile threat to the European Union	4	1	4	0	5	6	5	3	3	5	5	3	2	3	3	7	6	4	1	7	3	1
None of these	7	9	5	5	8	7	9	6	7	8	6	9	8	6	8	6	10	11	9	2	8	6
Don't know	21	13	35	24	17	25	16	27	20	20	12	30	18	22	17	25	29	25	15	13	13	17

Russia

A friend and ally to the European Union	3	1	1	2	4	5	3	1	3	4	4	1	2	4	4	3	2	1	4	3	3	0
A friendly rival to the European Union	10	16	9	5	13	6	10	12	9	8	10	9	6	4	12	12	17	9	9	10	8	4
Generally unfriendly towards the European Union	23	21	16	31	24	22	22	18	27	22	24	22	28	23	20	22	17	29	25	35	26	24
A hostile threat to the European Union	42	46	41	39	39	43	44	43	39	44	44	40	42	45	49	40	31	35	41	40	47	55
None of these	6	0	4	3	6	7	9	2	5	9	6	6	5	8	4	6	7	7	9	1	8	3
Don't know	17	16	30	20	15	16	11	24	17	13	12	22	16	16	11	18	27	20	12	11	8	13

China

A friend and ally to the European Union	4	0	2	5	5	8	4	1	5	6	6	3	4	5	3	7	1	11	3	3	5	2
A friendly rival to the European Union	29	26	28	23	32	24	35	27	28	30	35	24	31	25	34	24	31	21	31	34	32	30
Generally unfriendly towards the European Union	22	41	17	21	20	20	20	27	21	20	23	20	25	20	23	20	17	24	21	31	19	29
A hostile threat to the European Union	14	5	11	21	17	13	12	9	19	12	14	14	11	18	12	15	13	10	10	14	18	10
None of these	5	5	4	8	5	6	6	4	6	6	6	5	5	6	6	5	6	5	10	2	8	6
Don't know	26	23	38	22	22	30	23	32	22	26	17	35	24	26	21	30	32	29	25	16	18	23

Generally speaking, do you think the EU as a
whole is currently spending too much or too
little on defence, or is it currently spending
about the right amount?

Spending too much	40	40	38	37	41	42	41	39	39	41	42	38	41	35	37	40	52	54	48	23	32	32
Currently spending about the right amount	26	38	21	21	30	23	27	27	26	25	29	23	30	32	24	24	16	22	26	41	32	36
Spending too little	12	12	11	16	9	11	13	11	12	12	14	10	12	13	16	10	5	5	11	15	19	13
Don't know	22	11	31	26	20	24	20	23	22	21	15	29	17	20	23	26	27	18	14	21	17	19

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

Do you have a favourable or unfavourable view of NATO?

Very favourable	9	12	6	11	7	11	8	9	9	9	12	6	11	9	7	9	6	7	5	19	13	6
Somewhat favourable	39	40	37	36	40	36	43	38	39	40	42	37	41	41	43	38	30	40	42	52	42	58
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	48	52	43	47	47	47	51	47	48	49	54	43	52	50	50	47	36	47	47	71	55	64
Somewhat unfavourable	17	22	14	19	22	16	13	17	21	14	16	18	18	16	17	16	19	23	19	9	19	12
Very unfavourable	14	5	8	11	13	16	21	6	12	19	16	12	11	12	17	15	17	11	12	4	15	4
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE	31	27	22	30	35	32	34	23	33	33	32	30	29	28	34	31	36	34	31	13	34	16
Don't know	21	21	34	22	18	21	15	29	20	18	14	27	19	22	16	21	29	18	23	17	11	18

And do you support or oppose Italy's membership of NATO?

Strongly support	18	12	22	18	14	18	22	18	16	20	22	14	23	17	18	20	7	16	11	27	19	23
Tend to support	37	46	34	38	44	31	35	38	42	33	40	35	38	44	39	30	34	38	46	50	47	48
TOTAL SUPPORT	55	58	56	56	58	49	57	56	58	53	62	49	61	61	57	50	41	54	57	77	66	71
Tend to oppose	15	28	10	16	13	15	12	17	14	14	11	17	14	11	13	17	20	19	18	15	10	15
Strongly oppose	12	6	6	12	13	15	15	6	12	15	15	10	11	12	12	14	15	9	12	1	13	2
TOTAL OPPOSE	27	34	16	28	26	30	27	23	26	29	26	27	25	23	25	31	35	28	30	16	23	17
Don't know	18	9	28	17	16	21	15	20	16	18	11	24	15	16	17	19	23	19	13	8	11	12

How important, if at all, do you think Italy's membership of NATO is to Italy's defence and security?

Very important	20	19	20	21	15	21	22	19	18	22	22	18	26	22	17	18	12	14	20	20	23	21
Fairly important	37	37	34	31	46	35	37	35	39	36	37	36	38	35	43	35	30	43	36	54	46	47
TOTAL IMPORTANT	57	56	54	52	61	56	59	54	57	58	59	54	64	57	60	53	42	57	56	74	69	68
Not very important	16	39	18	20	14	14	7	26	17	10	18	13	14	19	13	15	19	16	23	16	10	15
Not at all important	11	2	4	9	11	13	15	3	10	14	13	9	9	9	12	11	12	7	3	1	14	3
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	27	41	22	29	25	27	22	29	27	24	31	22	23	28	25	26	31	23	26	17	24	18
Don't know	17	3	25	19	14	17	19	17	16	18	10	23	13	15	15	20	26	20	18	9	7	13

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Taking into account all of the spending priorities for the government, to what extent, if at all, would you support or oppose Italy increasing their financial contribution to NATO?

Strongly support	5	5	6	5	3	6	5	5	3	5	7	3	5	5	4	6	2	4	6	11	6	5
Tend to support	22	27	16	17	26	19	25	20	22	22	26	18	25	24	23	18	17	14	22	41	34	22
TOTAL SUPPORT	27	32	22	22	29	25	30	25	25	27	33	21	30	29	27	24	19	18	28	52	40	27
Tend to oppose	25	38	23	31	22	22	22	29	26	22	27	22	26	26	22	24	23	24	25	23	25	35
Strongly oppose	28	22	15	26	30	33	31	18	28	32	27	28	25	24	33	26	32	39	35	7	24	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	53	60	38	57	52	55	53	47	54	54	54	50	51	50	55	50	55	63	60	30	49	52
Don't know	21	8	40	22	20	20	18	28	21	19	14	28	19	20	17	26	26	19	13	19	11	21

Would you support or oppose the creation of a European army?

[Shown to half the sample, randomly selected; n=518]

Strongly support	15	14	11	16	8	18	19	12	11	19	21	9	20	15	13	11	12	16	5	11	13	21
Tend to support	26	41	21	20	32	22	27	28	27	25	28	25	27	27	39	20	16	22	36	42	38	27
TOTAL SUPPORT	41	55	32	36	40	40	46	40	38	44	49	34	47	42	52	31	28	38	41	53	51	48
Tend to oppose	16	13	19	9	25	13	13	17	18	13	14	17	19	19	9	12	21	21	11	22	16	16
Strongly oppose	26	25	20	34	19	29	27	22	25	28	25	27	22	24	24	30	30	26	25	17	29	17
TOTAL OPPOSE	42	38	39	43	44	42	40	39	43	41	39	44	41	43	33	42	51	47	36	39	45	33
Don't know	17	7	28	22	16	18	13	21	18	15	12	23	12	15	14	26	21	15	23	8	5	19

Would you support or oppose the creation of a European army that included forces from your country?

[Shown to half the sample, randomly selected; n=512]

Strongly support	14	9	12	5	19	16	15	11	13	15	18	9	16	17	12	12	8	10	13	5	22	15
Tend to support	27	23	26	24	26	18	35	25	26	28	33	21	21	29	29	30	25	29	16	27	34	35
TOTAL SUPPORT	41	32	38	29	45	34	50	36	39	43	51	30	37	46	41	42	33	39	29	32	56	50
Tend to oppose	16	9	9	21	17	22	15	9	18	17	11	20	15	12	16	23	13	15	28	10	15	23
Strongly oppose	28	38	28	26	26	29	26	33	26	27	25	31	35	21	27	22	38	30	32	43	20	7
TOTAL OPPOSE	44	47	37	47	43	51	41	42	44	44	36	51	50	33	43	45	51	45	60	53	35	30
Don't know	16	21	25	23	12	16	10	23	16	12	12	19	14	22	16	13	15	16	10	16	9	20

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

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

The EU should make decisions about defence and security on behalf of all its member nations	31	30	25	26	30	29	39	27	28	34	37	24	38	34	35	20	21	29	16	22	33	45
Each nation's government should make decisions about defence and security, independently of the	48	41	39	51	56	52	46	39	54	48	46	50	45	45	51	47	56	52	69	63	59	32
Don't know	21	30	37	23	15	20	16	34	18	17	16	26	17	21	14	32	23	19	15	15	9	22

Do you think that the USA does or does not have a responsibility to militarily protect Europe?

The USA does have a responsibility to protect Europe militarily	34	22	34	28	37	32	41	30	33	37	36	32	33	36	38	33	30	27	42	37	45	39
The USA does not have a responsibility to protect Europe militarily	41	51	34	48	42	39	39	41	45	39	46	37	45	41	42	37	40	49	44	48	42	34
Don't know	25	27	32	24	21	29	20	30	22	24	18	31	22	23	20	30	30	24	14	15	13	27

Would you support or oppose greater cooperation between the USA and the EU on issues of defence and security?

Strongly support	15	15	15	15	16	15	15	15	15	15	18	12	19	20	12	14	7	7	17	17	26	9
Tend to support	38	38	34	33	42	33	44	35	38	39	43	34	42	36	41	36	34	33	47	52	44	58
TOTAL SUPPORT	53	53	49	48	57	49	59	50	53	54	61	46	61	56	53	50	41	40	64	69	70	67
Tend to oppose	14	11	10	22	16	14	11	10	18	12	12	15	16	13	18	10	10	19	14	12	11	13
Strongly oppose	12	18	7	6	10	16	14	11	9	15	13	11	9	11	11	12	22	16	4	1	7	6
TOTAL OPPOSE	26	29	17	28	26	30	25	21	27	27	25	26	25	24	29	22	32	35	18	13	18	19
Don't know	21	19	35	24	16	21	17	29	20	19	14	27	15	20	18	28	26	26	18	17	12	13

How much of a threat, if at all, do you think Russia is to the rest of Europe outside of Ukraine?

A major threat	38	28	34	33	39	39	43	32	37	41	33	41	37	43	38	38	26	34	36	46	40	43
A moderate threat	26	24	32	31	24	23	24	29	27	24	25	26	32	26	26	17	30	19	25	33	29	29
TOTAL A MAJOR / MODERATE THREAT	64	52	66	64	63	62	67	61	64	65	58	67	69	69	64	55	56	53	61	79	69	72
A minor threat	15	37	11	16	16	13	9	21	16	11	19	11	14	15	16	15	11	23	18	12	17	18
Not a threat at all	12	6	5	10	14	14	16	5	12	15	15	9	10	10	14	14	15	15	13	2	9	5
TOTAL MINOR / NOT A THREAT	27	43	16	26	30	27	25	26	28	26	34	20	24	25	30	29	26	38	31	14	26	23
Don't know	10	5	19	10	7	11	8	13	8	9	7	12	7	6	6	15	18	10	8	7	5	4