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Which of the following comes closest to your preference for the EU?

Greater political integration, with more powers and decision-making happening at the EU level	17	15	21	10	34	27
The level of political integration to remain about what it is now, maintaining the current balance of EU and national powers and decision-making	26	21	32	48	31	19
Less political integration, with more powers and decision-making happening at the national level	24	31	19	23	14	20
The EU to disband entirely	10	17	11	5	6	10
Don't know	24	17	17	14	15	25

For the following pairs of statements, please say which comes closest to your own view. Where we say "Europe", we mean the EU and partners like the UK.

A) Europe has allowed too much immigration and there is a risk that European values and civilisation will be eroded, or
B) Europe has not allowed too much immigration and European values and civilisation are not at risk

Statement A	55	55	63	58	57	52
Statement B	24	21	19	21	22	20
Neither	9	14	10	10	12	14
Don't know	11	9	8	11	8	14

A) Europe has been too reliant on the US for defence, or
B) Europe has not been too reliant on the US for defence

Statement A	59	66	72	74	61	60
Statement B	12	12	8	8	14	10
Neither	9	9	8	6	11	9
Don't know	20	13	11	12	15	20

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A) Europe has been unfair in its trade dealings with the USA, or

B) Europe has been fair in its trade dealings with the USA

Statement A	11	17	10	10	15	10
Statement B	42	41	53	62	48	47
Neither	11	22	19	10	17	13
Don't know	36	20	19	18	20	30

A) Europe is too indecisive and unwilling to take strong action on the world stage, or

B) Europe has been decisive and willing to take strong action on the world stage

Statement A	50	60	58	45	62	53
Statement B	19	13	16	26	19	13
Neither	11	13	14	9	7	12
Don't know	20	14	12	20	12	22

A) Europe is too restrictive when it comes to free speech, or

B) Europe is not too restrictive when it comes to free speech

Statement A	27	30	31	18	22	21
Statement B	41	39	46	50	51	47
Neither	14	18	13	10	15	14
Don't know	19	12	10	22	11	18

Overall, do you have a favourable or unfavourable view of the following?

United States of America

Very favourable	7	4	3	1	8	3
Somewhat favourable	23	24	18	10	21	22
TOTAL FAVOURABLE	30	28	21	11	29	25
Somewhat unfavourable	30	34	41	33	30	35
Very unfavourable	34	28	31	51	36	28
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE	64	62	72	84	66	63
Don't know	7	10	8	4	6	11

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European Union												
Very favourable		13		10		12		25		18		11
Somewhat favourable		43		37		49		56		49		41
TOTAL FAVOURABLE		56		47		61		81		67		52
Somewhat unfavourable		19		24		21		9		17		21
Very unfavourable		14		20		11		5		10		15
TOTAL UNFAVOURABLE		33		44		32		14		27		36
Don't know		10		10		6		4		5		12

More specifically, thinking about the USA and its attitude towards the European Union and countries in Europe, which of the following best reflects your view?

The USA is generally a friend and ally to the EU and countries in Europe	50	26	36	20	42	14	56	13	42	14	37	21
The USA is generally a friendly rival to the EU and countries in Europe	19	20	28	33	28	27	24	13	31	25	24	31
TOTAL FRIEND / FRIENDLY	69	46	64	53	70	41	80	26	73	39	61	52
The USA is generally unfriendly towards the EU and countries in Europe	5	21	10	17	7	29	4	35	10	26	10	17
The USA is generally a hostile threat towards the EU and countries in Europe	1	14	8	13	7	12	2	30	5	22	7	10
TOTAL UNFRIENDLY / THREAT	6	35	18	30	14	41	6	65	15	48	17	27
None of these	5	5	6	5	5	7	3	2	4	4	6	7
Don't know	20	15	13	13	11	11	13	7	8	9	15	15

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And regardless of your personal view of Donald Trump, how do you think he sees Europe (i.e. the EU and partners like the UK)?

Trump sees Europe as generally a friend and ally to the USA	18	8	4	4	10	14
Trump sees Europe as generally a friendly rival to the USA	20	32	21	13	27	28
TOTAL FRIEND / FRIENDLY	38	40	25	17	37	42
Trump sees Europe as generally unfriendly towards the USA	27	28	42	49	31	21
Trump sees Europe as generally a hostile threat towards the USA	11	13	14	20	16	11
TOTAL UNFRIENDLY / THREAT	38	41	56	69	47	32
None of these	7	7	7	5	6	9
Don't know	16	13	11	9	10	16

Which of the following comes closest to your view?

Once Donald Trump is no longer president, US foreign policy and attitudes towards Europe will return to how they had been previously	50	46	39	57	51	46
US foreign policy and attitudes towards Europe have been permanently changed by Donald Trump, and will not return to how they had been previously once he is no longer president	25	27	41	27	26	22
Don't know	26	27	20	16	24	32

When it comes to Europe's relationship with the USA, what do you think should be the greatest priority?

It is more important to preserve Europe's alliance with the USA, even if this means compromising in some areas of policy independence and values	30	39	34	27	32	29
It is more important to preserve European policy independence and values, even if this meant an end to the alliance between the USA and Europe	44	41	45	55	48	45
Don't know	25	20	21	18	20	26

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Between the USA and Europe (i.e. the EU and partners like the UK), who do you think is stronger when it comes to...

Economic power

USA is much stronger	31	49	29	13	47	46
USA is somewhat stronger	28	23	29	21	26	25
TOTAL USA IS STRONGER	59	72	58	34	73	71
About equal	18	10	20	31	13	12
Europe is somewhat stronger	8	3	9	16	7	4
Europe is much stronger	2	1	2	8	1	2
TOTAL EUROPE IS STRONGER	10	4	11	24	8	6
Don't know	14	12	11	12	7	11

Military power

USA is much stronger	53	63	67	45	66	65
USA is somewhat stronger	22	13	16	30	16	17
TOTAL USA IS STRONGER	75	76	83	75	82	82
About equal	9	8	5	12	7	6
Europe is somewhat stronger	3	3	2	3	5	1
Europe is much stronger	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL EUROPE IS STRONGER	4	4	3	4	6	2
Don't know	12	13	9	10	6	10

Diplomatic power (i.e. ability to convince other countries to do things)

USA is much stronger	29	44	32	11	38	41
USA is somewhat stronger	27	22	26	21	23	23
TOTAL USA IS STRONGER	56	66	58	32	61	64
About equal	15	14	16	26	16	13
Europe is somewhat stronger	10	5	11	19	11	7
Europe is much stronger	4	2	2	8	3	2
TOTAL EUROPE IS STRONGER	14	7	13	27	14	9
Don't know	14	14	13	16	9	14

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How reliant do you think each of the following are upon good relations with the United States?

Economic prosperity in Europe

Very reliant	8	13	14	8	13	11
Fairly reliant	41	45	50	42	44	41
TOTAL RELIANT	49	58	64	50	57	52
Not very reliant	24	17	21	30	25	25
Not reliant at all	5	4	4	4	3	4
TOTAL NOT RELIANT	29	21	25	34	28	29
Don't know	23	20	11	15	15	20

European peace and defence

Very reliant	23	21	30	22	25	19
Fairly reliant	41	44	48	52	43	44
TOTAL RELIANT	64	65	78	74	68	63
Not very reliant	14	12	10	11	15	14
Not reliant at all	3	4	3	2	3	3
TOTAL NOT RELIANT	17	16	13	13	18	17
Don't know	19	19	10	13	13	20

What impact do you think a breakdown in relations between the

USA and Europe would have on...

The economy in [COUNTRY]

Very negative	12	16	16	5	17	10
Fairly negative	40	37	46	40	31	39
TOTAL NEGATIVE	52	53	62	45	48	49
Not much difference	26	23	16	29	30	22
Fairly positive	5	8	8	9	8	8
Very positive	1	4	2	2	3	3
TOTAL POSITIVE	6	12	10	11	11	11
Don't know	16	12	11	15	11	17

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Very negative			10		14		14		5		12		11
Fairly negative			43		40		49		43		39		39
TOTAL NEGATIVE			53		54		63		48		51		50
Not much difference			24		20		15		26		24		22
Fairly positive			5		9		9		9		10		9
Very positive			1		4		2		2		3		2
TOTAL POSITIVE			6		13		11		11		13		11
Don't know			16		14		11		16		11		17
Very negative			17		14		18		11		16		11
Fairly negative			35		38		41		35		32		35
TOTAL NEGATIVE			52		52		59		46		48		46
Not much difference			25		21		18		26		24		22
Fairly positive			7		11		9		11		13		12
Very positive			2		4		3		3		5		3
TOTAL POSITIVE			9		15		12		14		18		15
Don't know			14		12		11		15		10		17
Very negative			5		10		7		4		8		6
Fairly negative			22		26		29		19		22		19
TOTAL NEGATIVE			27		36		36		23		30		25
Not much difference			46		38		39		48		44		43
Fairly positive			3		6		7		6		8		7
Very positive			1		3		2		3		3		2
TOTAL POSITIVE			4		9		9		9		11		9
Don't know			22		17		16		20		16		23

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Europe's ability to defend itself

Very negative	19	19	24	10	19	15
Fairly negative	39	35	41	43	38	39
TOTAL NEGATIVE	58	54	65	53	57	54
Not much difference	20	19	13	18	20	19
Fairly positive	6	9	9	12	9	8
Very positive	2	5	2	3	3	1
TOTAL POSITIVE	8	14	11	15	12	9
Don't know	15	13	11	14	11	17

Would you be willing or unwilling for Europe to do each of the following in order to maintain good relationships with the USA?

Increase national military spending

Very willing	19	15	18	18	13	5
Fairly willing	38	36	38	45	26	17
TOTAL WILLING	57	51	56	63	39	22
Fairly unwilling	15	18	18	14	27	25
Very unwilling	9	14	10	8	21	36
TOTAL UNWILLING	24	32	28	22	48	61
Don't know	19	17	16	16	12	17

Cover the cost of US armed forces in Europe

Very willing	2	3	2	3	5	2
Fairly willing	13	10	14	19	14	9
TOTAL WILLING	15	13	16	22	19	11
Fairly unwilling	28	27	31	27	28	24
Very unwilling	39	42	36	28	41	47
TOTAL UNWILLING	67	69	67	55	69	71
Don't know	18	18	17	23	12	18

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Reduce immigration													
	Very willing		36		34		40		30		32		33
	Fairly willing		21		22		27		29		26		25
	TOTAL WILLING		57		56		67		59		58		58
	Fairly unwilling		14		14		14		16		20		15
	Very unwilling		11		15		8		9		13		9
	TOTAL UNWILLING		25		29		22		25		33		24
	Don't know		17		14		12		16		10		18
Agree trade deals that are slightly more favourable to the US than Europe													
	Very willing		2		4		2		2		4		2
	Fairly willing		16		17		15		13		15		14
	TOTAL WILLING		18		21		17		15		19		16
	Fairly unwilling		37		33		42		36		37		34
	Very unwilling		24		32		22		33		32		29
	TOTAL UNWILLING		61		65		64		69		69		63
	Don't know		22		15		19		16		12		21
Agree trade deals that are substantially more favourable to the US than Europe													
	Very willing		2		4		3		1		5		2
	Fairly willing		8		10		7		7		10		10
	TOTAL WILLING		10		14		10		8		15		12
	Fairly unwilling		32		28		36		27		32		29
	Very unwilling		38		42		38		50		41		40
	TOTAL UNWILLING		70		70		74		77		73		69
	Don't know		20		16		16		15		12		19
Loosen restrictions against hate speech													
	Very willing		10		11		8		5		17		12
	Fairly willing		16		19		10		11		23		18
	TOTAL WILLING		26		30		18		16		40		30
	Fairly unwilling		21		17		20		21		21		19
	Very unwilling		34		36		45		39		24		26
	TOTAL UNWILLING		55		53		65		60		45		45
	Don't know		19		17		17		24		16		24

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Disband the European Union

Very willing	x	15	9	4	6	12
Fairly willing	x	14	11	6	11	15
TOTAL WILLING	x	29	20	10	17	27
Fairly unwilling	x	16	15	13	22	15
Very unwilling	x	37	50	64	48	37
TOTAL UNWILLING	x	53	65	77	70	52
Don't know	x	18	15	13	13	20

Change European trade policy towards other countries along lines preferred by the US

Very willing	3	6	3	2	7	2
Fairly willing	16	16	16	14	20	14
TOTAL WILLING	19	22	19	16	27	16
Fairly unwilling	29	28	35	31	33	33
Very unwilling	25	31	19	26	25	26
TOTAL UNWILLING	54	59	54	57	58	59
Don't know	27	19	27	27	17	25

Agree US-requested trade policies that would slightly raise the cost of living in Europe

Very willing	1	4	2	2	4	1
Fairly willing	9	12	14	17	12	7
TOTAL WILLING	10	16	16	19	16	8
Fairly unwilling	36	30	38	31	33	31
Very unwilling	32	40	26	27	40	45
TOTAL UNWILLING	68	70	64	58	73	76
Don't know	22	14	20	22	11	17

Greatly increase financial and arms aid to Ukraine

Very willing	16	9	8	17	9	3
Fairly willing	38	21	23	36	30	20
TOTAL WILLING	54	30	31	53	39	23
Fairly unwilling	14	20	22	18	28	25
Very unwilling	12	34	30	12	17	30
TOTAL UNWILLING	26	54	52	30	45	55
Don't know	21	16	17	18	16	23

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In the event that the USA alliance with Europe broke down and relations became hostile, do you think Europe should or should not do each of the following?

Embark on greater political integration, with more powers and decision-making happening at the EU level

Should	✖	46	54	47	63	52
Should not	✖	28	21	20	18	19
Don't know	✖	26	25	32	20	29
Increase military spending on domestic armed forces						
Should	67	62	63	75	53	32
Should not	13	20	20	9	30	44
Don't know	20	17	17	16	17	24
Forge closer relations with other major powers, even if this means overlooking human rights issues						
Should	20	23	26	24	31	22
Should not	54	56	51	54	51	52
Don't know	25	21	23	23	18	26
Increase arms shipping and financial support to Ukraine, in the event the US withdrew its support						
Should	53	32	37	57	43	21
Should not	21	46	43	20	33	52
Don't know	27	22	20	23	24	27

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Sample Size: 2046 Adults in GB / 1051 in France / 2224 in Germany / 1007 Adults in Denmark / 1063 Adults in Spain / 1050 Adults in Italy

Fieldwork: 9th - 27th January 2026

	Country											
	GB	GB	France	France	Germany	Germany	Denmark	Denmark	Spain	Spain	Italy	Italy
Weighted Sample	2069	2046	1001	1051	2317	2224	1024	1007	1052	1063	1012	1050
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In the event that the USA seized Greenland militarily, what do you think the response from Europe should be?

Accept US control over Greenland and not attempt to take any action to convince the USA to leave	5	6	6	3	8	6
Attempt to convince the USA to leave Greenland through diplomatic means, but not take military or economic action againsts	33	41	41	21	39	44
Economic retaliation in terms of economic sanctions and other measures, but not take military action against the USA	30	29	35	47	30	23
Military retaliation in an attempt to retake Greenland by force	14	6	5	16	6	5
Don't know	17	18	13	12	16	22