

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 the Trans-Atlantic Scorecard, as part of the Brookings – Robert Bosch Foundation Transatlantic Initiative.

The Center on the United States and Europe polls 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 are published in January, April, July, and October 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 and interns.

For the October 2019 edition of the Scorecard, 24 scholars participated in a poll conducted between October 8 and October 11, 2019. Each scholar was asked all 14 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 Sam Denney, Filippos Letsas, and 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. Given the new political realities in the United Kingdom, the long-term health of the European Union is now better served by the U.K. leaving. *(Select one: Strongly Agree / Agree / Neutral / Disagree / Strongly Disagree)*

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

12A. Despite new U.S. tariffs on EU goods, authorized by the World Trade Organization as a result of European subsidies to Airbus, the United States and European Union will fundamentally maintain their trade truce until the 2020 U.S. presidential election. *(Select one: Strongly Agree / Agree / Neutral / Disagree / Strongly Disagree)*

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

13A. A reelected Law and Justice government in Poland will further isolate the country within the European Union. *(Select one: Strongly Agree / Agree / Neutral / Disagree / Strongly Disagree)*

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

14A. The scandal around the Trump administration's pressuring of Ukraine to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden will result in significant damage to U.S.-Ukraine relations. *(Select one: Strongly Agree / Agree / Neutral / Disagree / Strongly Disagree)*

14B. Explain your answer in up to 100 words.

Scholars participating

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