

Germans are happiest with their government, but are the least nationalistic

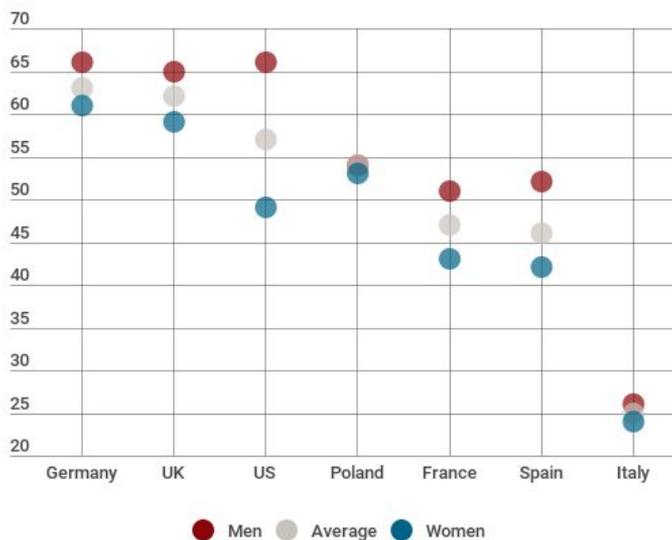
- **Germans are the most satisfied with the way democracy works in their country (63%). Italy is the least satisfied at 25%.**
 - **In the U.S., 66% of men are satisfied with the way their democracy works compared to just 49% of women.**
 - **71% of Americans agree with the statement “My country comes first,” compared to 47% of Germans.**
 - **Spanish are most likely to think the government is controlled by the rich elite (79%). Germans are the least likely to think the same (57%).**
 - **35% of Germans have a positive opinion of their government compared to just 8% of French have a positive opinion of their government.**
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Berlin, 10 February 2017 - In our latest survey, completed at the end of December 2016, we asked respondents for their opinions about their democracy and government.

Our results show that 63% of Germans responded that they are satisfied with the way democracy works in their country. This was above the US and the 5 other major European countries we sampled on a census representative level. The UK was a close second with a 62% approval rating. At the other end of the extreme is Italy, which held a 25% approval rating of their democracy. For all countries, women were less satisfied with how their democracy works than men. The greatest gap in satisfaction is in the U.S., where 66% of men are satisfied with their democracy compared to only 49% of women. The satisfaction gaps in Poland, Italy and Germany are low; 1, 2 and 5 percentage points respectively.

Germans Are the Most Satisfied with Their Democracy

Respondents who are satisfied with the way democracy works in their country



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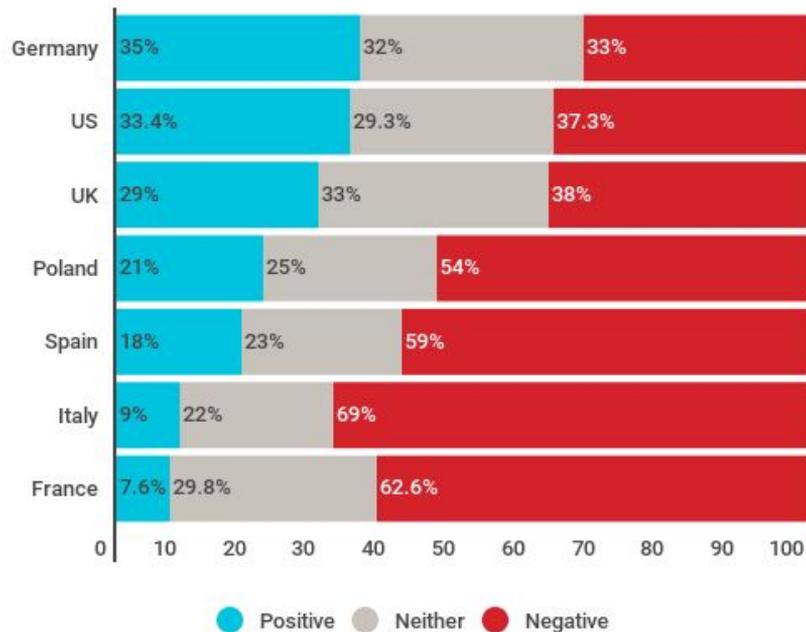
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When it comes to their government in general, Germans also feel the most positive. 35% of Germans have a positive opinion of the government compared to 33% who have a negative opinion, making it the only country in our list to have a positive approval rating (+2 percentage points). French were least likely to have a positive opinion of their government at just 8%, and had an overall rating of (-55 percentage points). Italy came in last with a net score of -60 percentage points (9% positive and 69% negative).

Germans Feel Most Positively About their Government

"What is your opinion of the government in your country?"



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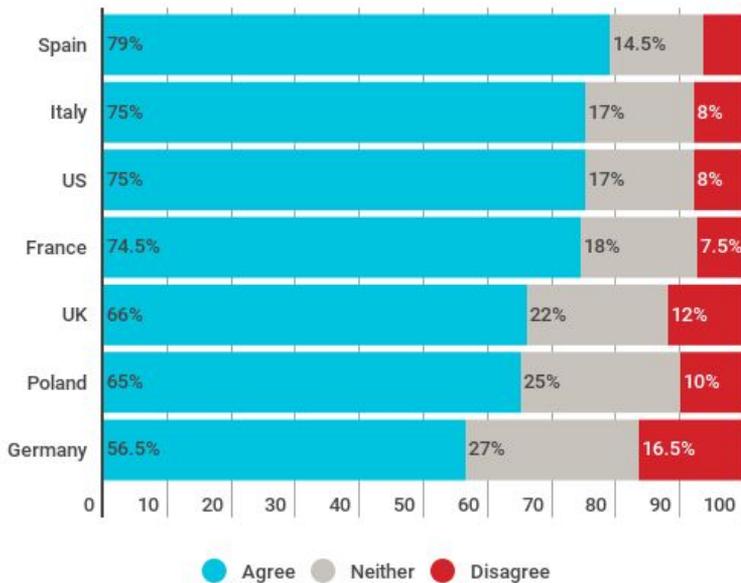
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Although the majority of respondents agreed with the statement “Government is controlled by the rich elite,” there were some significant country-level differences. A majority of 79% of Spanish agreed with the statement. Germans agreed at only 57%, and disagreed at 17%.

Germans Least Likely to Think Government is Controlled by the Elite

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement :
"Government is controlled by the rich elite"



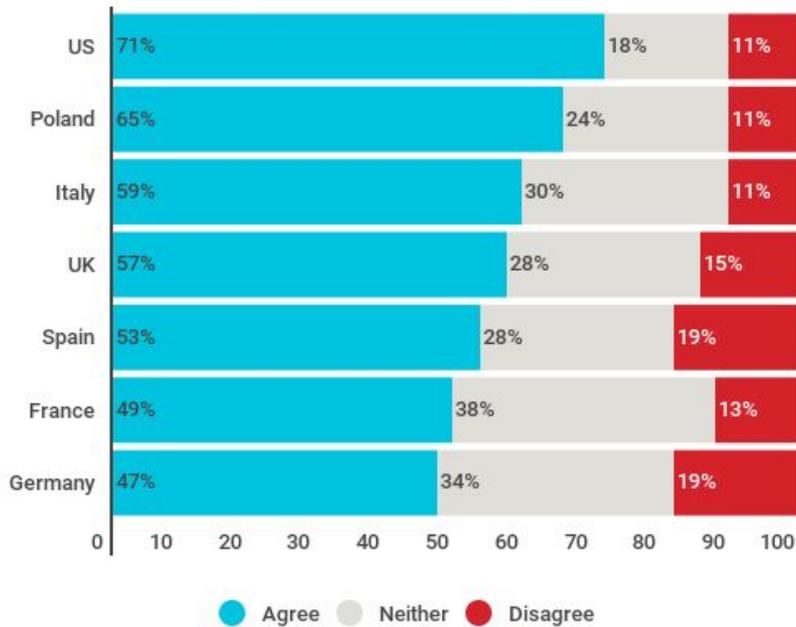
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Despite Germans' high opinion of the quality of their government and democratic system, they were the least likely to be nationalistic. We asked respondents if they agree with the statement, "My country comes first." The vast majority of Americans (71%) agreed with the statement. Germans and Spanish disagreed with the statement the most, 19% each. However, Germans came in at the bottom of the list with only 47% agreeing to the statement.

Germans Are the Least Nationalistic

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement :
"My country comes first"



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Notes to editors

About the survey

The findings were collected by Dalia Research as part of the “EuroPulse”, a quarterly survey across 28 EU countries and 21 languages. In every “wave” of the survey, Dalia interviews a census-representative sample of more than 10,000 Europeans to better understand EU-wide trends in public opinion, consumer attitudes and market developments. The survey setup treats the EU from a statistical and sampling perspective, as if it were one country.

The results are based on the most recent wave of “EuroPulse”, which was conducted between November 30, 2016 and December 10, 2016. The sample of n=11.282 was drawn across all 28 EU Member States and for the US a sample of n=1.052, taking into account current population distributions with regard to age (14-65 years), gender and region/country.

An estimation of the overall design effect based on the distribution of weights was calculated at 1.42 at the global level for the EU sample, and at 1.15 for the US sample. Calculated for a sample of this size and considering the design-effect, the margin of error would be +/-1.1 % at a confidence level of 95%.

The summary statistics in an excel file are attached. Infographics and logos available upon request. (email anisa.holmes@daliaresearch.com)

Full Transatlantic Dataset

Dalia Research has made the full dataset available to interested researchers and journalists by posting it on Kaggle. You can access and download the dataset [here](#).

Survey Questions

1. How satisfied are you with the way democracy works in your country? (*Very satisfied, Somewhat satisfied / Somewhat not satisfied / Not at all satisfied*)
2. What is your opinion of the government in [your country]? (*Very positive / Somewhat positive / Neither positive nor negative / Somewhat negative / Very negative*)
3. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “Government is controlled by the rich elite.” (*Strongly agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree*)
4. Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? “My country comes first.” (*Strongly agree / Somewhat agree / Neither agree nor disagree / Somewhat disagree / Strongly disagree*)

About Dalia Research

Dalia Research was founded in Berlin in 2013 with a clear vision to utilize mobile technology to change the way attitudinal data is collected, analysed and presented. For more information about Dalia and its work, please visit: www.daliaresearch.com

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