

Trans-Atlantic Scorecard
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Notes on survey

In order to provide a nuanced evaluation of the state of trans-Atlantic relations now and over time, Brookings’s Center on the United States and Europe has launched a new product, the Trans-Atlantic Scorecard, as part of the Brookings – Robert Bosch Foundation Transatlantic Initiative.

The Center on the United States and Europe will poll its own resident and nonresident experts as well as select other scholars quarterly on the state of U.S.-European relations—divided into overall, political, security, and economic relations—as well as on the state of U.S. relations with Germany, France, Britain, Turkey, Russia, and the European Union. Scholars are asked to rate the state of relations on a scale from 1 (poor) to 10 (excellent); indicate whether that state is trending positive, negative, or neutral; and explain their answers in up to 100 words. Scholars are additionally asked to respond to subjective statements about issues in the news on a five-point scale: Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, and Strongly Disagree.

Scorecards will be published in March, June, September, and December each year, including survey results as well as associated “Snapshots” detailing data relevant to trans-Atlantic relations from the previous three calendar months, which are assembled by Center on the United State and Europe research assistants.

For the September 2018 edition of the Scorecard, 19 Brookings scholars participated in a poll conducted between September 4 and September 10, 2018. Each scholar was asked all 13 multi-part questions, but question 1 (parts A, B, and C) was the only mandatory question. Ratings were averaged and rounded to the nearest tenth of a point to yield the scores for questions 1 through 10. Written answers were published with light editing for style and clarity.

The survey was developed by Center on the United States and Europe staff and scholars and conducted by Senior Research Assistant Ted Reinert.

Questions to scholars

U.S.—European relations overall

- 1A. Assess the present state of U.S.-European relations overall. (*Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent*)
- 1B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 1C. Explain your answer in up to 100 words.

U.S.—European relations by topic

- 2A. Assess the present state of U.S.-European political relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 2B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 2C. Explain your answer in up to 100 words.
- 3A. Assess the present state of U.S.-European security relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 3B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 3C. Explain your answer in up to 100 words.
- 4A. Assess the present state of U.S.-European economic relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 4B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 4C. Explain your answer in up to 100 words.

Bilateral U.S.—European relationships

- 5A. Assess the present state of U.S.-German relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 5B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 6A. Assess the present state of U.S.-French relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 6B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 7A. Assess the present state of U.S.-British relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 7B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 8A. Assess the present state of U.S.-Turkish relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 8B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 9A. Assess the present state of U.S.-Russian relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 9B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?
- 10A. Assess the present state of U.S.-European Union relations. *(Scale from 1=Poor to 10=Excellent)*
- 10B. Is it trending positive, negative, or neutral?

In the news

11A. The European Union will forge a more independent and coherent foreign policy in response to tensions with the Trump administration. *(Select one: Strongly Agree / Agree / Neutral / Disagree / Strongly Disagree)*

11B. Explain your answer in up to 100 words.

12A. The crisis in U.S.-Turkish relations will lead to a shift in Ankara’s geopolitical orientation. *(Select one: Strongly Agree / Agree / Neutral / Disagree / Strongly Disagree)*

12B. Explain your answer in up to 100 words.

13A. The understanding on trade reached between President Trump and European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker at their July 25 meeting has significantly reduced the risk of a full-blown trade war between the United States and the European Union. *(Select one: Strongly Agree / Agree / Neutral / Disagree / Strongly Disagree)*

13B. Explain your answer in up to 100 words.

Scholars participating

Pavel K. Baev	Nonresident Senior Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Foreign Policy, Brookings	Answering Questions 1-13
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Strobe Talbott	Distinguished Fellow in Residence, Foreign Policy, Brookings	Answering Questions 1-13
Torrey Taussig	Nonresident Fellow, Center on the United States and Europe, Foreign Policy, Brookings	Answering Questions 1-13
Thomas Wright	Director, Center on the United States and Europe, Foreign Policy, Brookings	Answering Questions 1-13