

International Views of U.S. Policies, Culture and Politics in the Biden Era

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Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey Methodology

- Survey conducted across 16 publics (in Europe, Asia/Pacific, and Canada) from March 12 to May 26, 2021, totaling 16,254 respondents
- Based on telephone interviews with nationally representative samples of adults 18 and older
- The margin of sampling error for the completed set of weighted data is ± 3.5 to ± 4.4 percentage points

U.S. Methodology

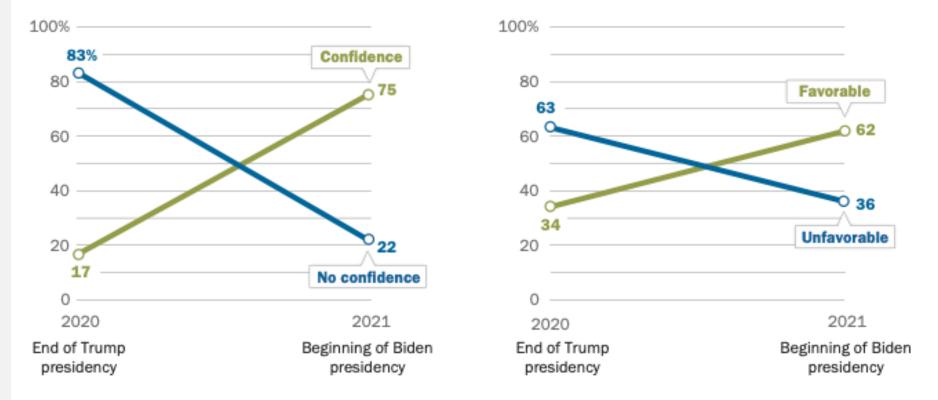
- Survey of 2,596 U.S. adults conducted from Feb. 1 to 7, 2021
- Everyone who took part in this survey is a member of the Center's American Trends Panel (ATP), an online survey panel that is recruited through national, random sampling of residential addresses
- The survey is weighted to be representative of the U.S. adult population by gender, race, ethnicity, partisan affiliation, education and other categories

THE IMPACT OF THE 2020 ELECTION

Biden gets much higher ratings than Trump, and U.S. favorability is up significantly

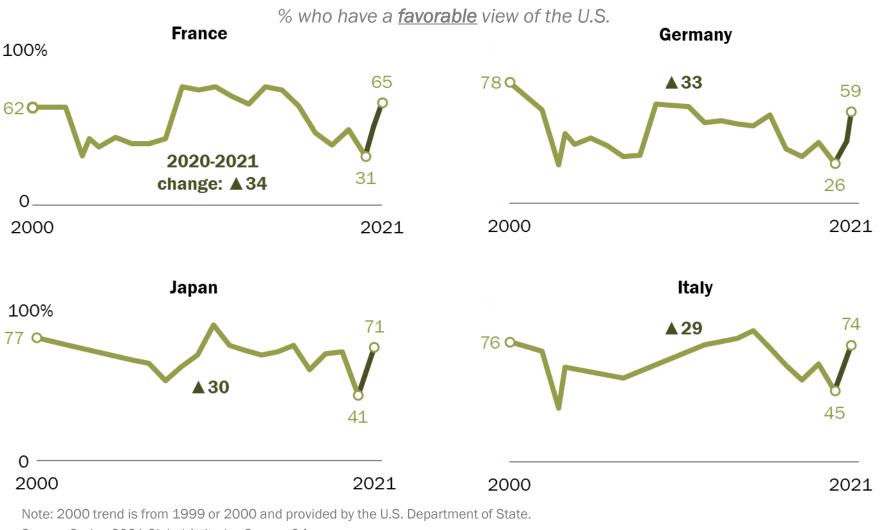
% who have __ in the U.S. president to do the right thing regarding world affairs

% who have a ____ view of the U.S.



Note: Percentages are medians based on 12 countries where data is available for both Biden and Trump. Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q4a & Q21a.

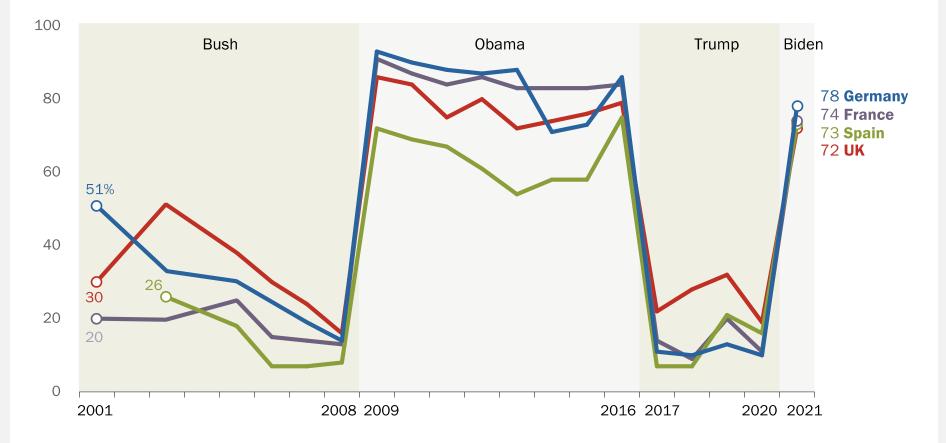
U.S. favorability sees one of its steepest recoveries in years from 2020 to 2021



Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q4a.

Western Europeans' confidence in U.S. president surges as Biden enters office

% who have <u>confidence</u> in U.S. President ____ to do the right thing regarding world affairs

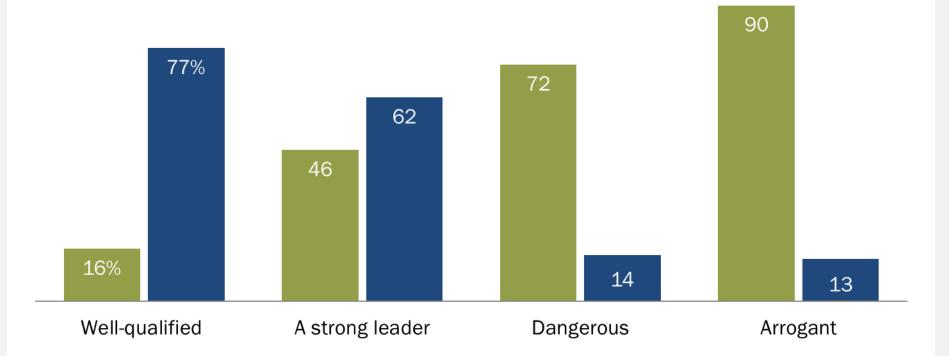


Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q21a.

Biden gets higher ratings than Trump on personal, leadership traits

% who say they think of U.S. President ____ as...

Trump (2017) Biden (2021)

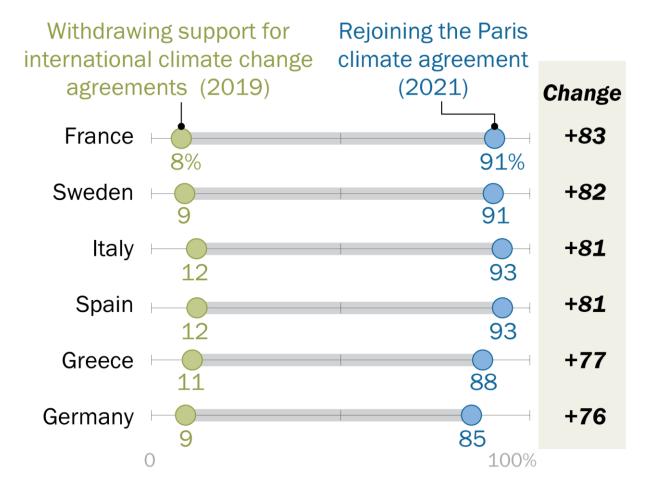


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Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q23a-d.

Biden's approach to global climate agreements significantly more popular than Trump's

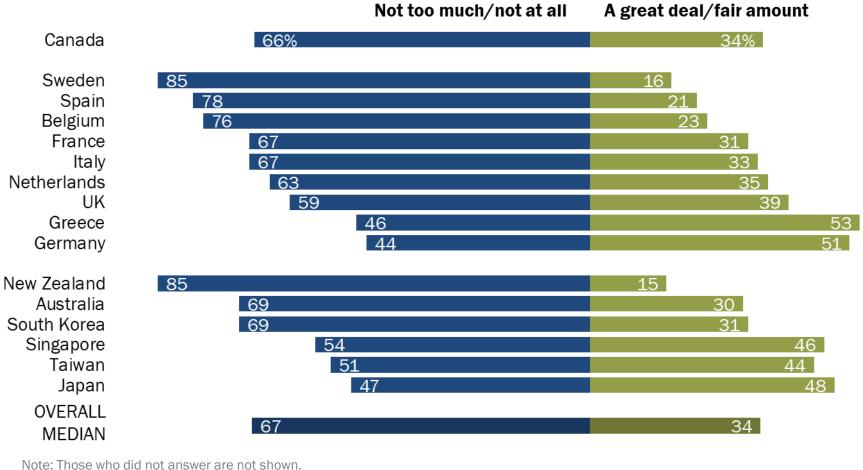
% who approve of the U.S. ...



Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q24a.

Few think the U.S. considers their interests when making foreign policy decisions

% who say the U.S. takes into account the interests of countries like (survey public) in making international policy decisions ...

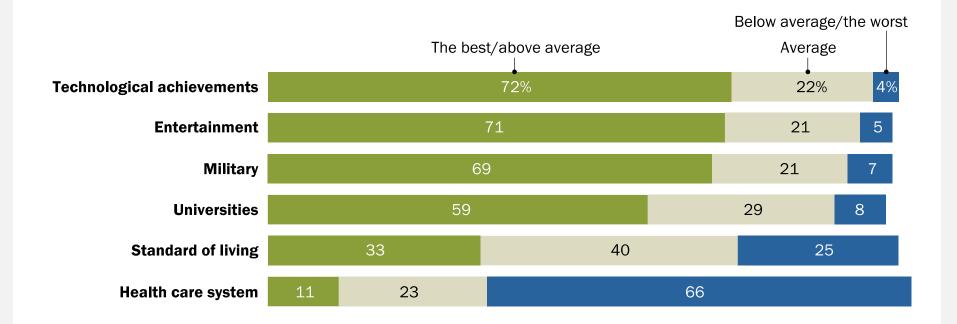


Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q17.

U.S. CULTURE, SOCIETY, POLITICS

American tech, entertainment and military get high ratings

% who say the United States' ____ compared with other developed nations, is/are ...



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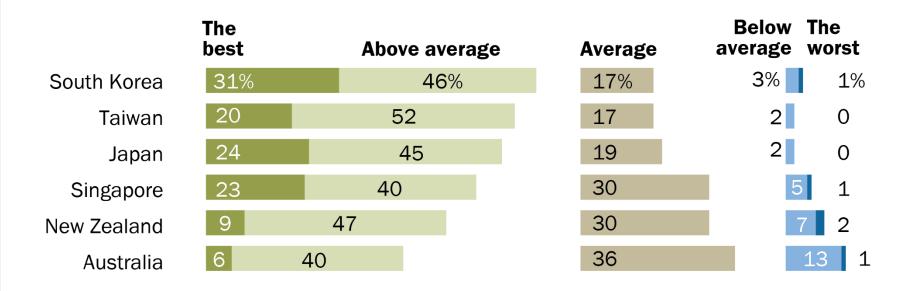
% who say the United States' *universities* are <u>compared</u> with other developed nations

	The best	Above average		Average	Below The average worst
Canada	12%	41%		34%	8% 1%
Greece	40		40	11	3 1
Spain	16	54		20	6 1
Italy	21	43		27	5 1
Belgium	16	43		29	7 2
Sweden	10	49		29	9 1
France	21	37		27	8 1
Netherlands	8	46		33	8 1
UK	11	40		28	8 1
Germany	14	35		38	3 1

Note: Those who did not answer not shown. Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey

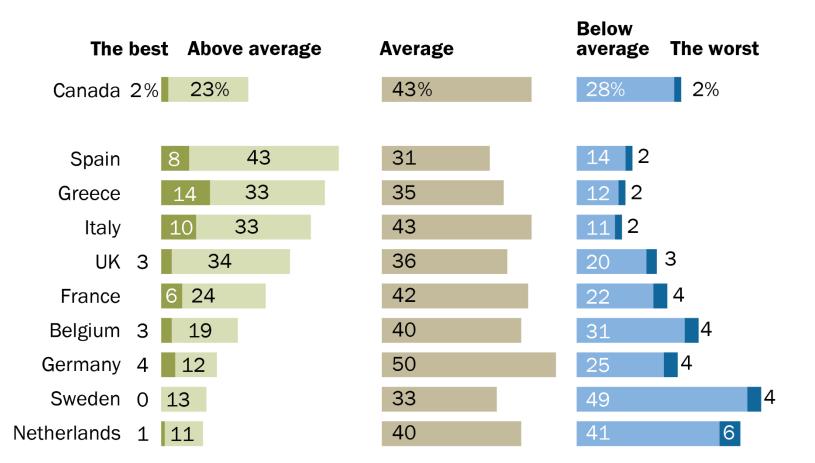
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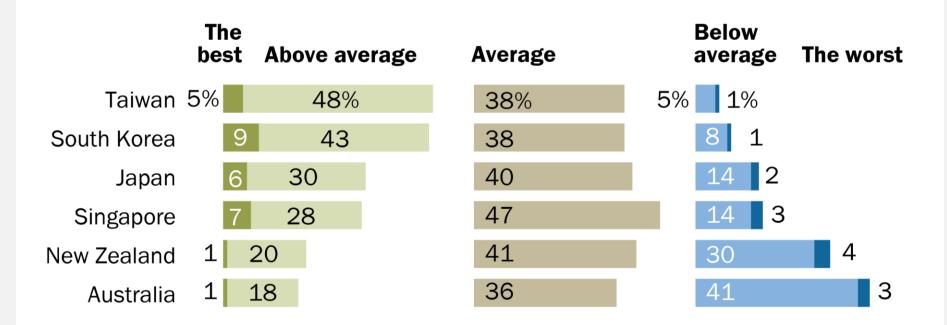
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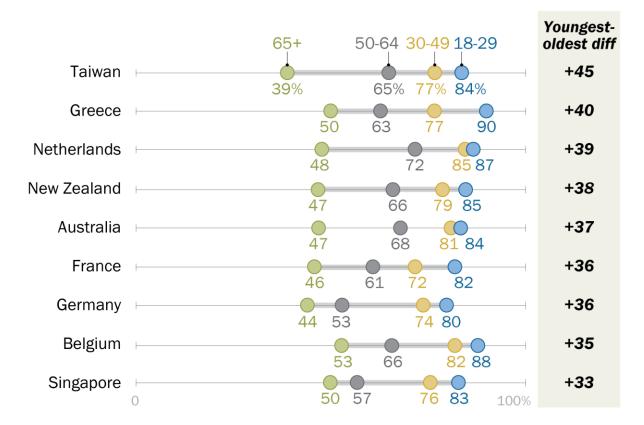


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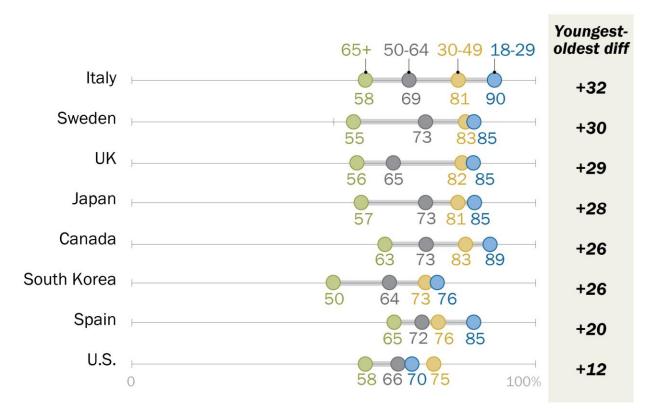
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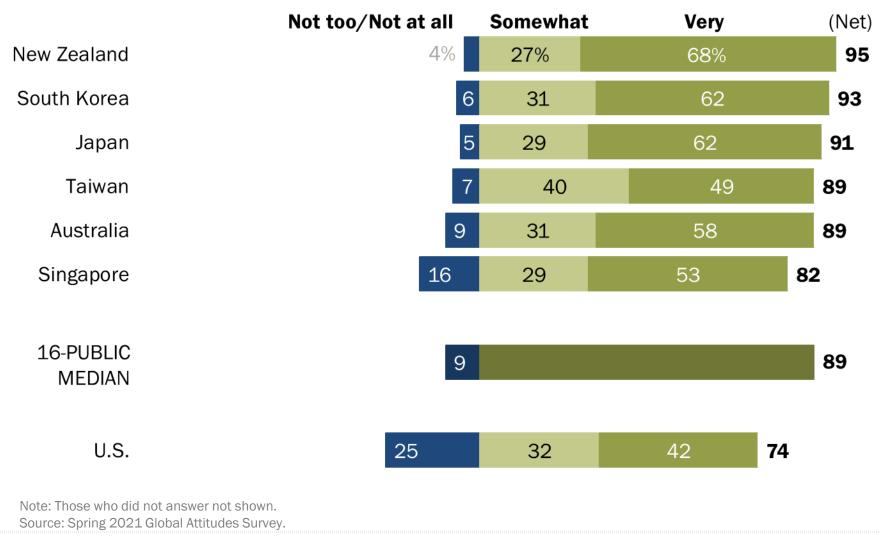
% who say discrimination against people based on their race or ethnicity is a _____ serious problem in the U.S.

	Not too/Not at all	Somewhat	Very	(Net)
Canada	9%	28%	63%	91
Spain	9	21	69	90
Netherlands	9	35	55	90
Sweden	10	46	44	90
UK	10	25	61	86
Italy	13	28	58	86
Germany	9	37	48	85
France	11	32	53	85
Belgium	13	34	51	85
Greece	14	27	56	83

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Discrimination in U.S. seen as a more serious problem by those on the left

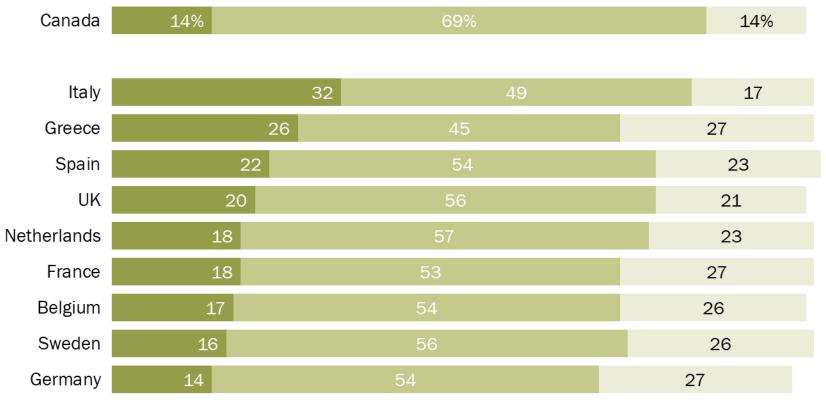
% who say discrimination against people based on their race or ethnicity is a **very serious** problem in the U.S., among those on the ideological ...

Left		Cente	r	Right	
90% - 70 - 50 -	Canada 81% New Zealand 79 Spain 77 Australia, Italy 73 UK 72 Netherlands, Greece 71 South Korea 68 France 67 Belgium 64 Germany 62 Sweden 60		Spain 73 New Zealand 71 South Korea 67 Canada 66 Greece, Italy 61 UK 60 Australia 59 Belgium, Netherlands 55 France 48 Sweden 47 Germany 43		New Zealand 59 Spain 58 UK 57 South Korea 55 Canada 52 Greece, Italy 49 Netherlands 48 France 47 Germany 45 Australia 44 Belgium 41
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Many across Europe believe the U.S. is no longer a good model of democracy

% who say democracy in the U.S. ...

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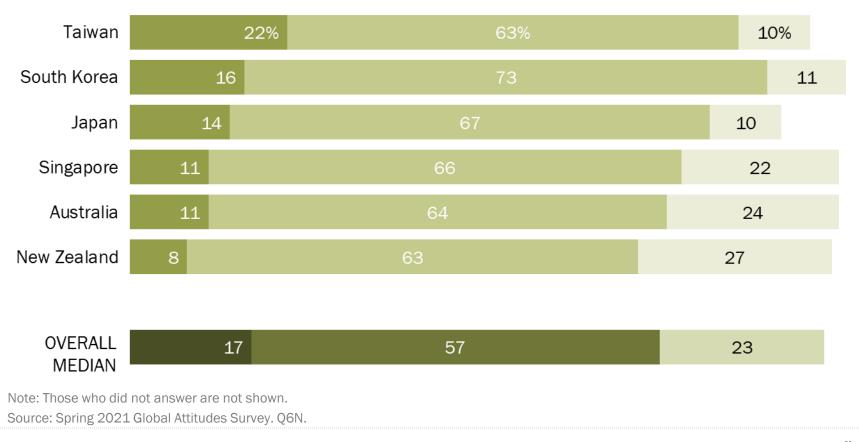
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Source: Spring 2021 Global Attitudes Survey. Q6N.

Most in the Asia-Pacific region believe the U.S. is no longer a good model of democracy

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