Balkan Monitor 2021

International Alliances and the Balkans

A longitudinal survey in 9 countries of the Balkan region





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Survey Details

Company Name	KAPA RESEARCH CONSULTING A.E.		
Survey type	Subscription-based longitudinal survey by Kapa Research – 5 th wave		
Purpose	International comparative survey measuring attitudes and public opinion of citizens of the Balkan region		
Sample characteristics	Citizens of countries in the Balkan region, 17 years and above		
Sample size / geographical coverage	6.818 citizens of: Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Serbia, Romania, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania		
Period of data collection	4 – 29 October 2021		
Sampling method	Random sampling		
Data collection method	Mixed-mode data collection: Telephone interviews (CATI) and Web interviews (CAWI). 76 interviewers and 9 supervisors were employed in the data collection process of this survey project		
Sampling error / Rounding	4% at the 95% confidence interval. Survey results (%) are presented after rounding and it is possible that responses do not add up to 100%. Wherever grouped aggregate results are presented (for all 9 countries), the median is used, which does not add up to 100%.		
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Sampling Details

COUNTRY	DATA COLLECTION METHOD	SAMPLE SIZE	INTERVIEW LANGUAGE
Albania	LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	602	ALBANIAN
North Macedonia*	LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	605	MACEDONIAN, ALBANIAN
Bulgaria	LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	801	BULGARIAN
Greece	MOBILE & LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	904	GREEK
Kosove**	LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	600	ALBANIAN, SERBIAN
Cyprus	LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	602	GREEK
Romania	LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	903	ROMANIAN
Serbia	LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	800	SERBIAN
Turkey	LANDLINE TELEPHONES, WEB	1001	TURKISH
Refers to the country known until recently as FYROM th	at was renamed Republic of North Macedonia in 2019		■ kana research

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^{**}The name is in accordance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and the International Court of Justice's declaration of independence of Kosovo



SECTION 1 THE MAJOR ISSUES

Ranking of important issues by country



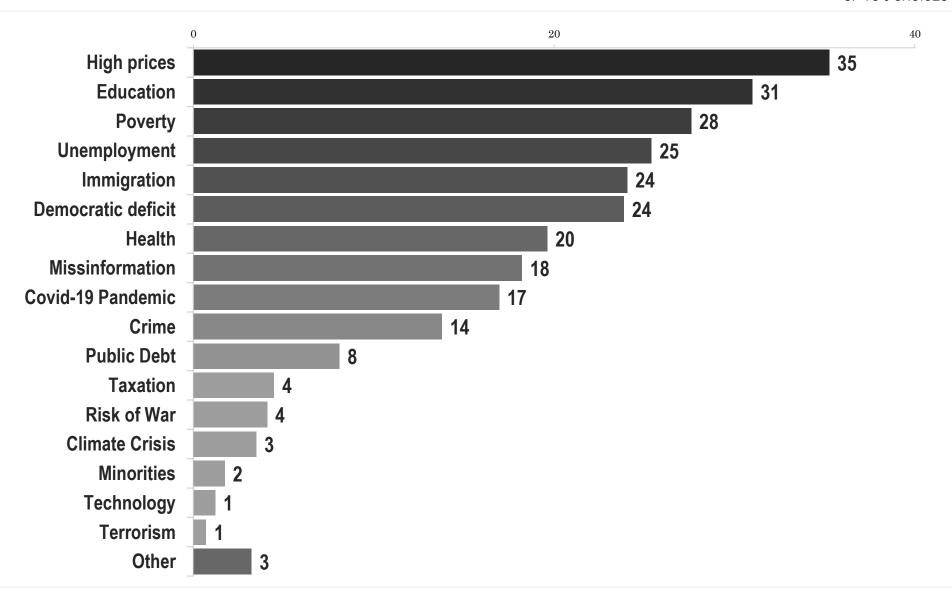
RANKING OF ISSUES

In which of the following areas do you believe that [our country] is facing the most important issues today?*

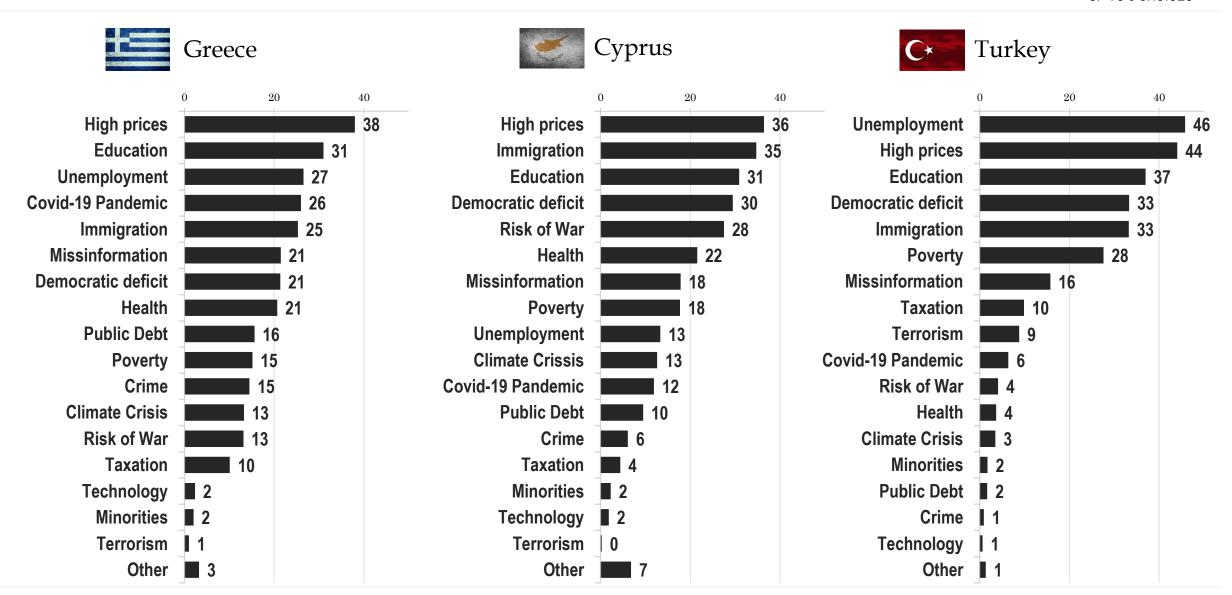
UP TO 3 CHOICES

% 9 countries* (median)

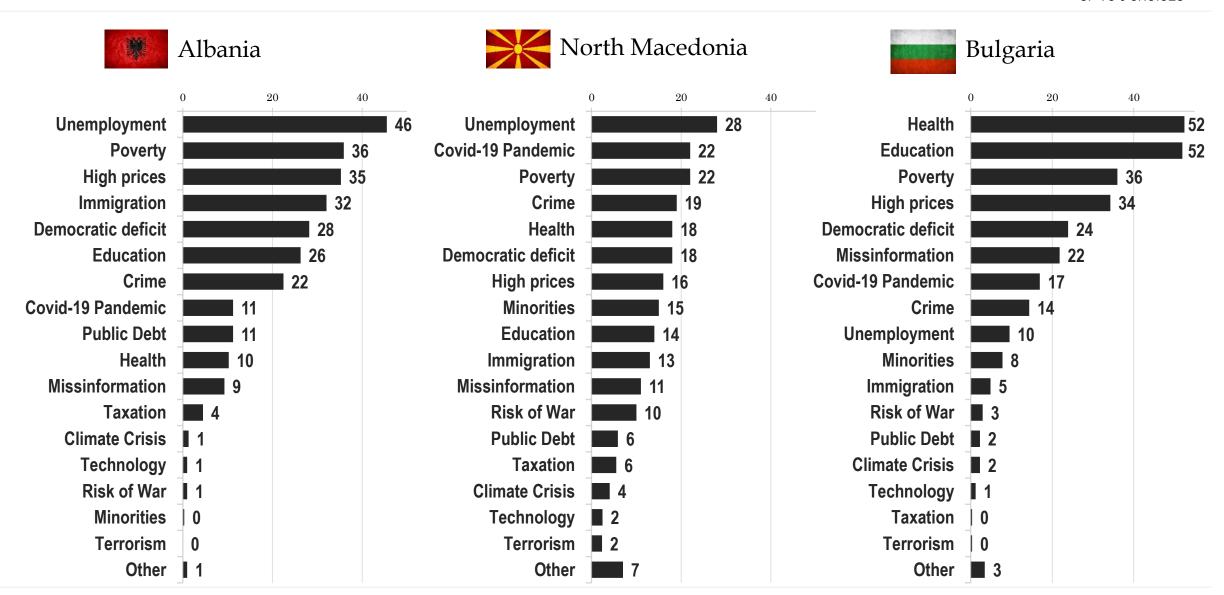
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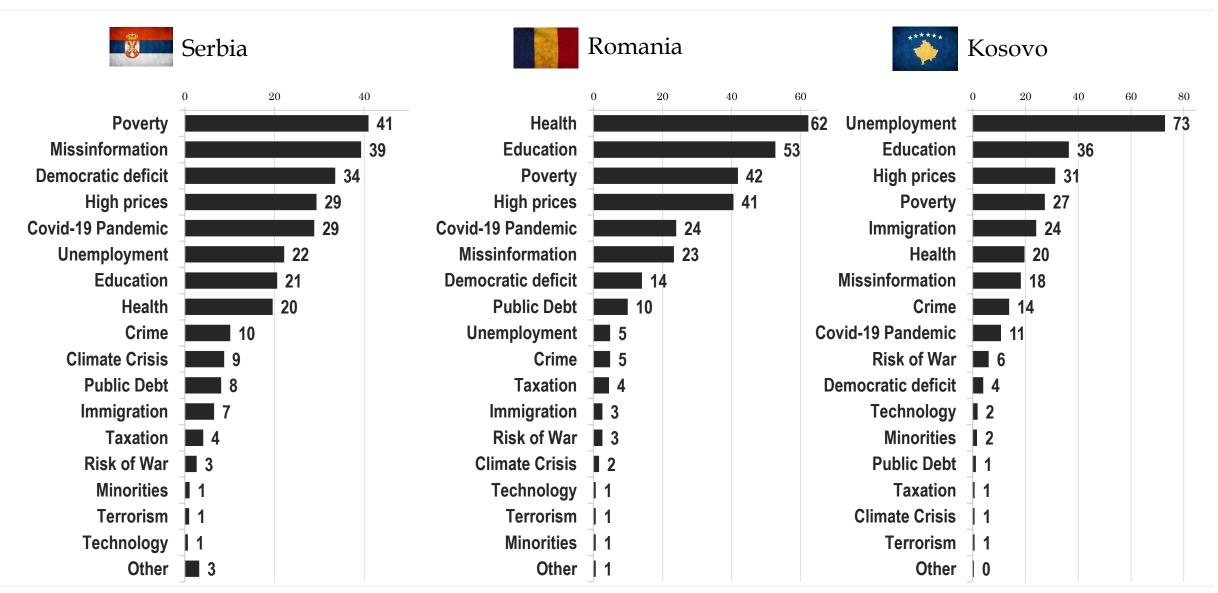
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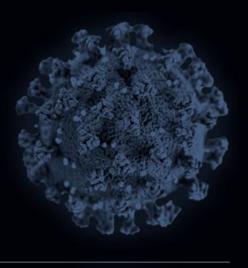


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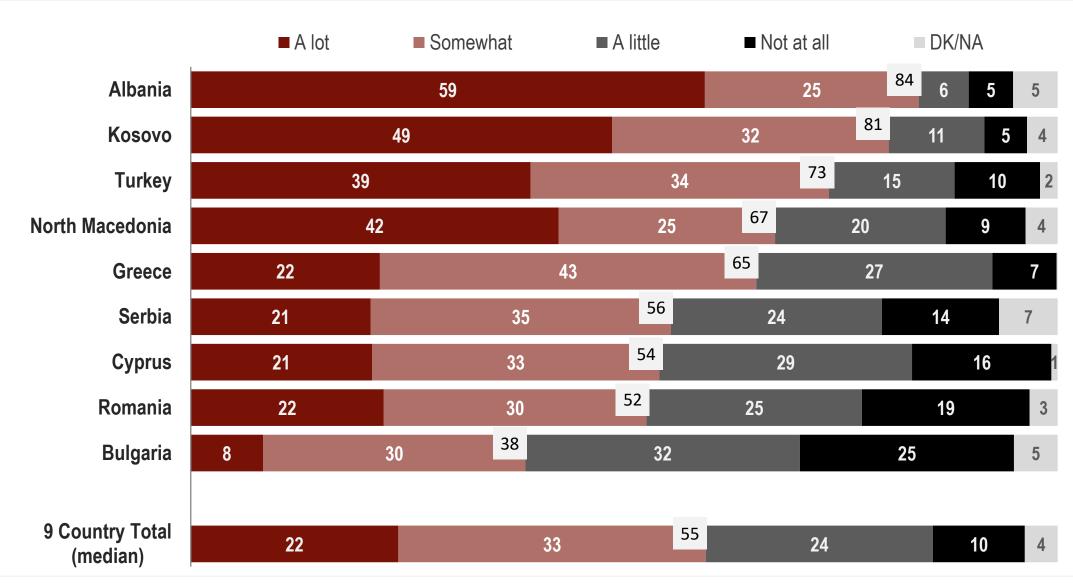
SECTION 2 COVID-19

Concern about the Coronavirus — Trust in the Scientific Community



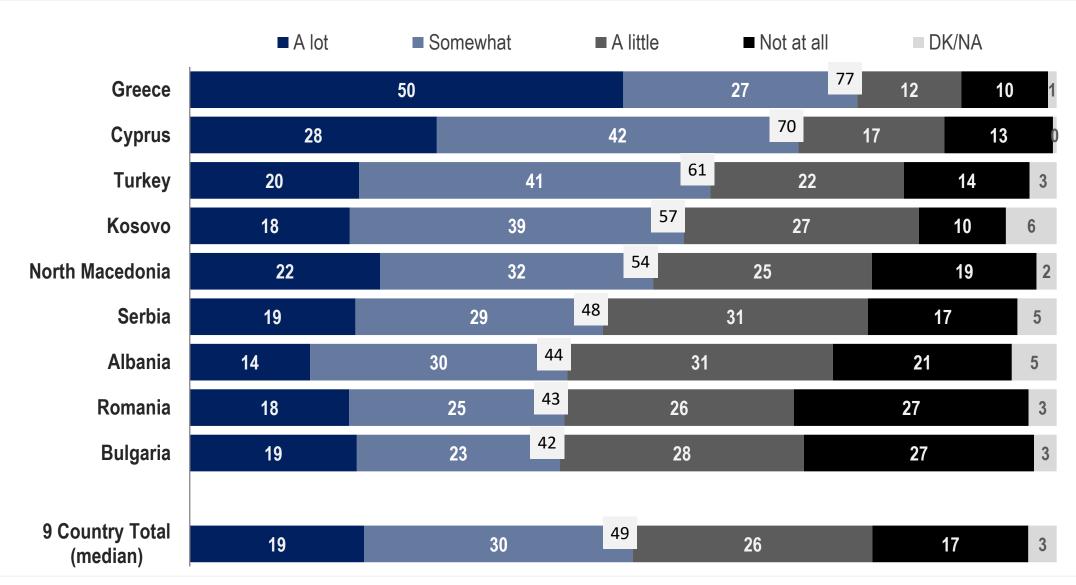
COVID-19: CONCERN FOR INFECTION

How concerned are you that yourself or a member of your household will become infected with the coronavirus?



COVID-19: TRUST IN THE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE PANDEMIC

How much do you trust the medical and scientific community in humanity's battle against the pandemic?



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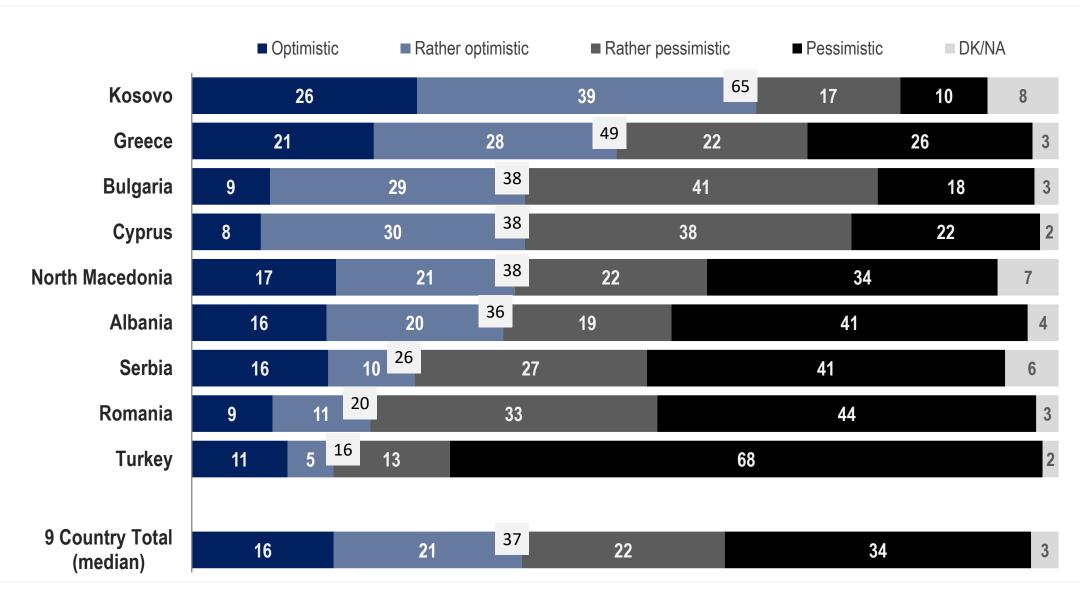
SECTION 3 THE ECONOMY

Level of optimism — Desired economic direction for Europe



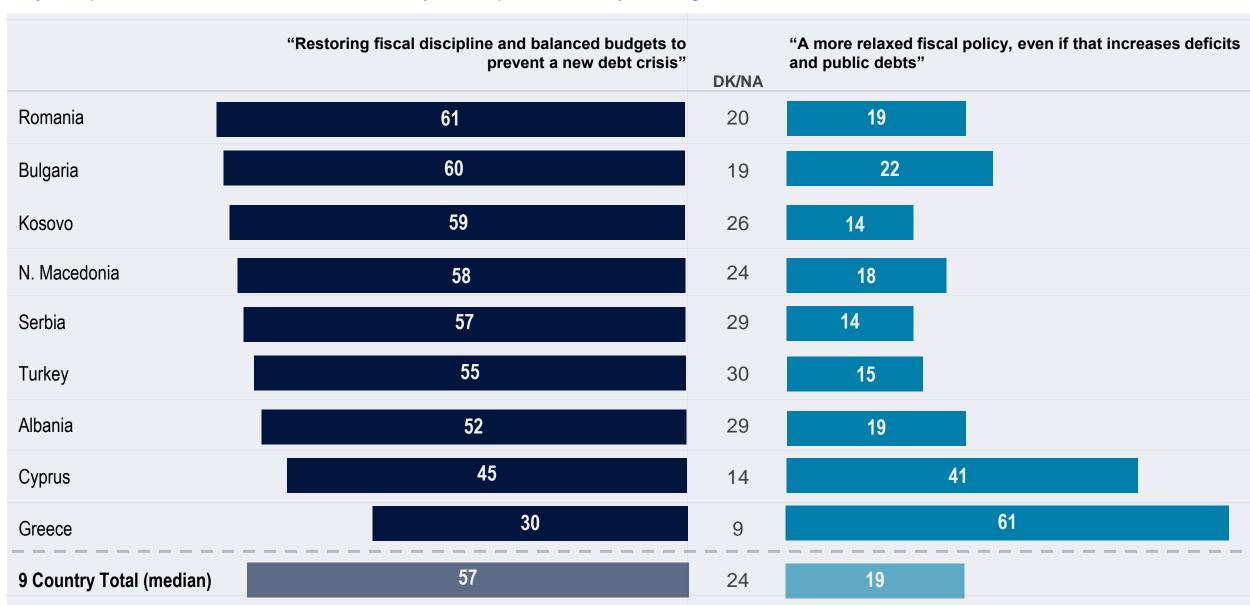
LEVEL OF OPTIMISM ON THE COURSE OF THE ECONOMY

Would you say that you are more optimistic or pessimistic about the course of [our country's]* economy over the next year?



DIRECTION IN THE ECONOMY AFTER THE PANDEMIC

In your opinion, which would be the best course for Europe as a whole, following the Covid-19 crisis?





SECTION 4 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

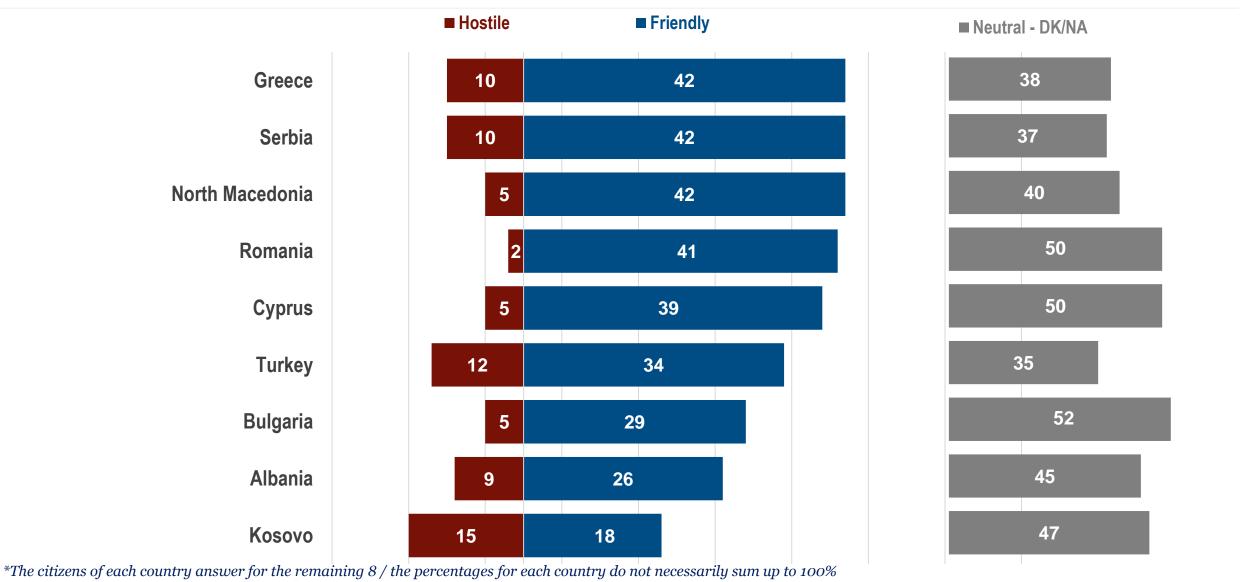
Neighbor relations - Concern over a 'heated incident'



ATTITUDES TOWARDS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

How do you feel about . . . :

% 9 country total (median)*

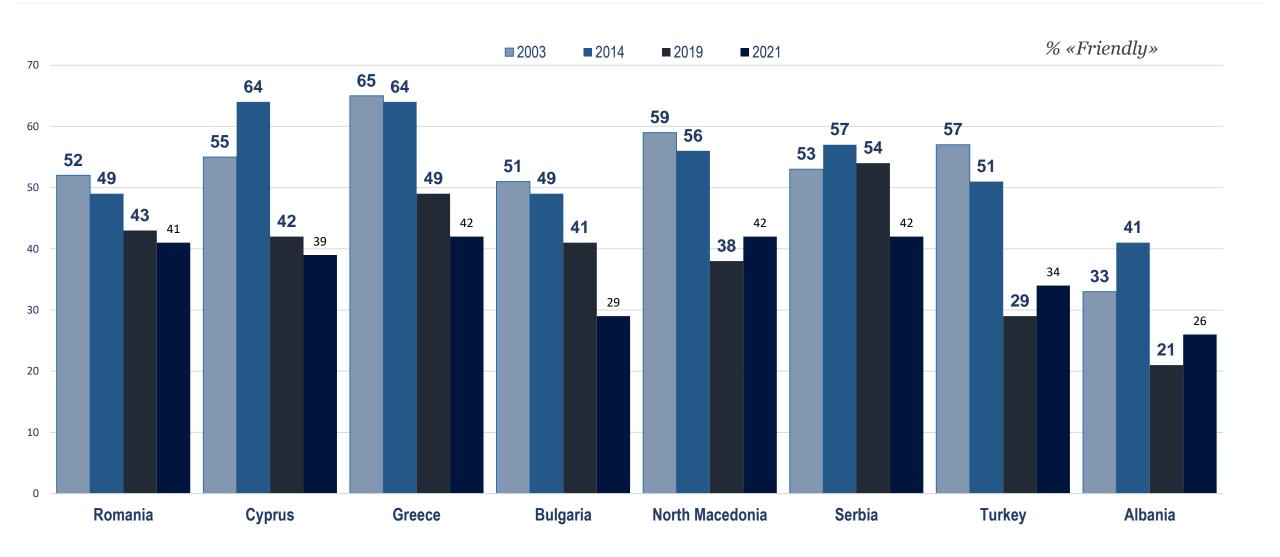




ATTITUDES TOWARDS NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES

Over time

% 9 country total (median)



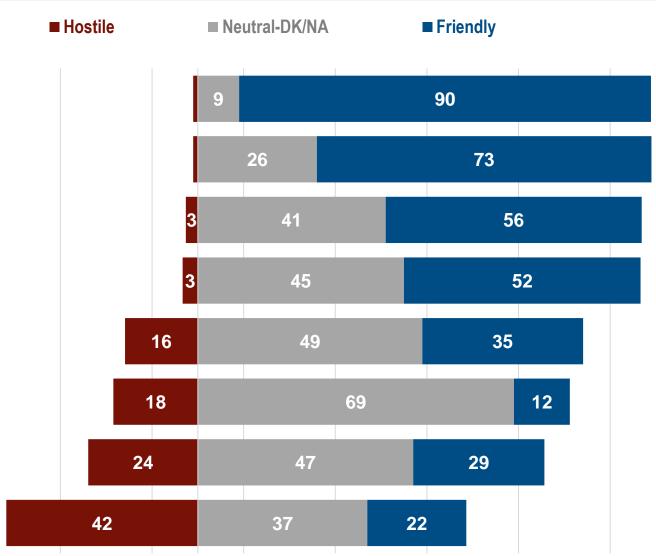
THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS GREECE

How do you feel about Greece?



*Feelings towards **Greece** as expressed by citizens of...:





THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS CYPRUS

How do you feel about Cyprus?



* Feelings towards Cyprus as expressed by citizens of...:

Greece

Serbia

Bulgaria

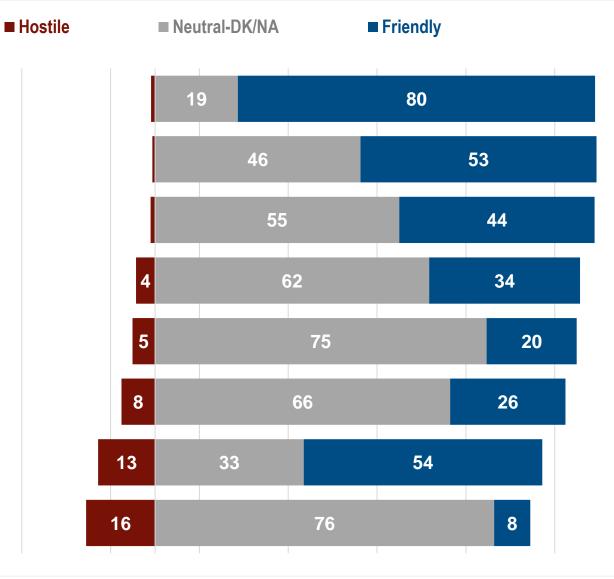
Romania

Albania

North Macedonia

Turkey

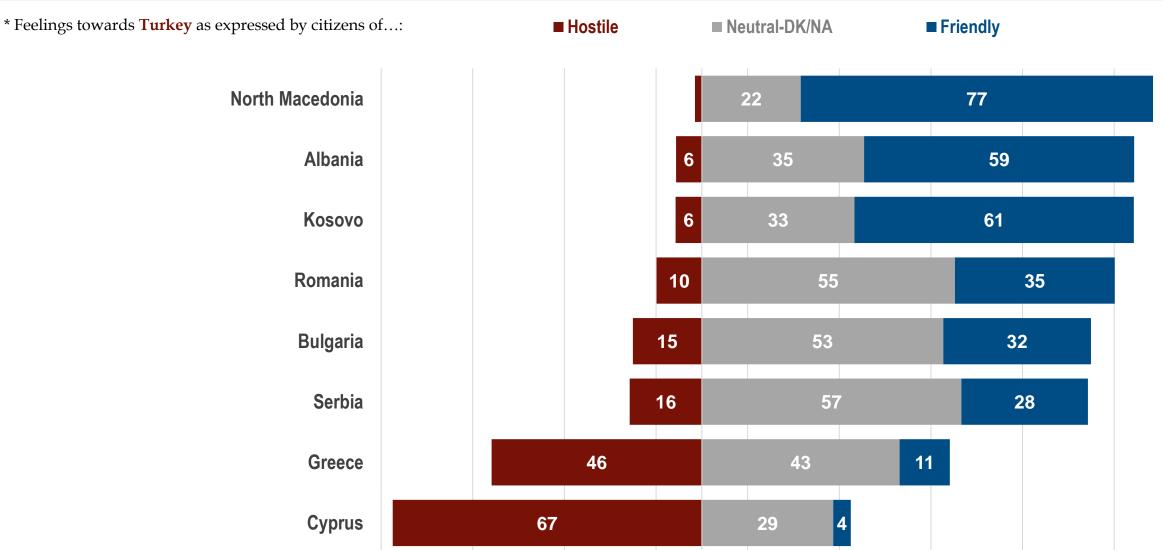
Kosovo



THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS TURKEY

How do you feel about Turkey?





THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS ALBANIA

How do you feel about Albania?



* Feelings towards **Albania** as expressed by citizens of...: **■** Hostile ■ Neutral-DK/NA **■** Friendly Kosovo 95 Turkey 33 66 Romania 10 75 15 Bulgaria 13 68 19 Greece 66 17 17 **North Macedonia** 44 38 18 71 11 Cyprus 18 Serbia 10 38 52

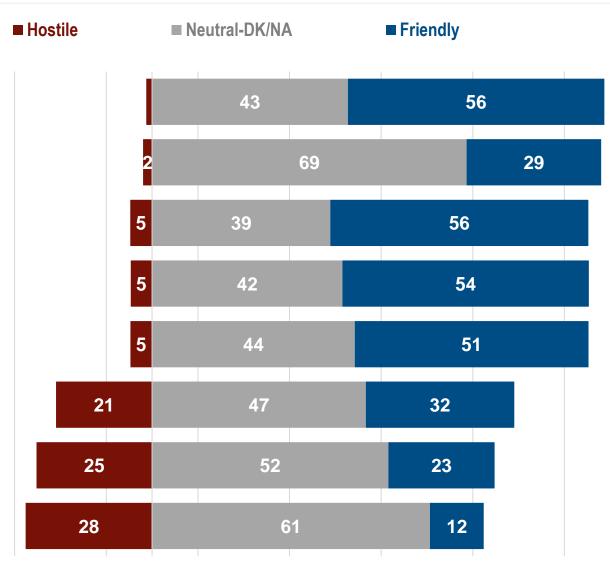


THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS NORTH MACEDONIA

How do you feel about North Macedonia?



* Feelings towards **North Macedonia** as expressed by citizens of...: Turkey Romania Kosovo Serbia **Albania** Bulgaria Greece

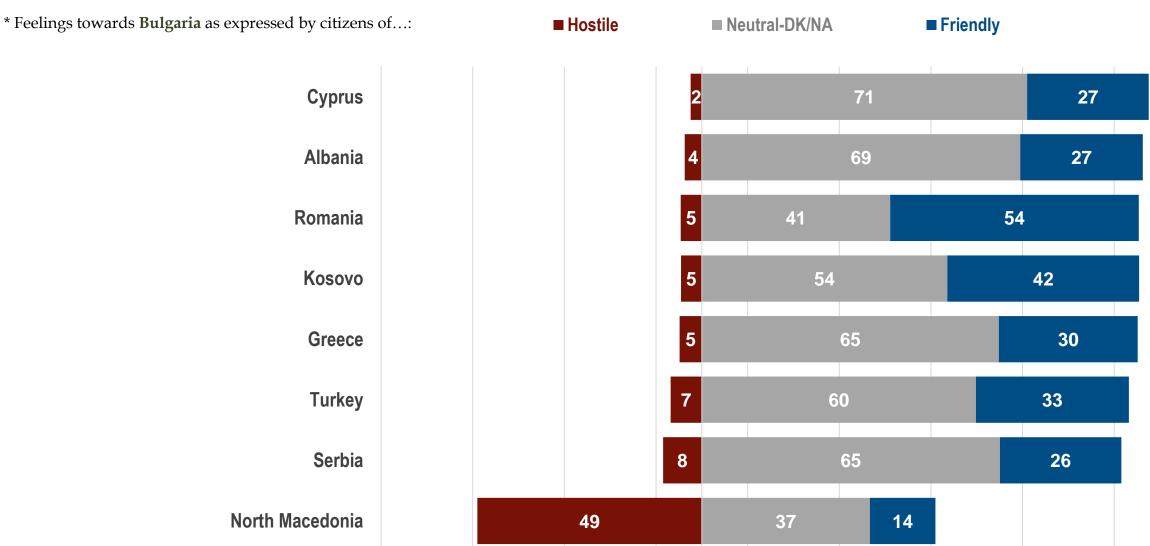


Cyprus

THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS BULGARIA

How do you feel about Bulgaria?

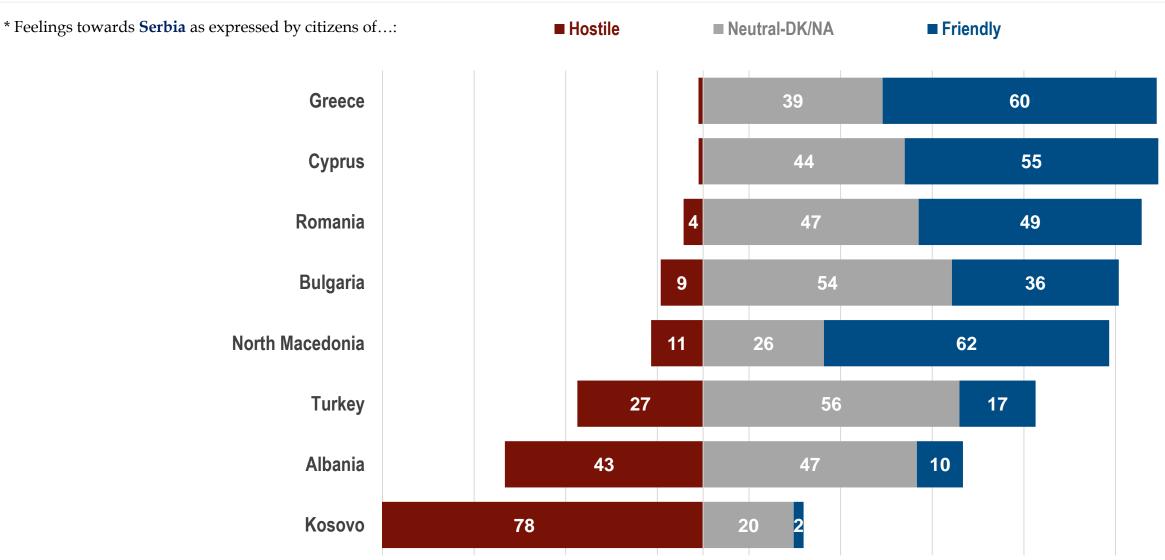




THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS SERBIA







THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS ROMANIA

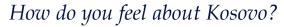
How do you feel about Romania?



* Feelings towards **Romania** as expressed by citizens of...: **■** Hostile ■ Neutral-DK/NA **■** Friendly **North Macedonia** 42 57 Bulgaria 41 57 Serbia 45 53 Greece 54 43 Albania 63 35 **Cyprus** 70 28 Turkey 57 40 Kosovo 74 11 15



THE BALKANS' ATTITUDE TOWARDS KOSOVO



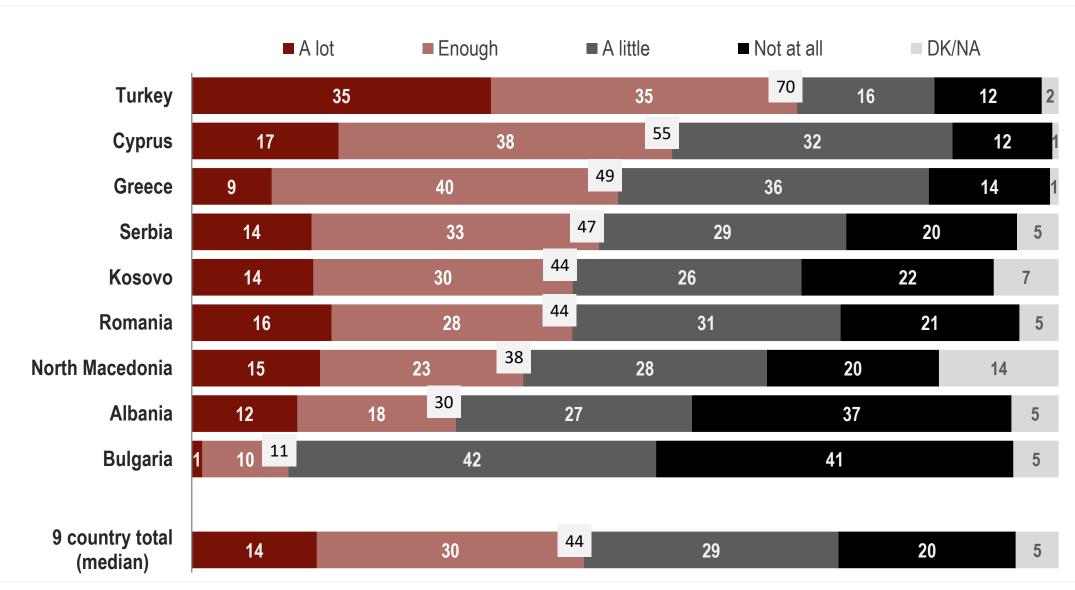


* Feelings towards **Kosovo** as expressed by citizens of...: **■** Hostile ■ Neutral-DK/NA **■** Friendly **Albania** 92 33 Turkey 66 Romania 15 10 **75** Bulgaria 68 19 13 66 Greece 17 17 **North Macedonia** 18 44 38 Cyprus 18 71 11 Serbia 10 38 52



CONCERN OVER A 'HEATED INCIDENT' IN THE FOLLOWING MONTHS

Thinking about our country's relations with neighboring countries, how worried are you about a heated incident in the following months?



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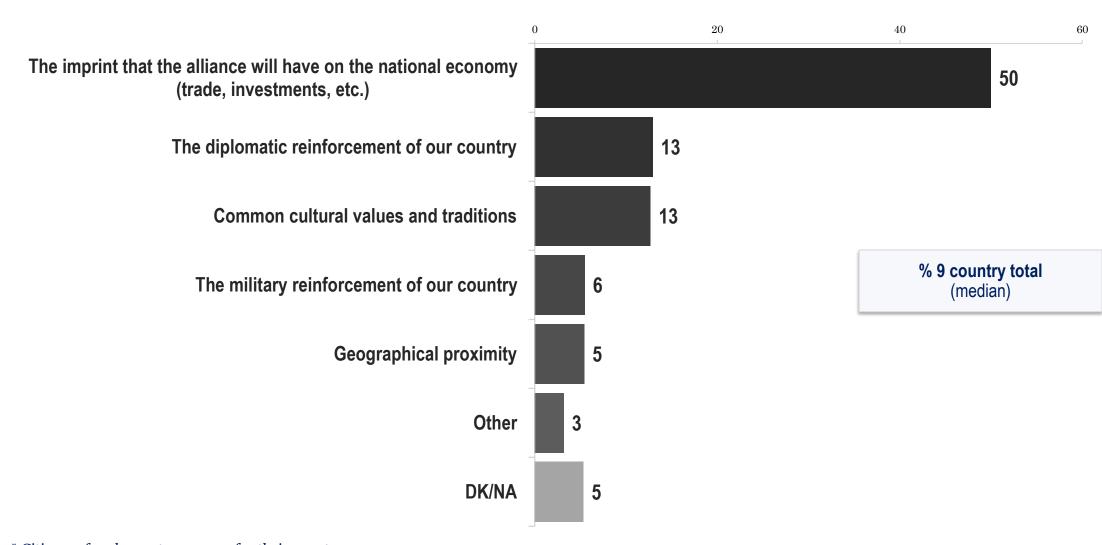


SECTION 5 INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCES
Selection criteria and the most 'desirable' allies



ALLY SELECTION CRITERIA

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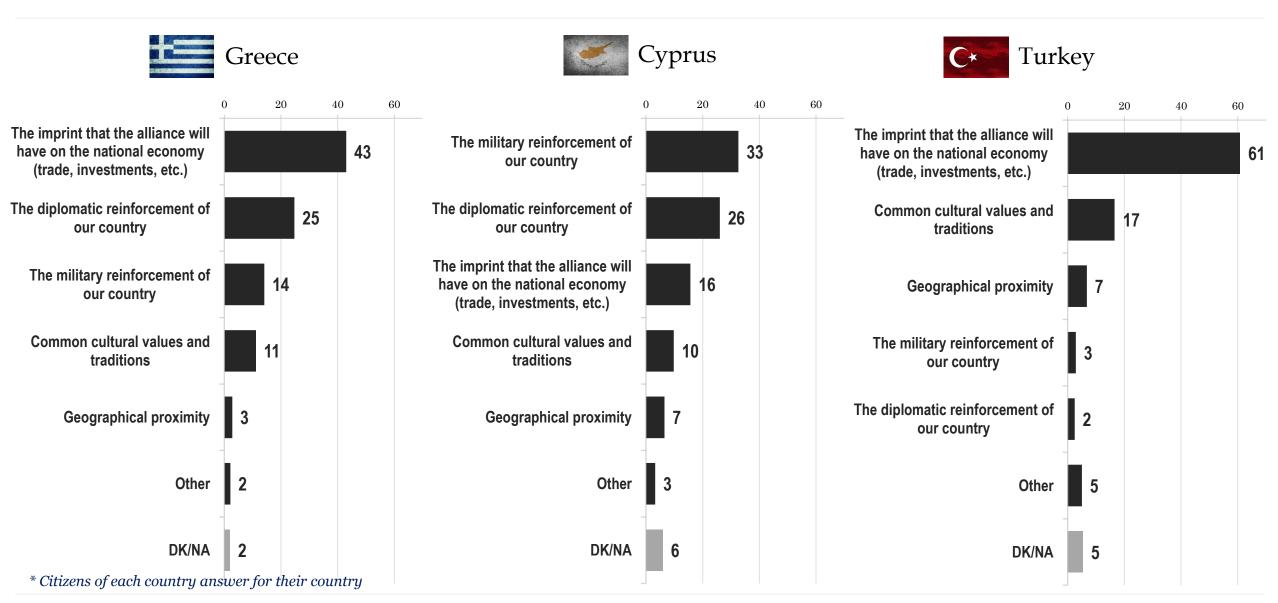


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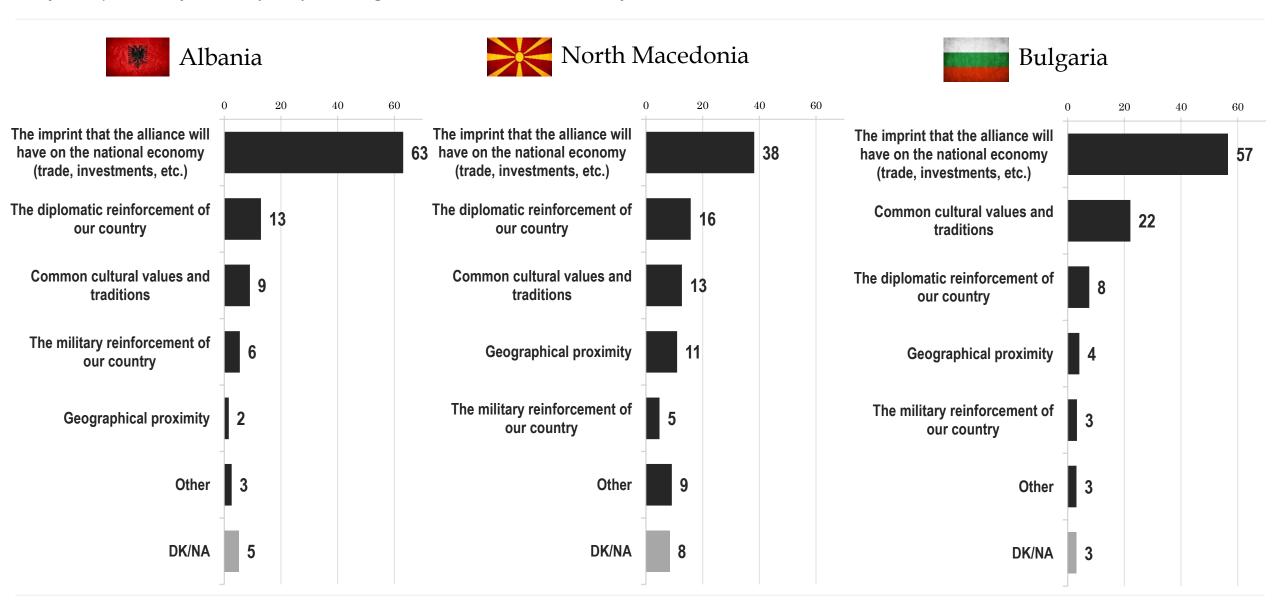
ALLY SELECTION CRITERIA – BY COUNTRY (1/3)

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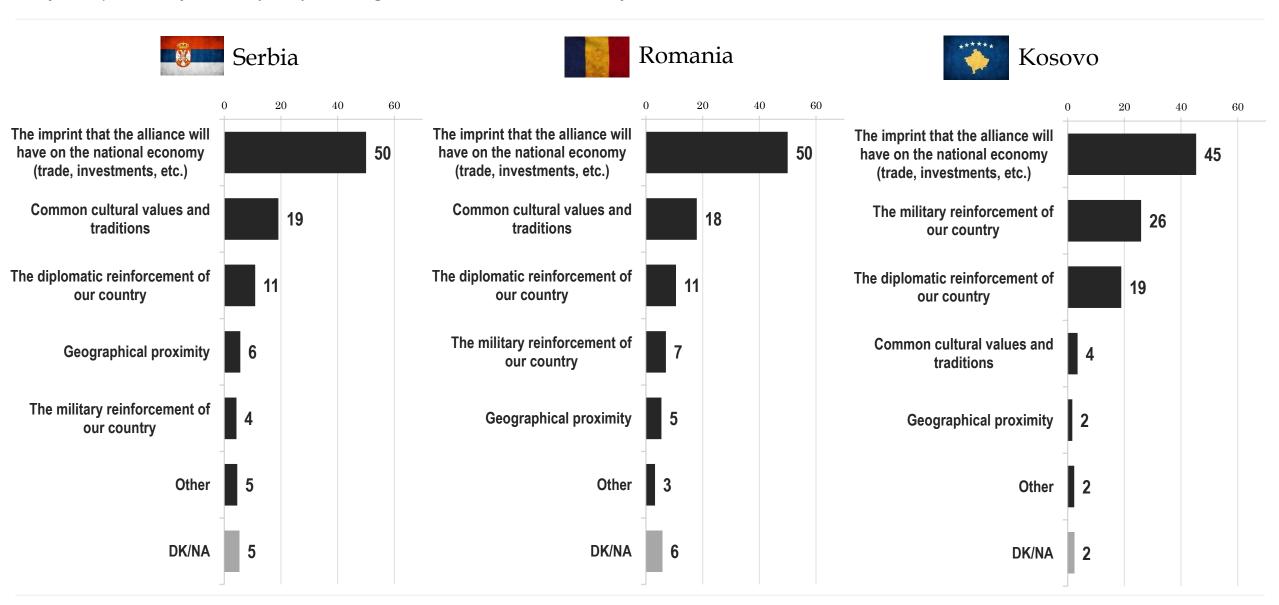
ALLY SELECTION CRITERIA – BY COUNTRY (2/3)

In your opinion, by which of the following criteria should [our country] choose its allies?

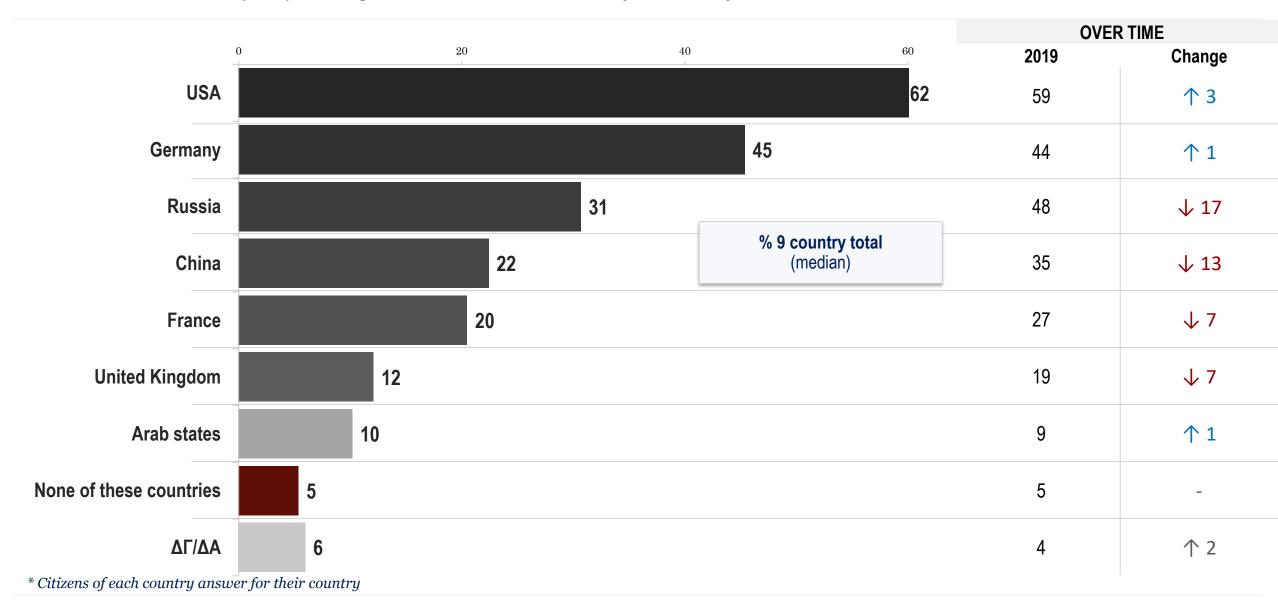


ALLY SELECTION CRITERIA – BY COUNTRY (3/3)

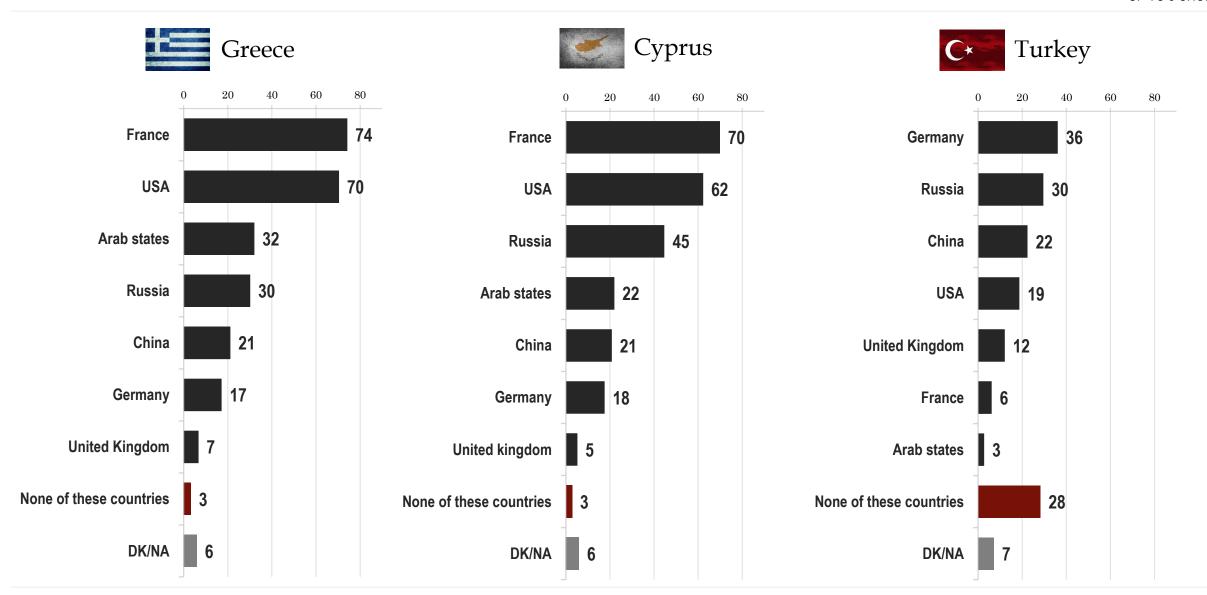
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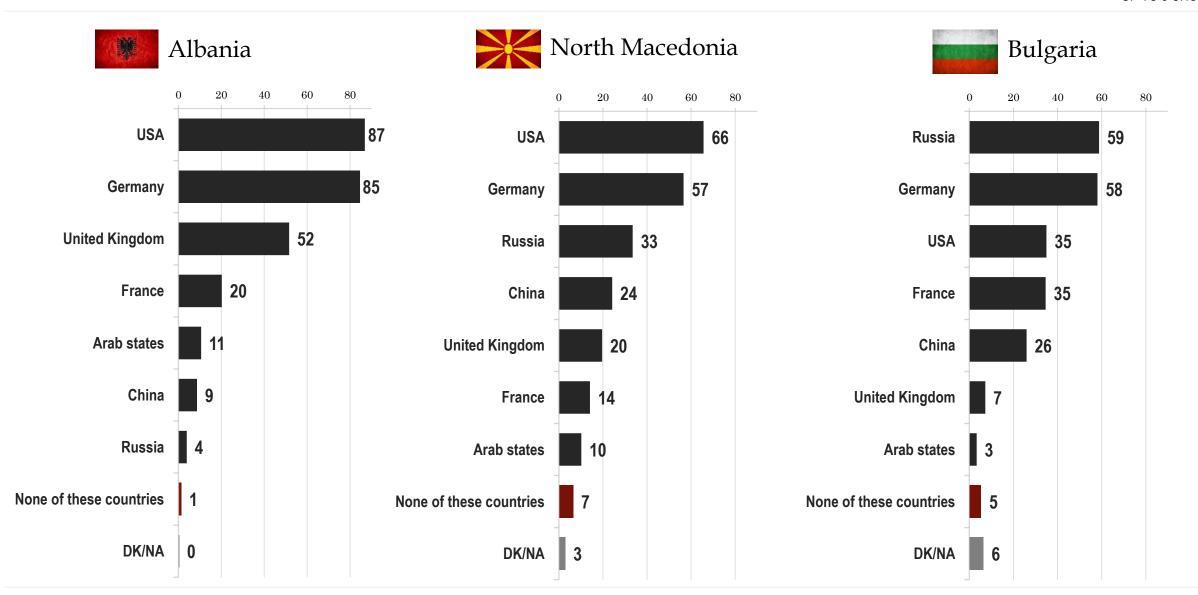
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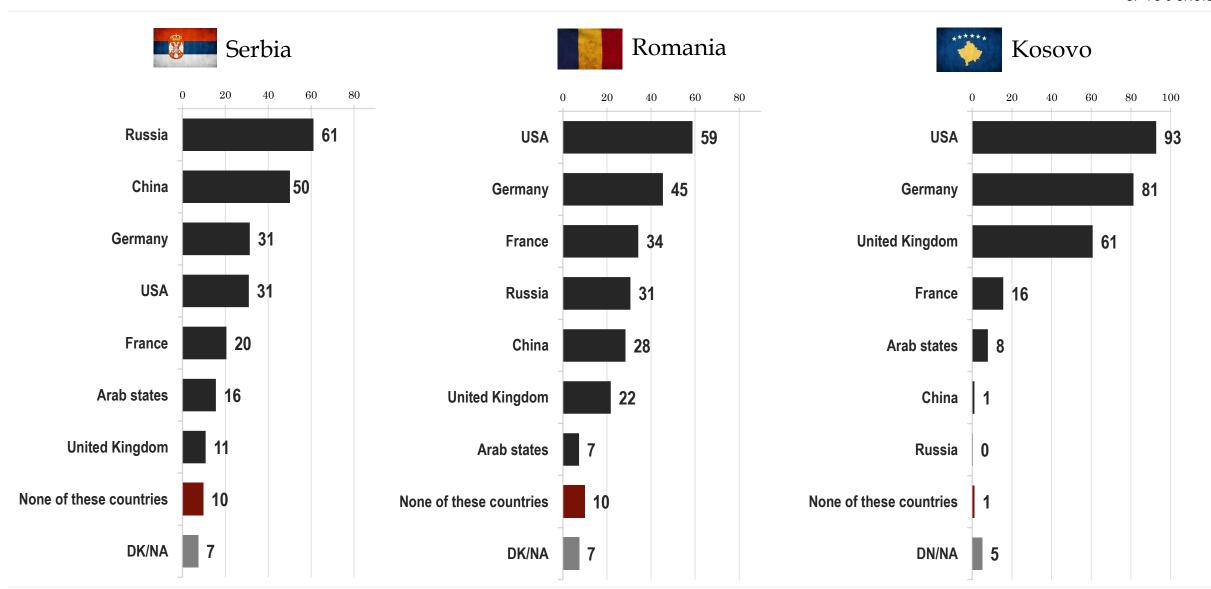
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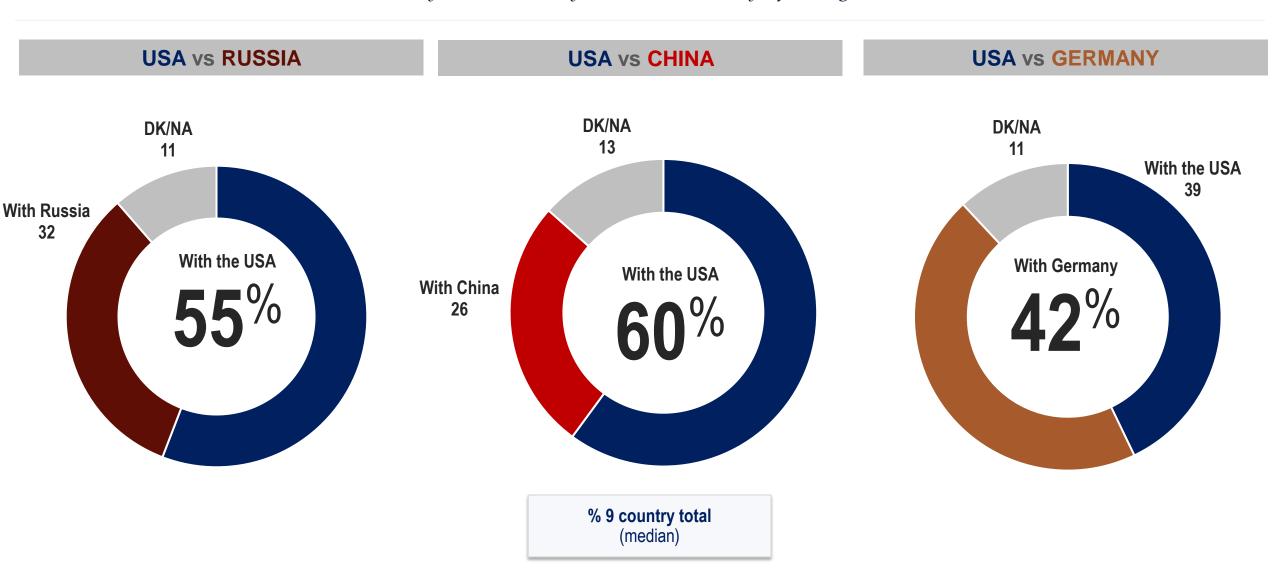


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DESIRED ALLIANCES BETWEEN MAJOR POWERS (HEAD-TO-HEAD)

Between the USA and [Russia, China, Germany], which country should [our country]* form tighter relations with?

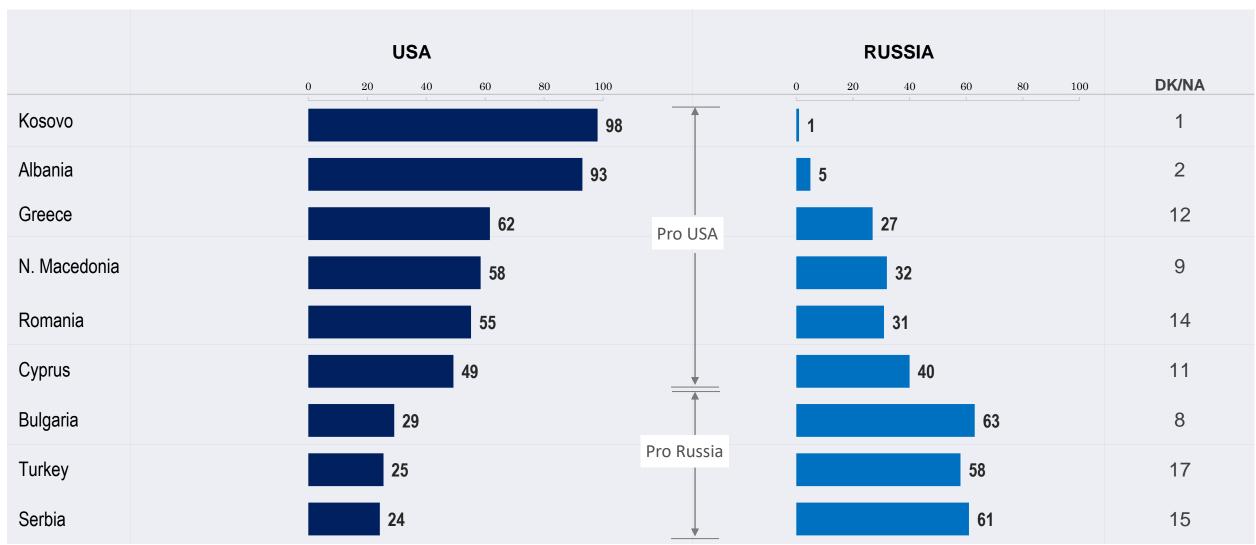


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DESIRED ALLIANCES BETWEEN MAJOR POWERS (HEAD-TO-HEAD): USA vs RUSSIA – BY COUNTRY

Between the USA and Russia, which country should [our country]* form tighter relations with?

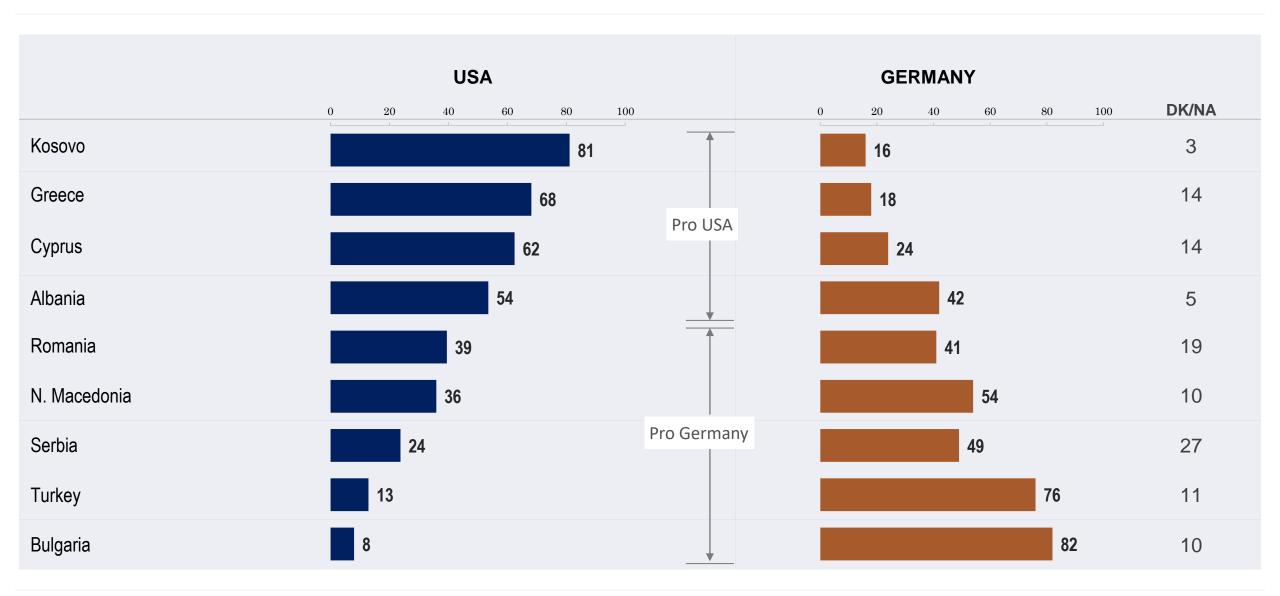


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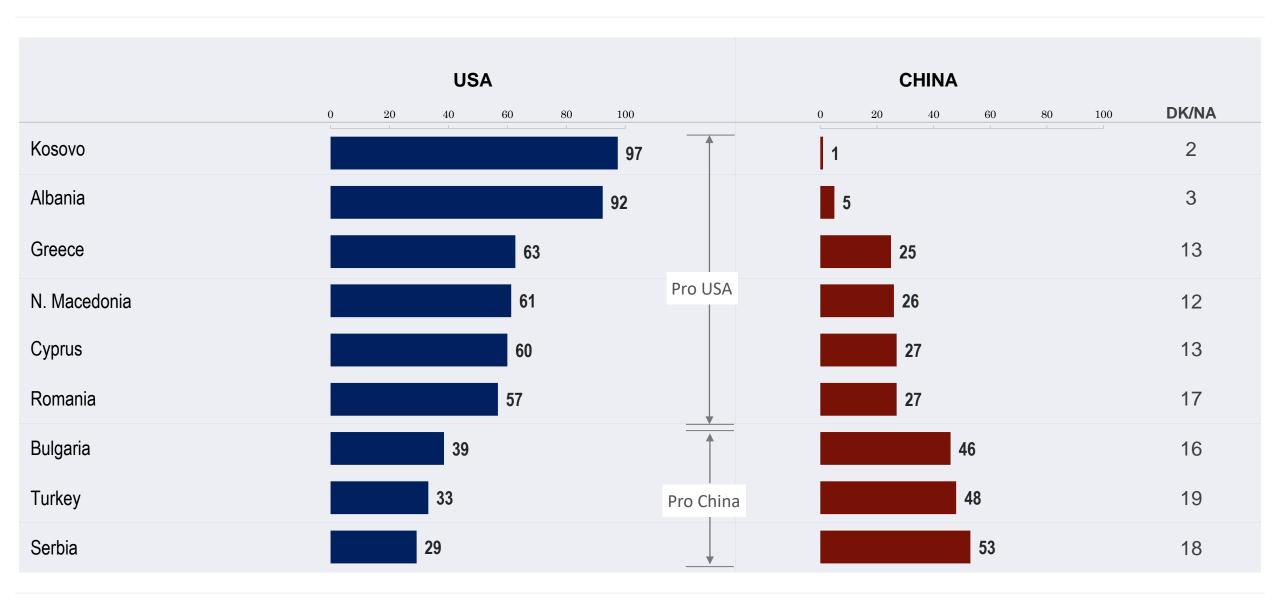
DESIRED ALLIANCES BETWEEN MAJOR POWERS (HEAD-TO-HEAD): USA vs GERMANY – BY COUNTRY

Between the USA and Germany, which country should [our country] form tighter relations with?



DESIRED ALLIANCES BETWEEN MAJOR POWERS (HEAD-TO-HEAD): USA vs CHINA – BY COUNTRY

Between the USA and China, which country should [our country] form tighter relations with?



OPINION ON NATO'S STANCE TOWARDS CHINA-RUSSIA

Regarding NATO's stance towards China and Russia, which of the following views do you mostly agree with?

	"NATO must stand united and disciplined against Russia and China"	"NATO should allow each member country to treat Russia and China as it wishes"	"NATO is "brain dead" and will sooner or later be replaced by a new defense formation"	DK/NA
Kosovo	59	12	6	23
Albania	57	15	7	21
Romania	39	19	24	18
N. Macedonia	26	30	29	15
Bulgaria	22	44	28	6
Turkey	21	13	49	21
Greece	20	17	51	12
Cyprus	13	18	50	20
Serbia	11	24	44	18



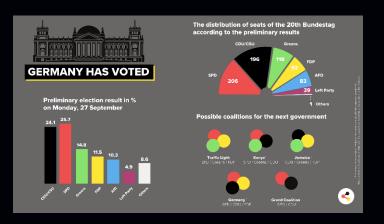
OPINION ON EUROPE'S STANCE TOWARDS USA-CHINA

Regarding the competition between the USA and China, what do you think Europe should do in the next decade?

	"Strengthen its traditional alliance and cooperation with the USA"	"Europe should remain neutral in the face of USA-China competition"	"Strengthen the new cooperation with China"	DK/NA
Kosovo	82	12	0	12
Albania	58	32	0	9
N. Macedonia	33	43	13	11
Romania	29	44	13	14
Greece	28	56	10	7
Cyprus	18	62	10	11
Bulgaria	17	63	12	7
Turkey	14	54	16	17
Serbia	8	60	15	17



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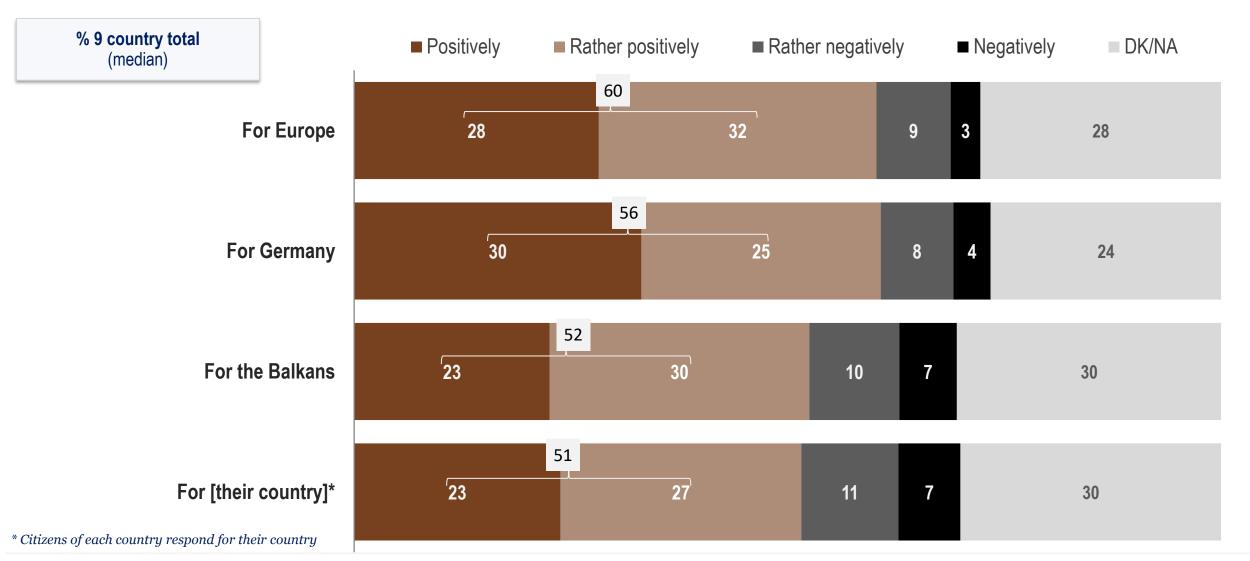
SECTION 6 GERMAN ELECTIONS

Impressions & Feelings – Merkel's Legacy

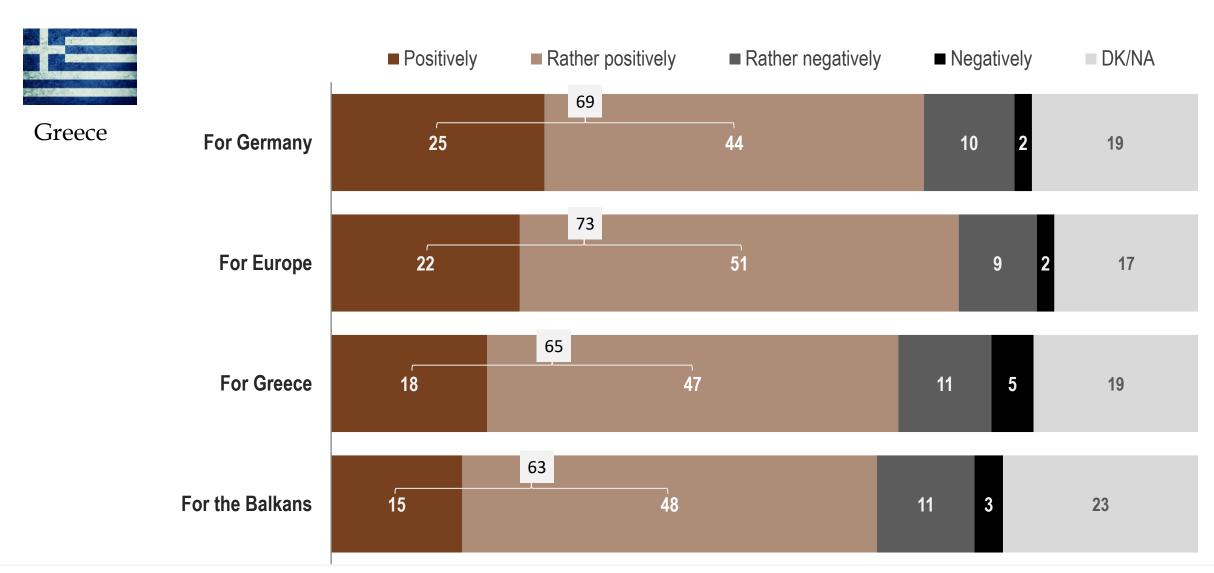


BALKANS' VIEW OF THE GERMAN ELECTIONS

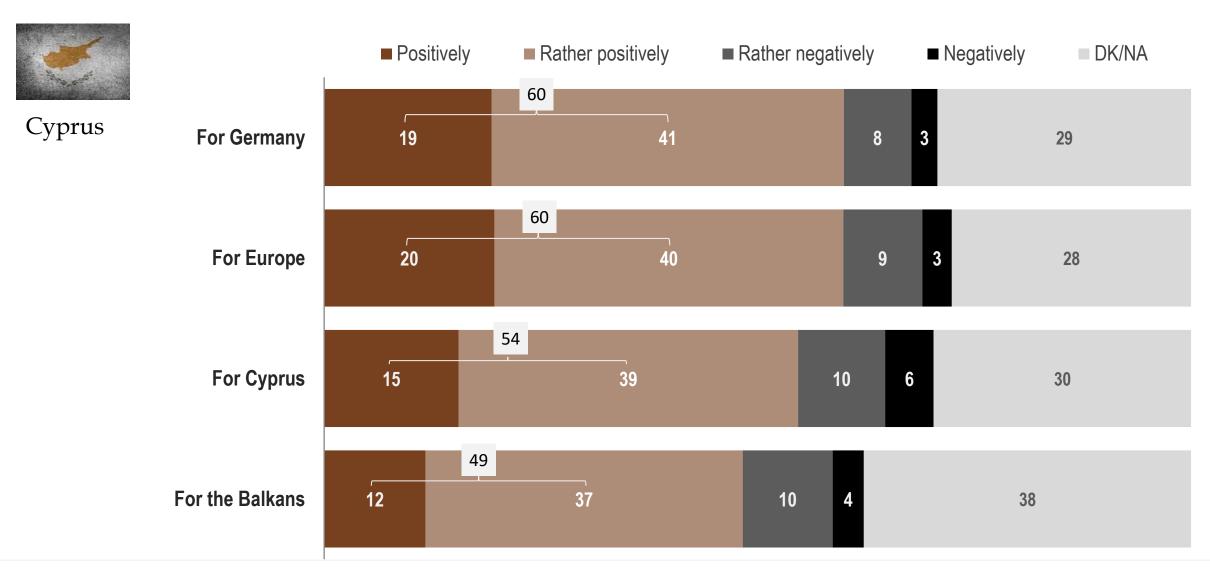
In the recent German elections, after several years, the Christian Democrats (CDU-CSU) came second and the Social Democrats (SPD) first, which are in turn likely to form a government with the Greens (GRÜNE) and the Liberals (FDP). How would you assess the results of the German elections...:



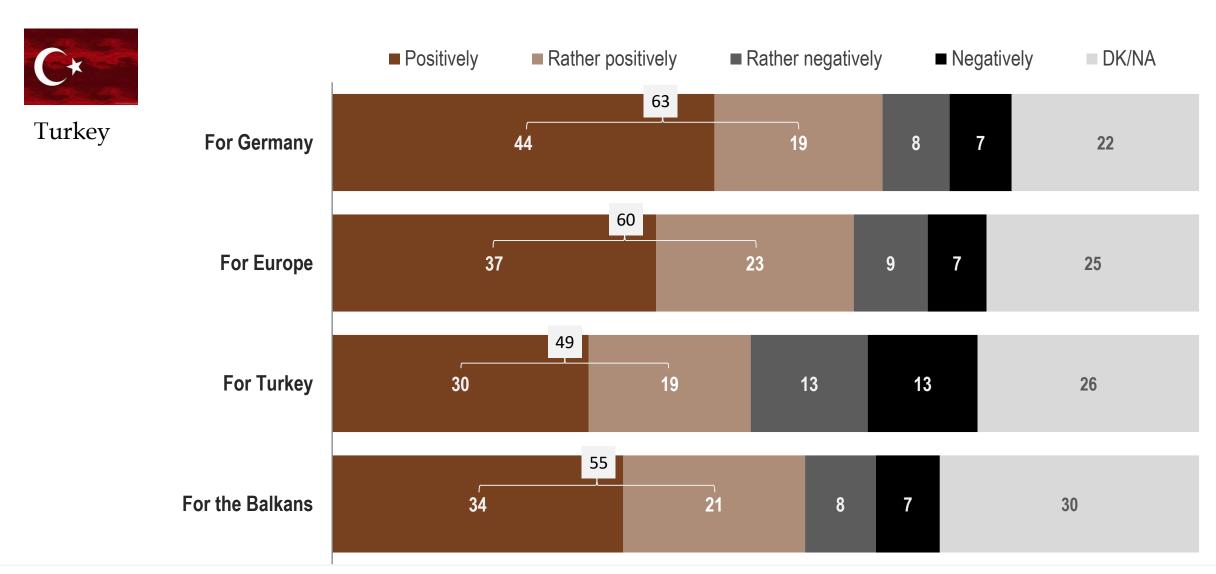
HOW GREECE SEES THE RESULTS OF THE GERMAN ELECTIONS



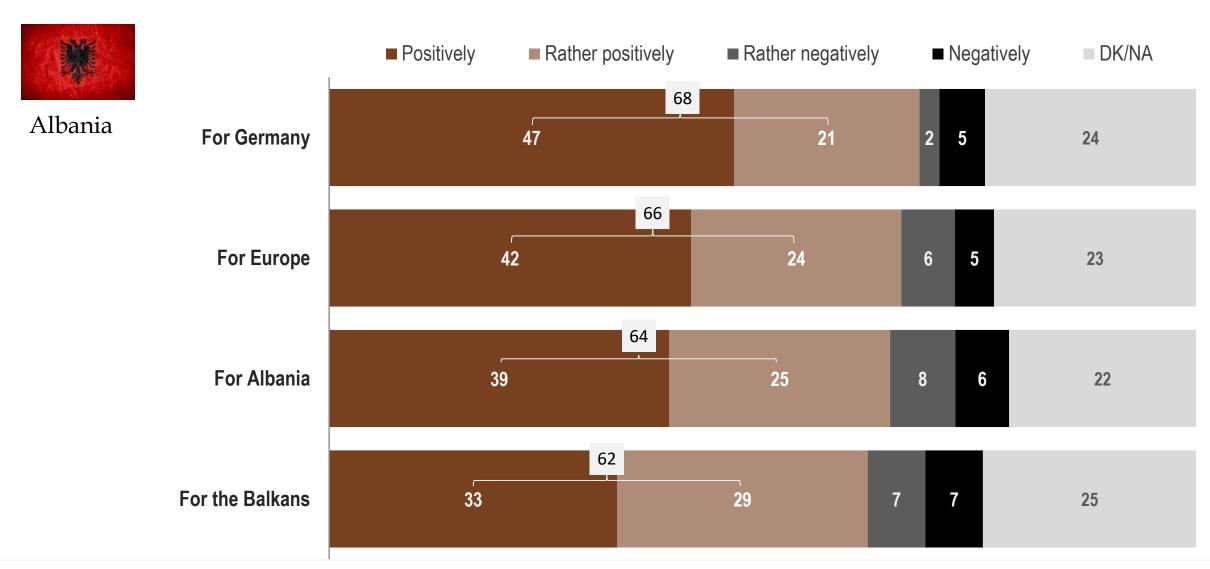
HOW CYPRUS SEES THE RESULTS OF THE GERMAN ELECTIONS



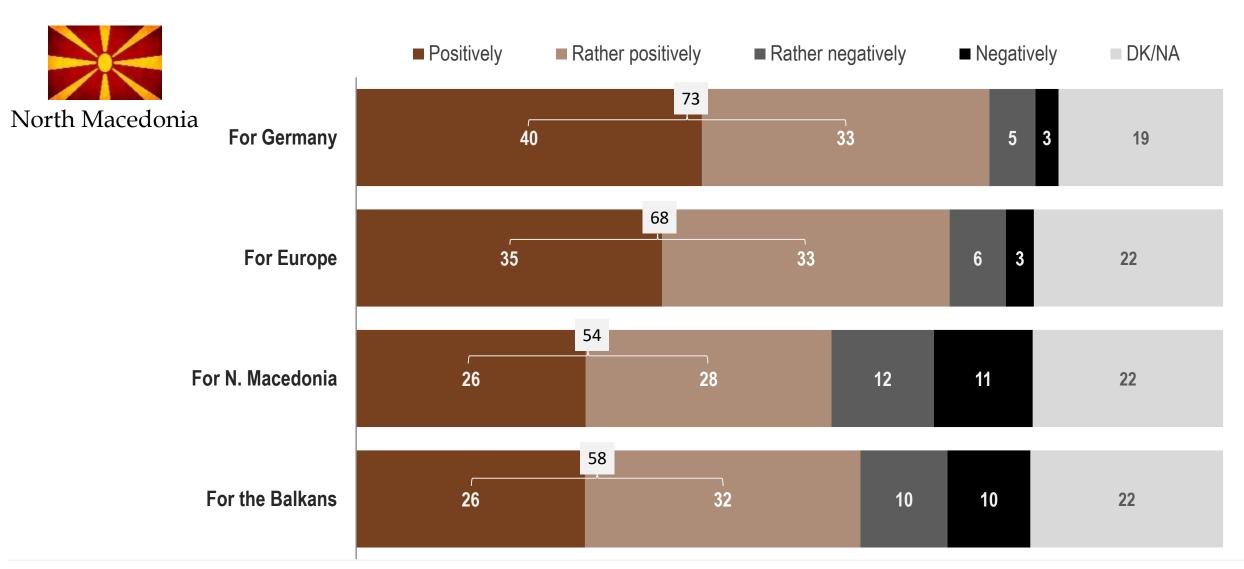
HOW TURKEY SEES THE RESULTS OF THE GERMAN ELECTIONS



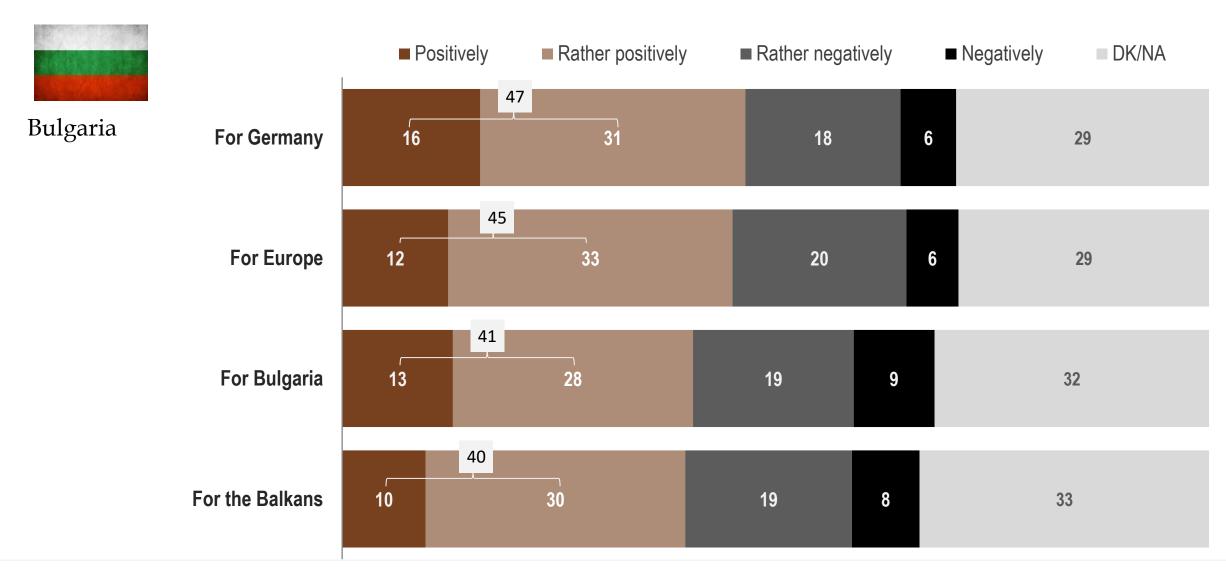
HOW ALBANIA SEES THE RESULTS OF THE GERMAN ELECTIONS



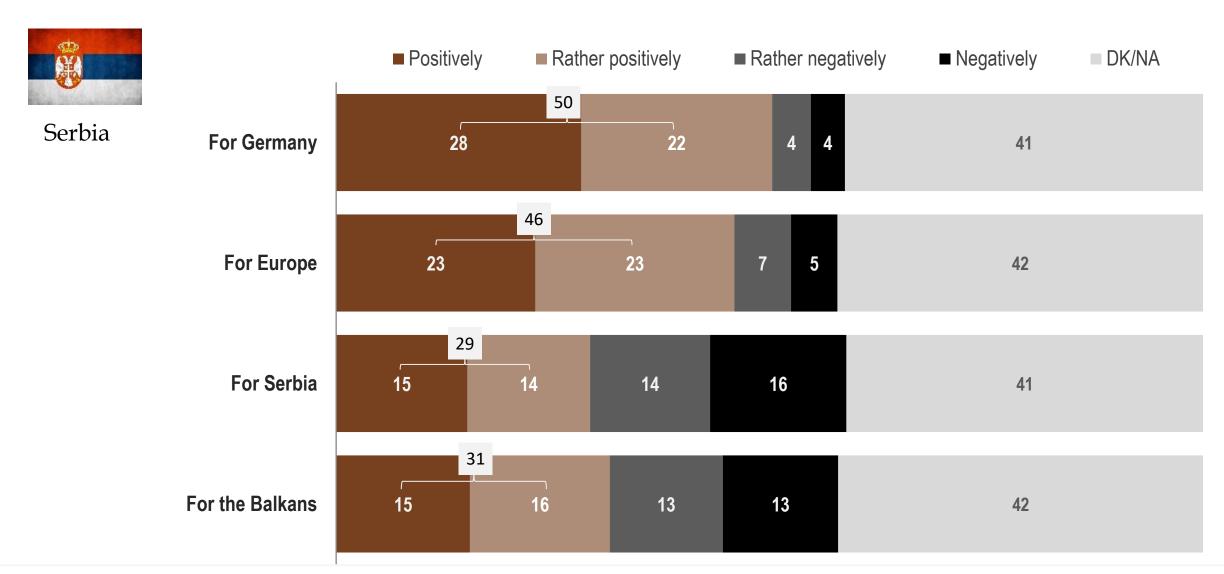
HOW NORTH MACEDONIA SEES THE RESULTS OF THE GERMAN ELECTIONS



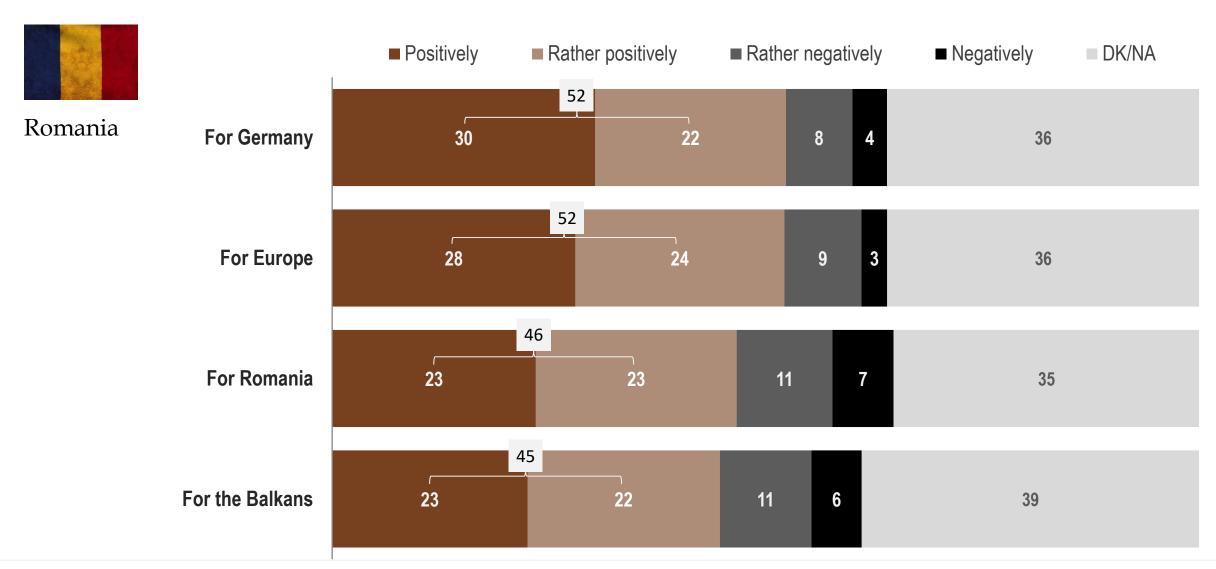
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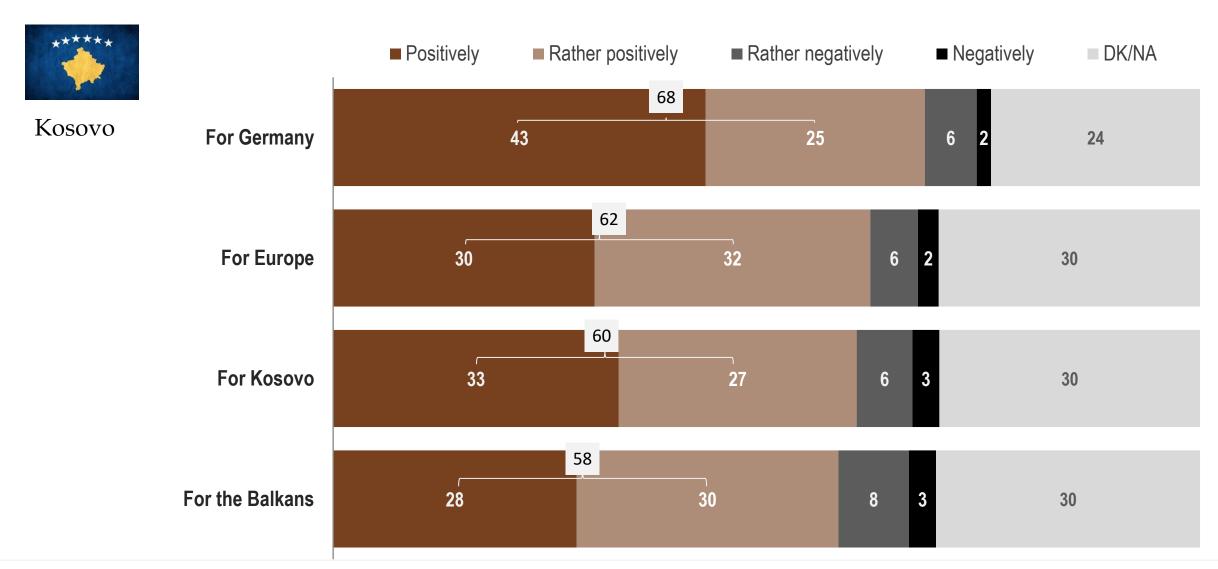
HOW SERBIA SEES THE RESULTS OF THE GERMAN ELECTIONS

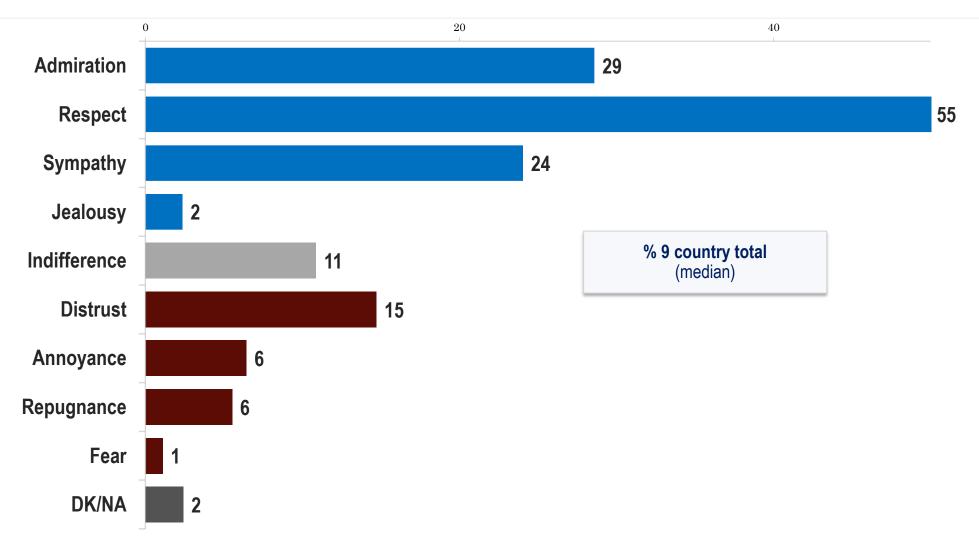


HOW ROMANIA SEES THE RESULTS OF THE GERMAN ELECTIONS



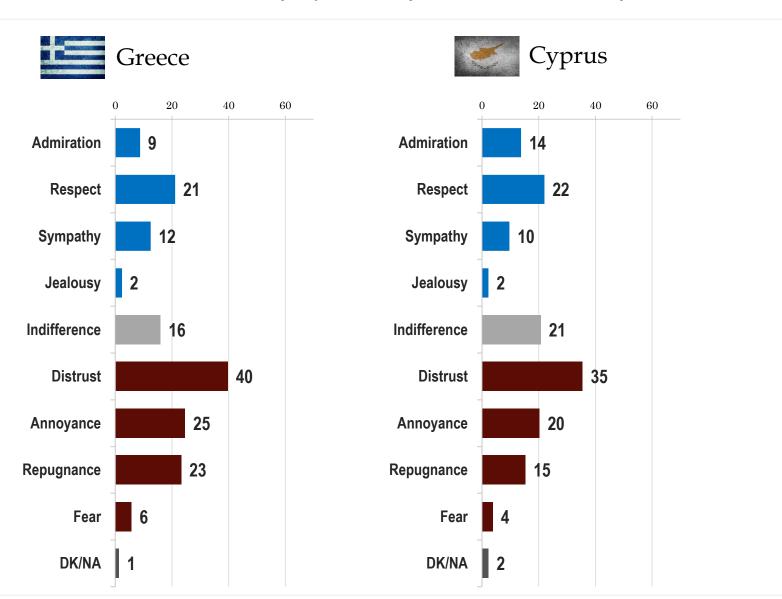
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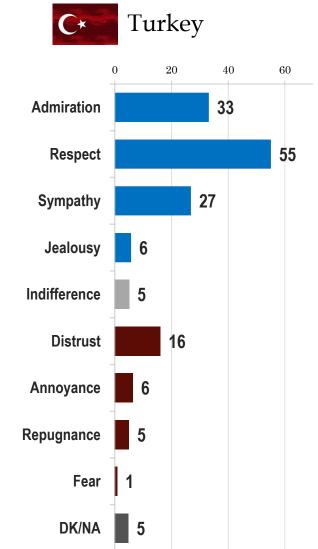


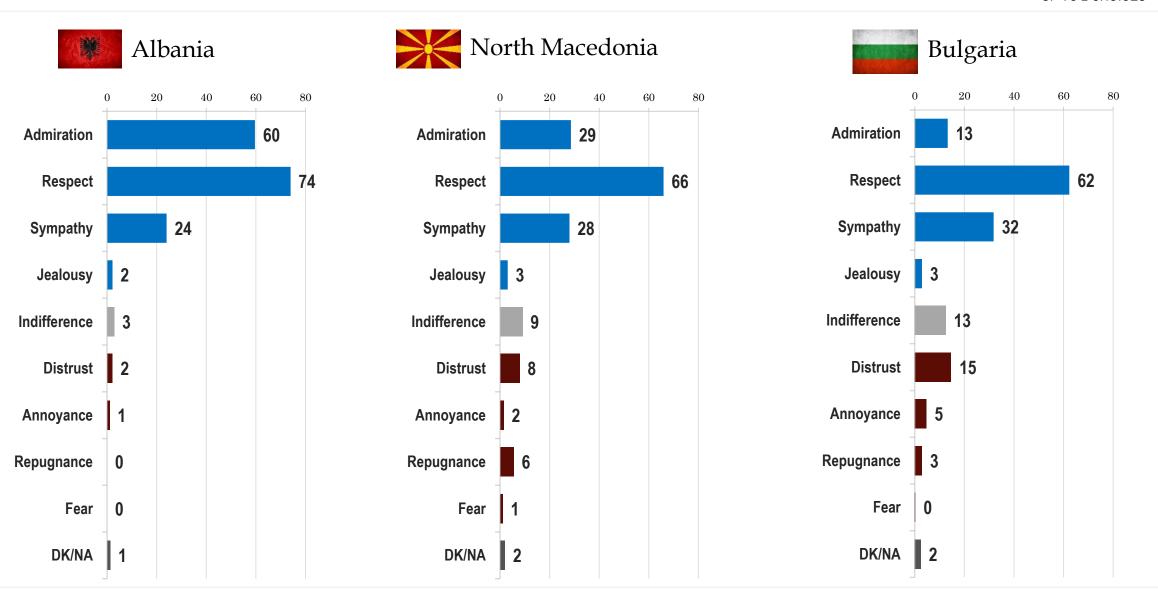


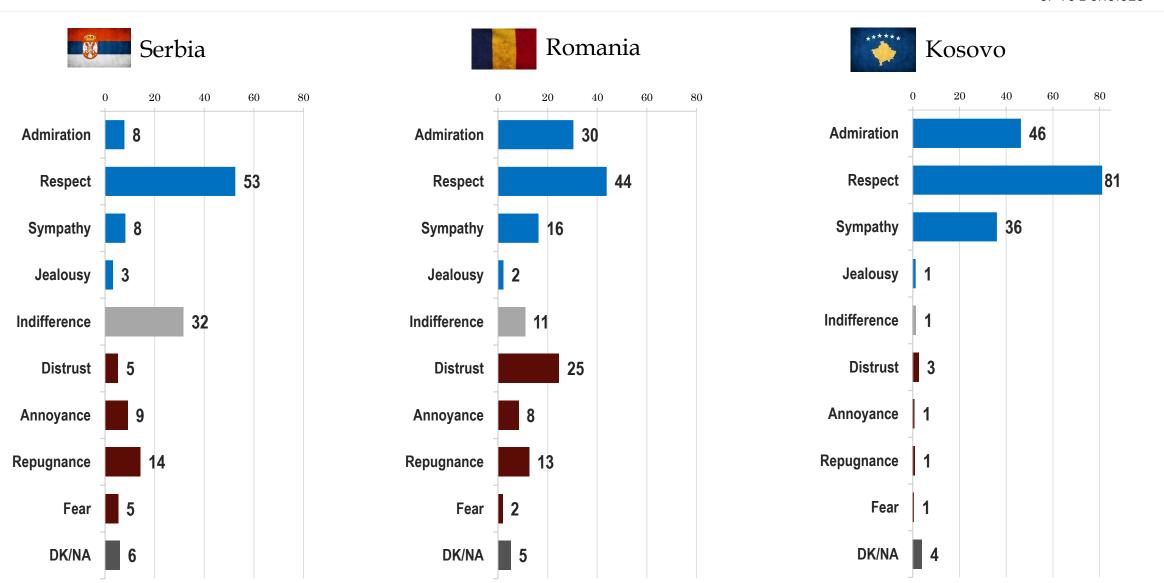
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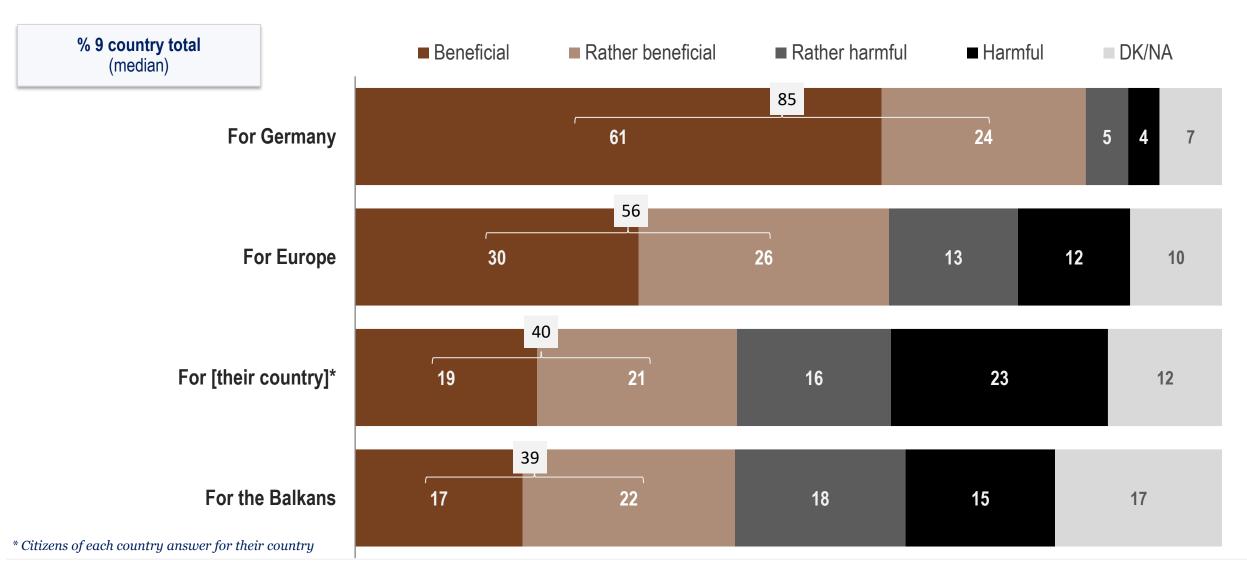


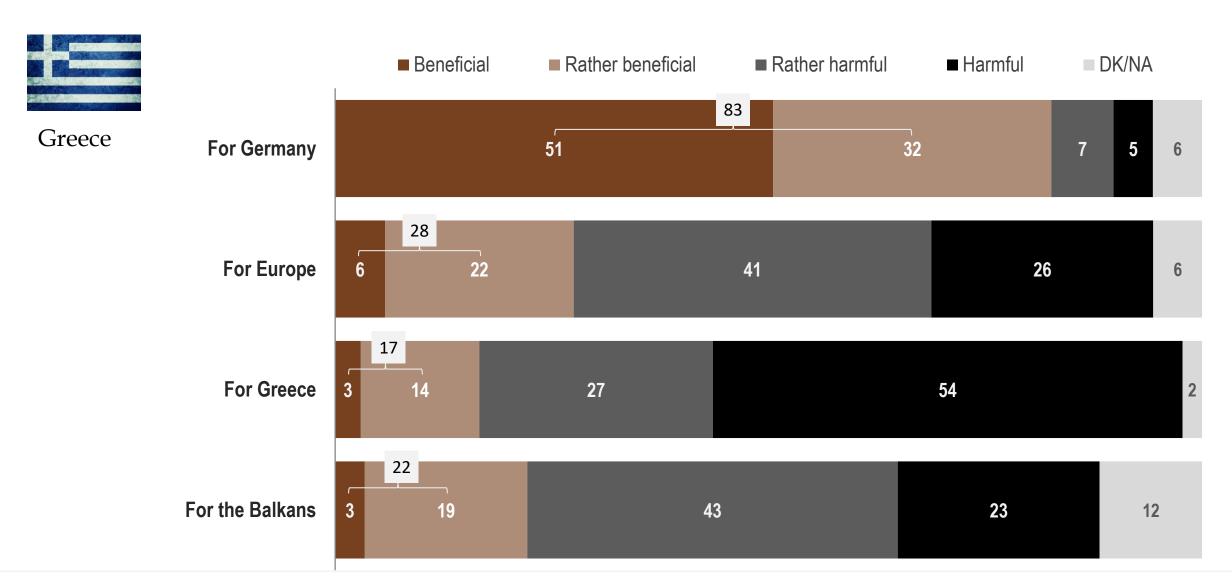


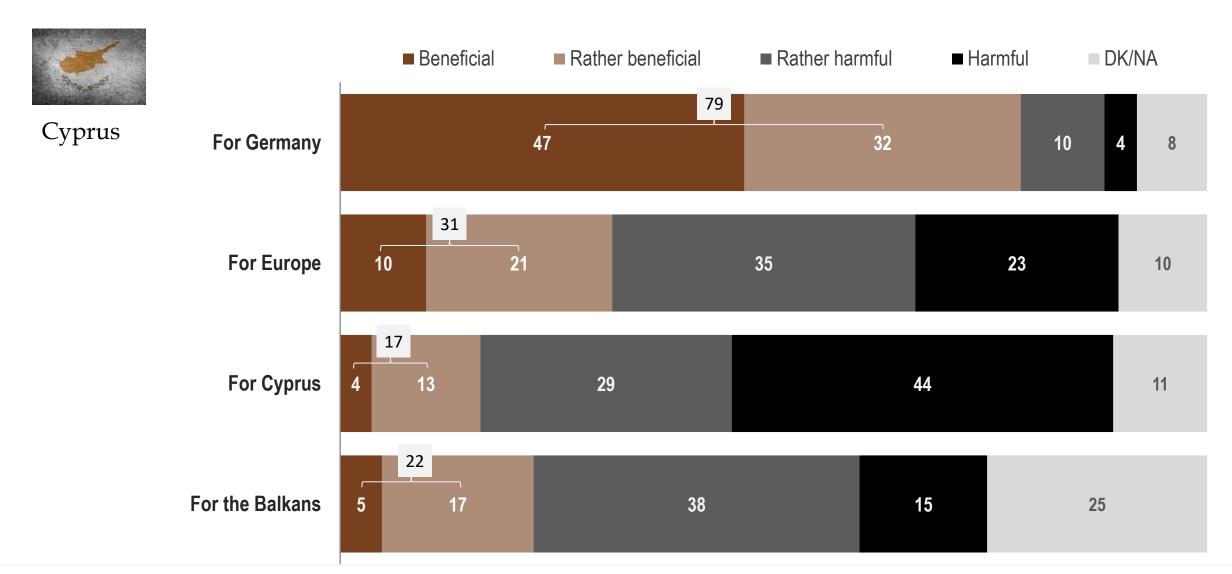


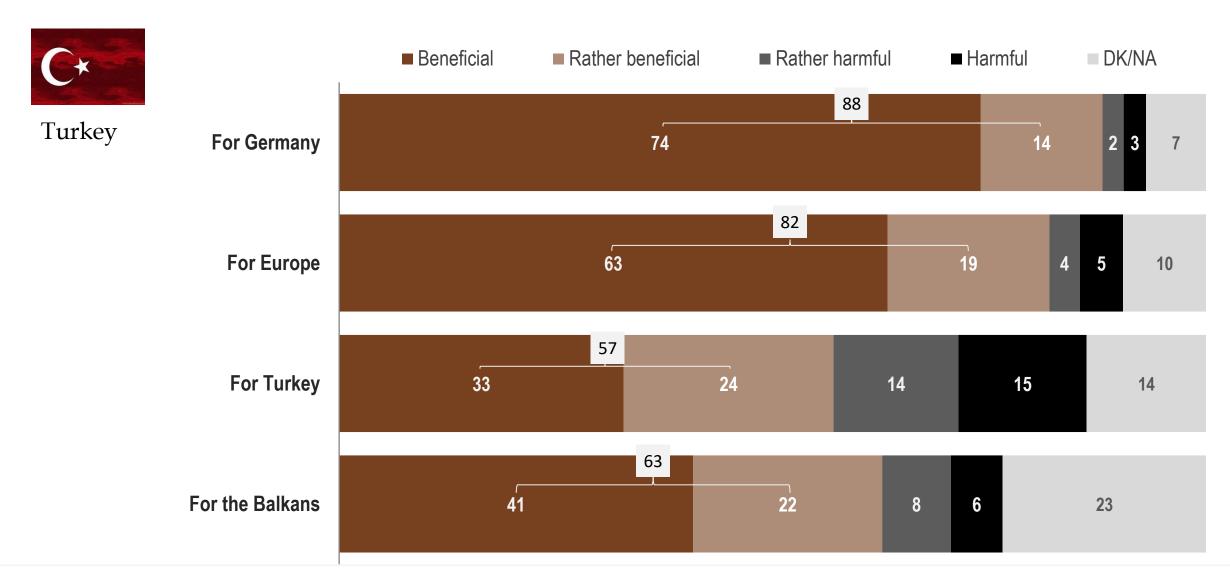


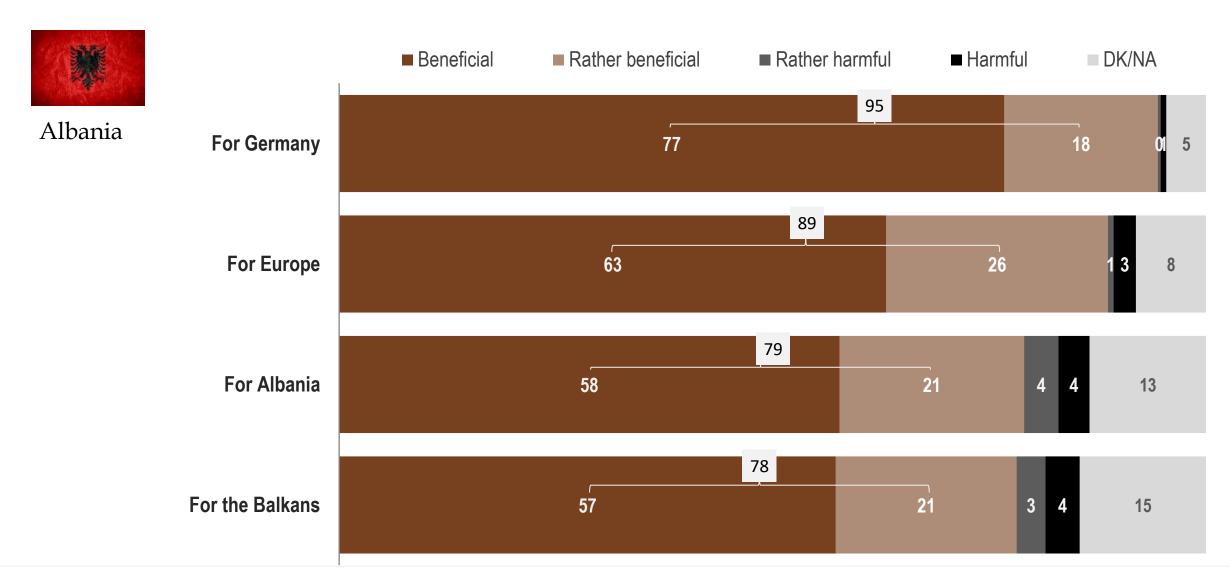
ASSESSMENT OF ANGELA MERKEL'S 16-YEAR TENURE

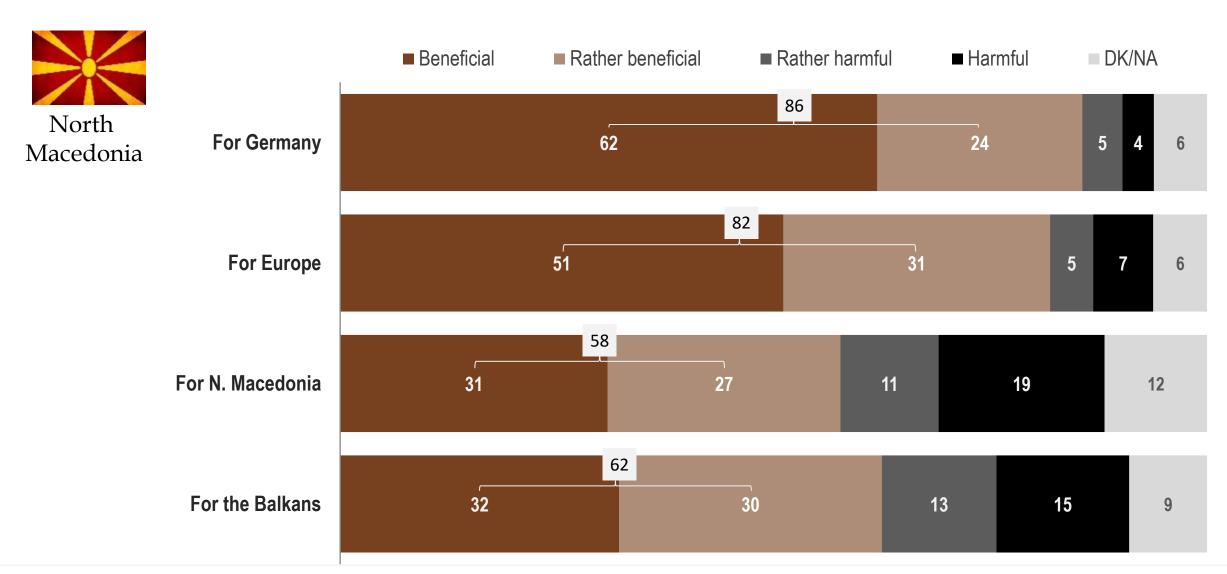


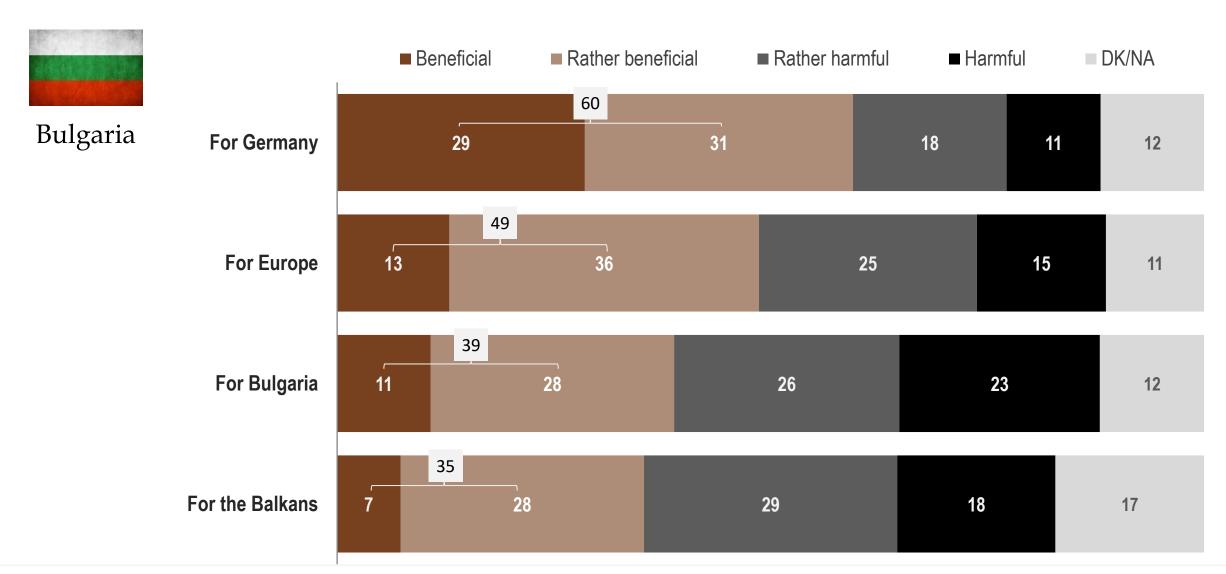


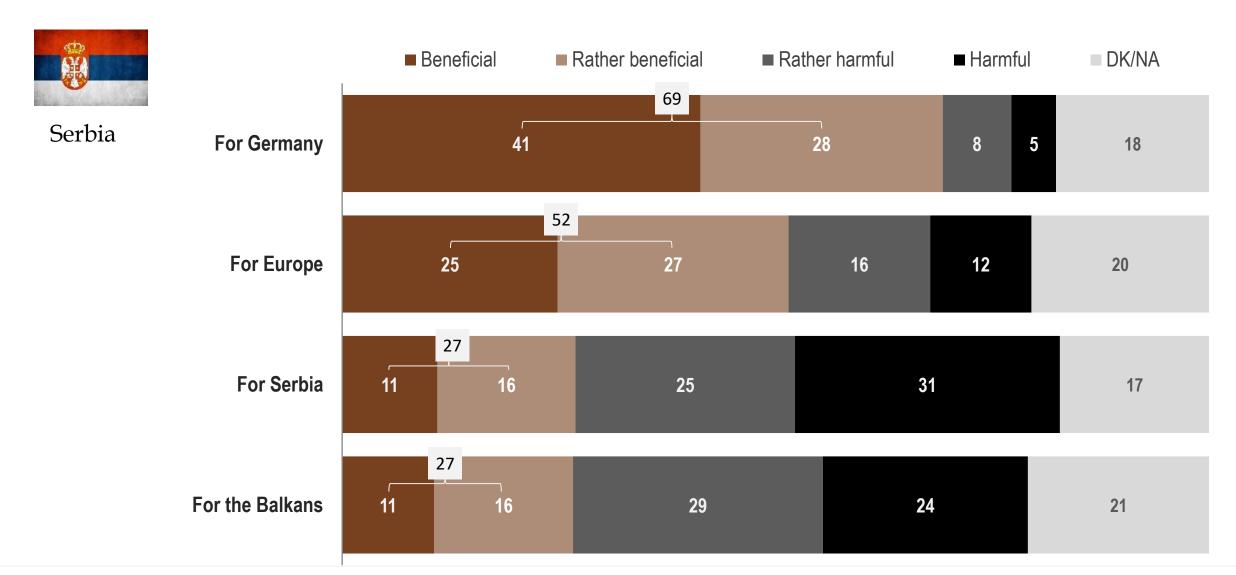


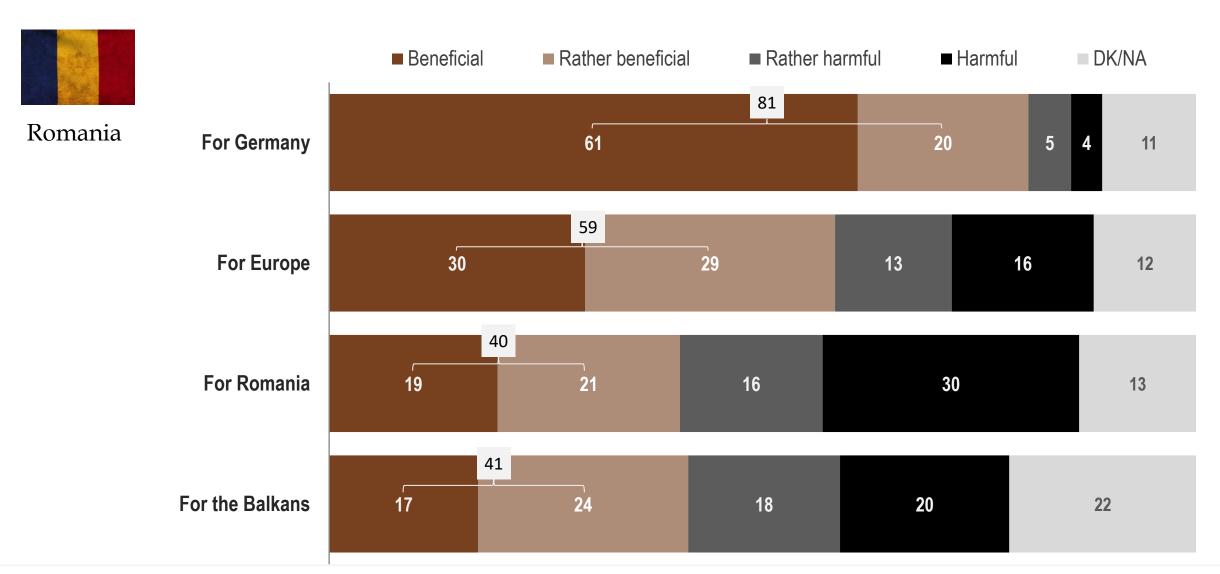


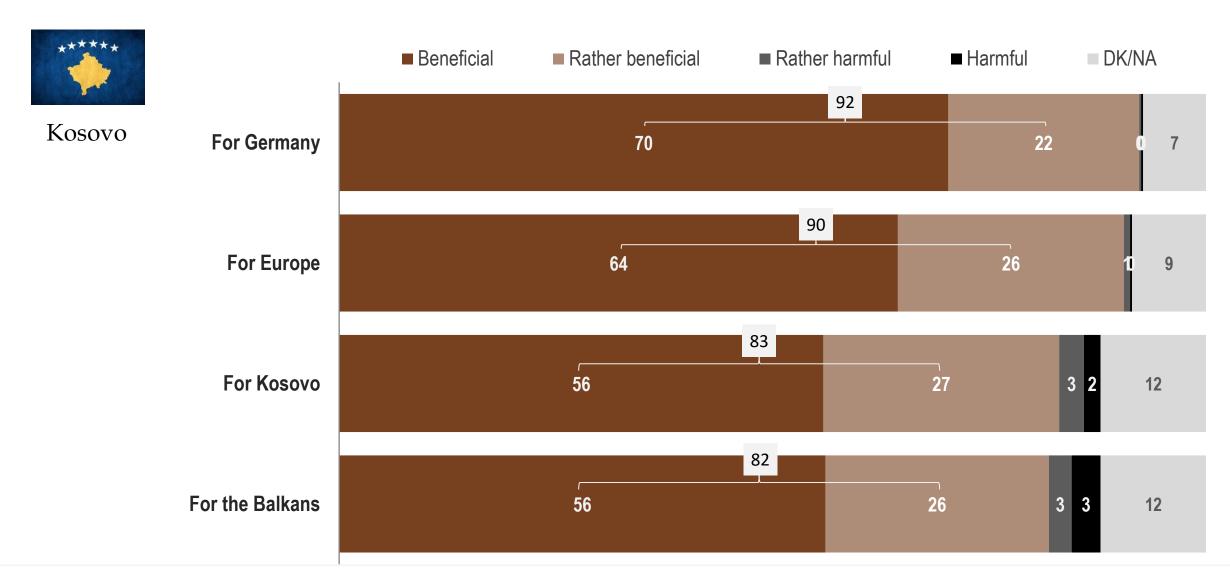












ECONOMIC POLICY IN EUROPE: "MERKEL-SCHÄUBLE" POLICY or CHANGE?

As far as Europe is concerned, should the change in German leadership also bring about change in economic policy, or, on the contrary, should the economic policy pursued by the Merkel-Schäuble duo be maintained?

	"The economic policy pursued by Merkel-Schäuble must be maintained" 0 20 40 60 80 100	"There should be change in economic policy" 0 20 40 60 80 100 DK/NA	A
Albania	58	22 20	
Kosovo	54	27 19	
N. Macedonia	44	33 22	
Turkey	43	18 39	
Bulgaria	25	48 27	
Romania	23	49 28	
Serbia	19	41 40	
Cyprus	12	74 15	
Greece	5	89 6	



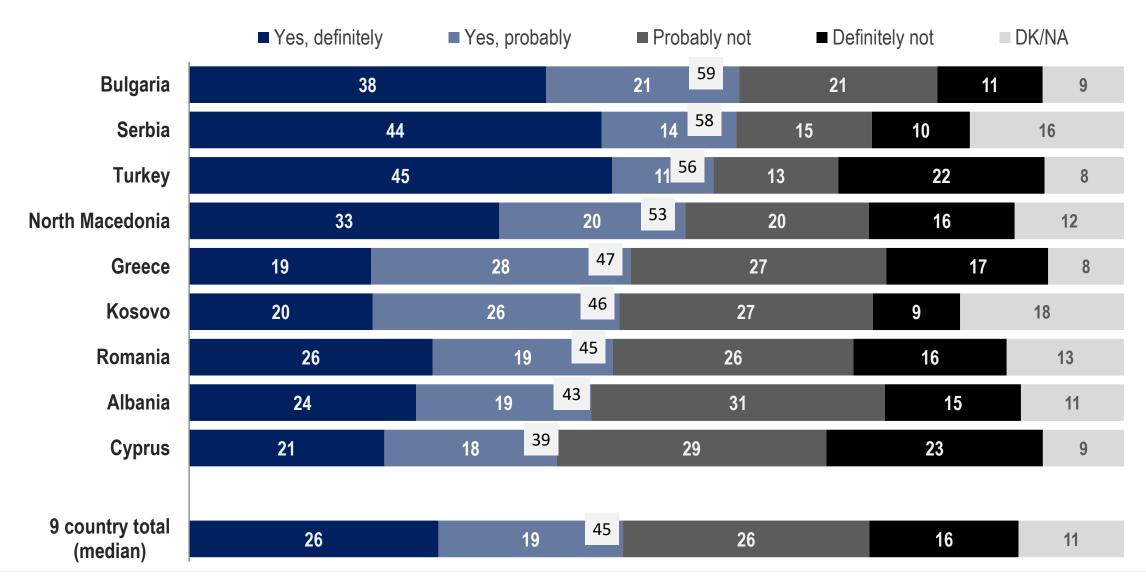


SECTION 7 DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN AND THE AUKUS AGREEMENT First impressions — The EU position



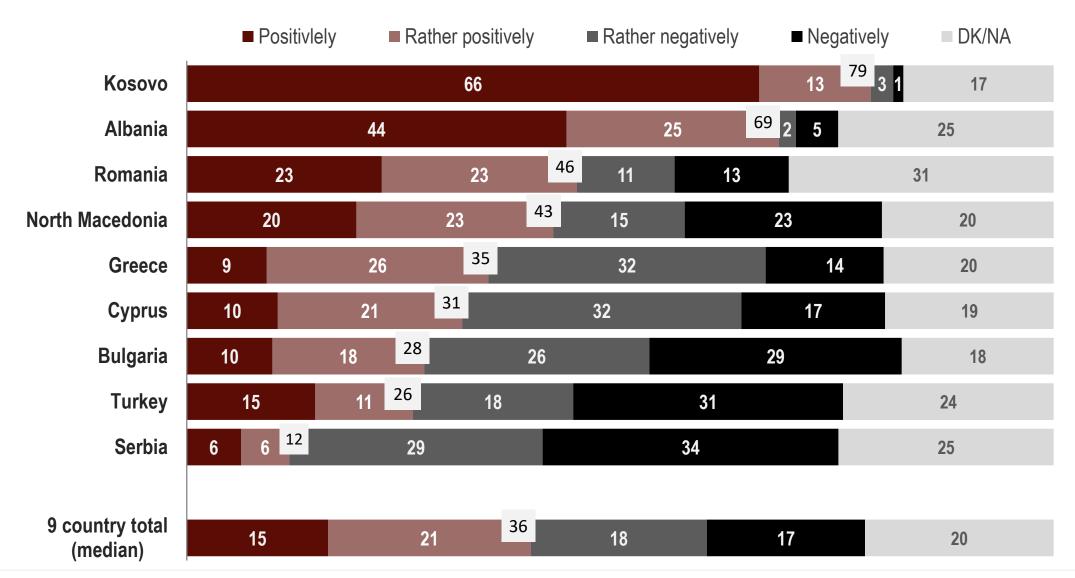
OPINION ON THE US's WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN IN AUGUST 2021

After nearly 20 years of war, the United States withdrew its troops from Afghanistan last August. In your opinion, should the United States have withdrawn from Afghanistan in August 2021 or not?



ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE AUKUS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE USA, THE UK & AUSTRALIA

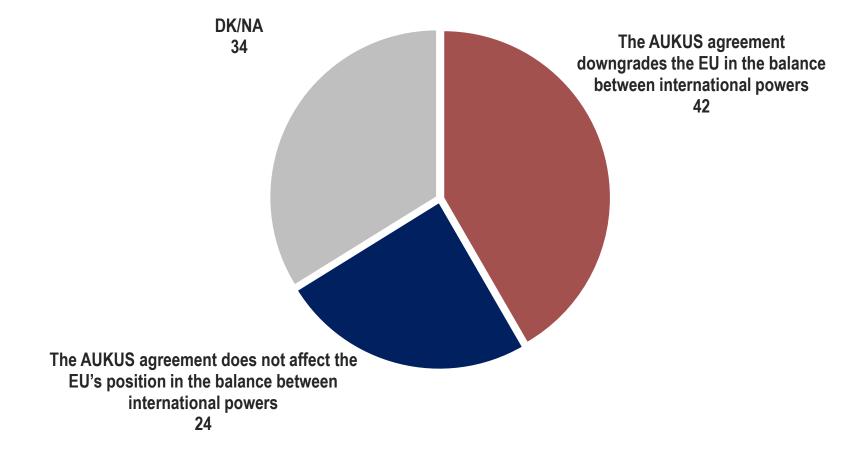
The United States, the United Kingdom and Australia recently reached an agreement on closer defense cooperation in the Pacific – called AUKUS – aimed at countering China. How do you assess this development?



ASSESSMENT ON THE IMPACT OF AUKUS ON THE STATUS OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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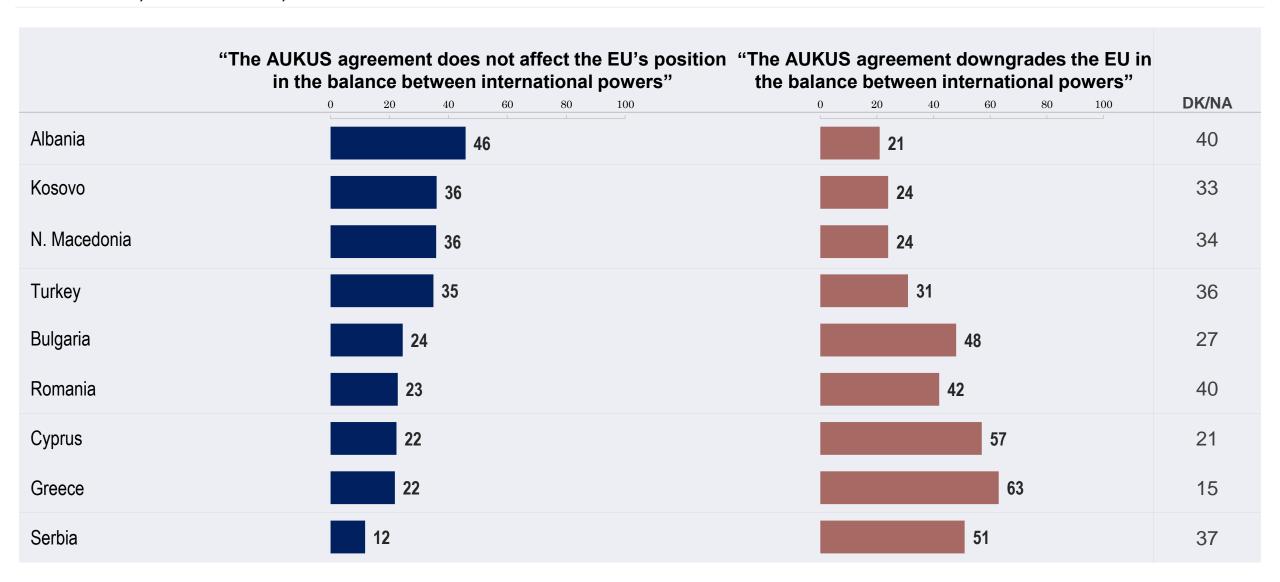
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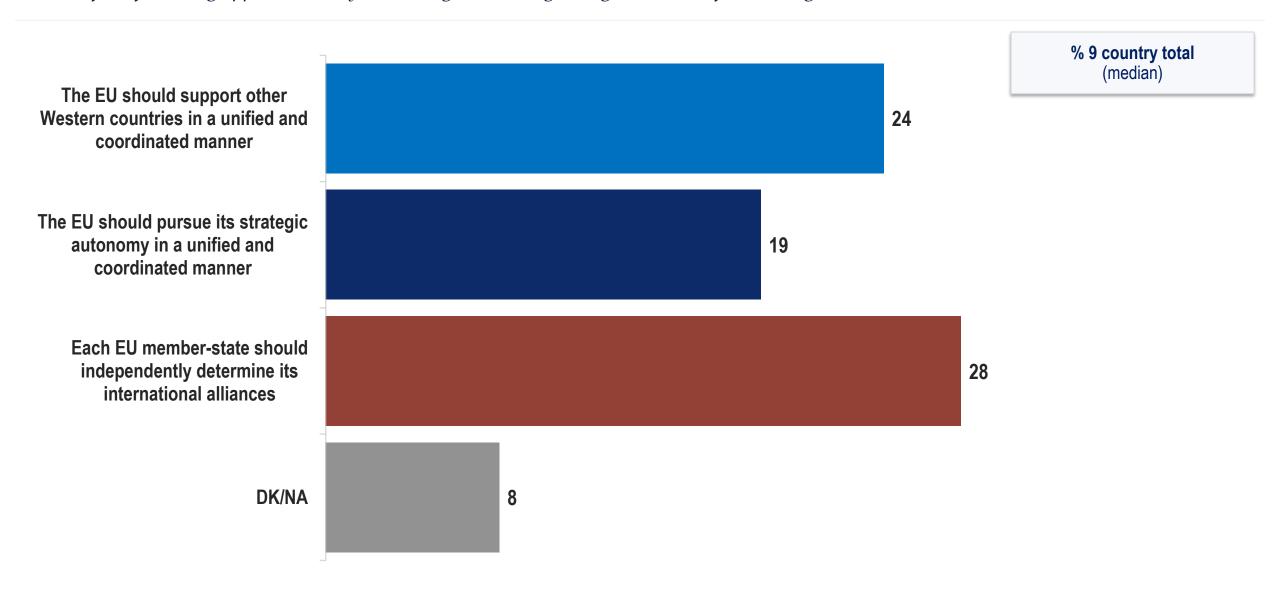
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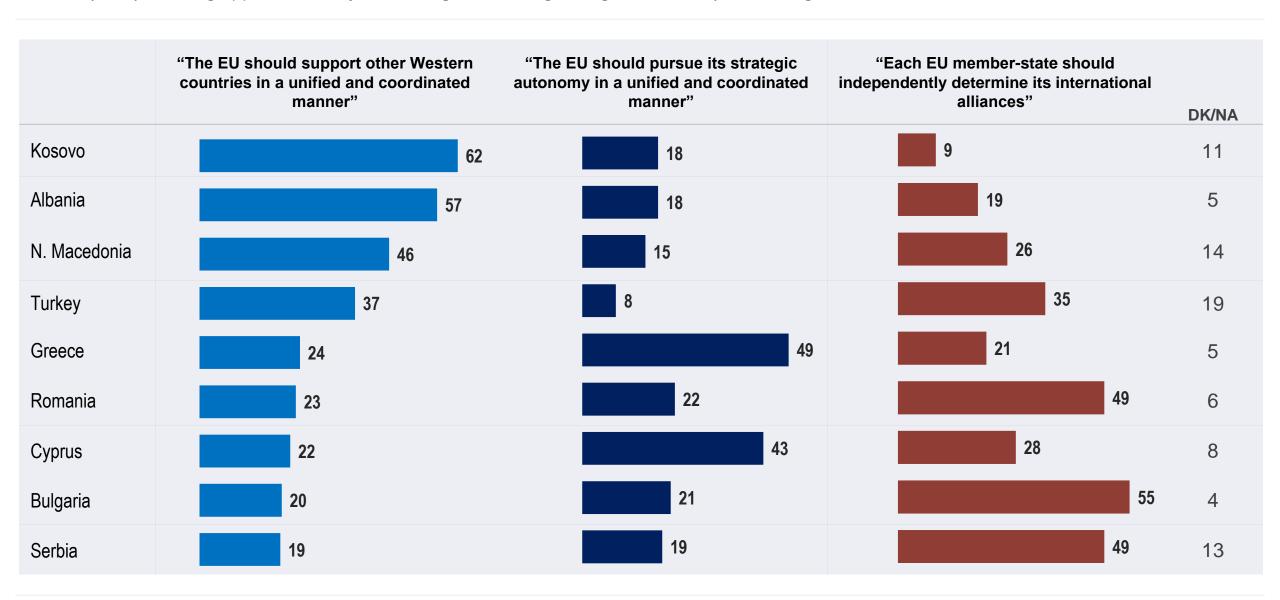
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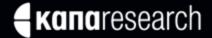
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SECTION 8 POPULARITY OF COUNTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

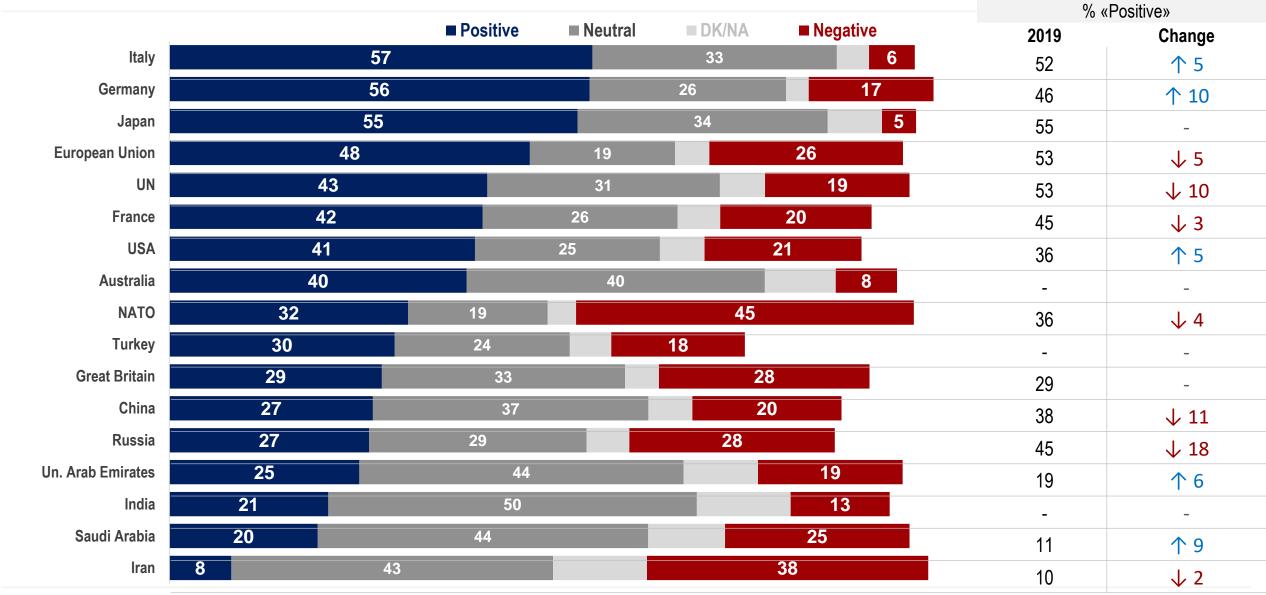
Major countries — International organizations



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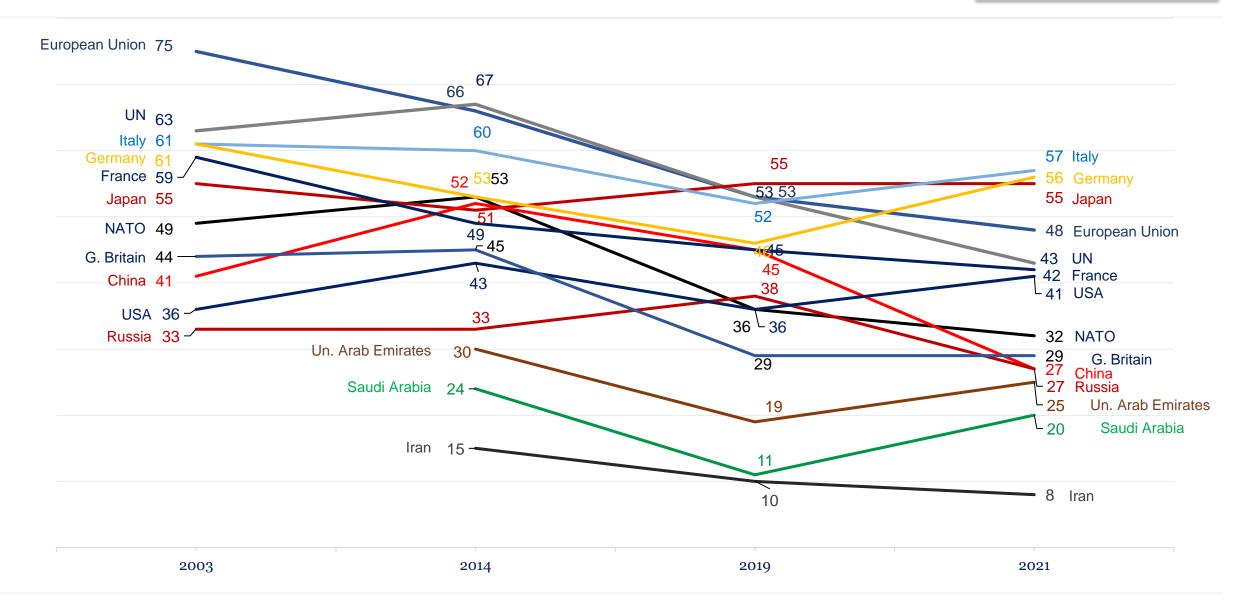
What is your opinion regarding the following countries and international organizations?

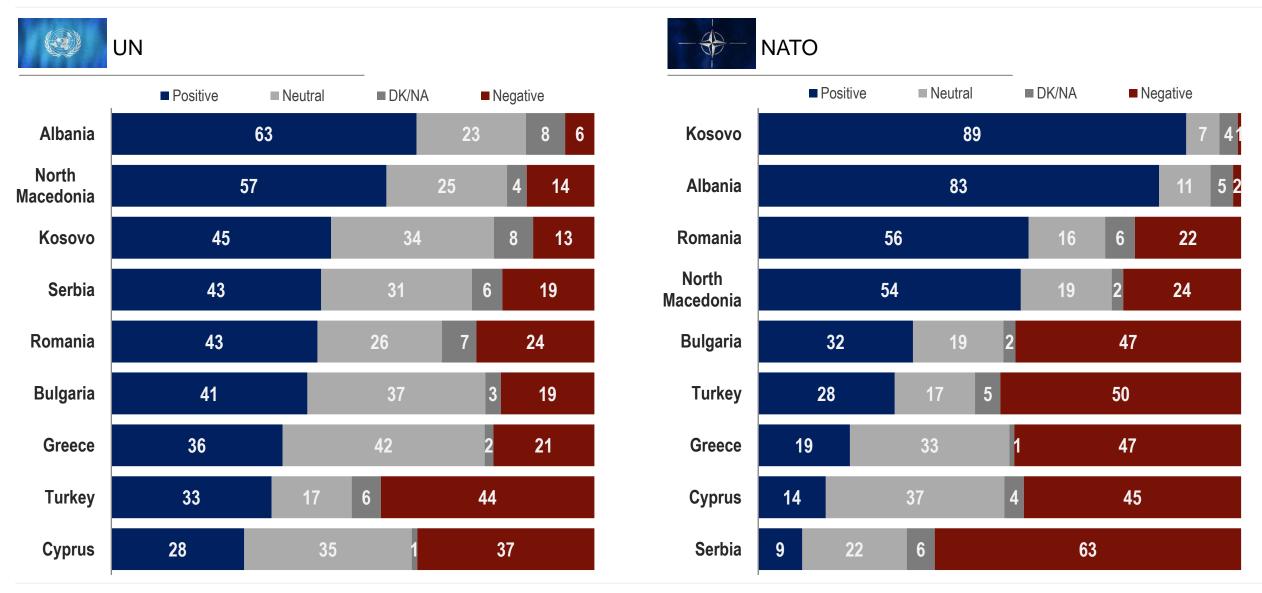
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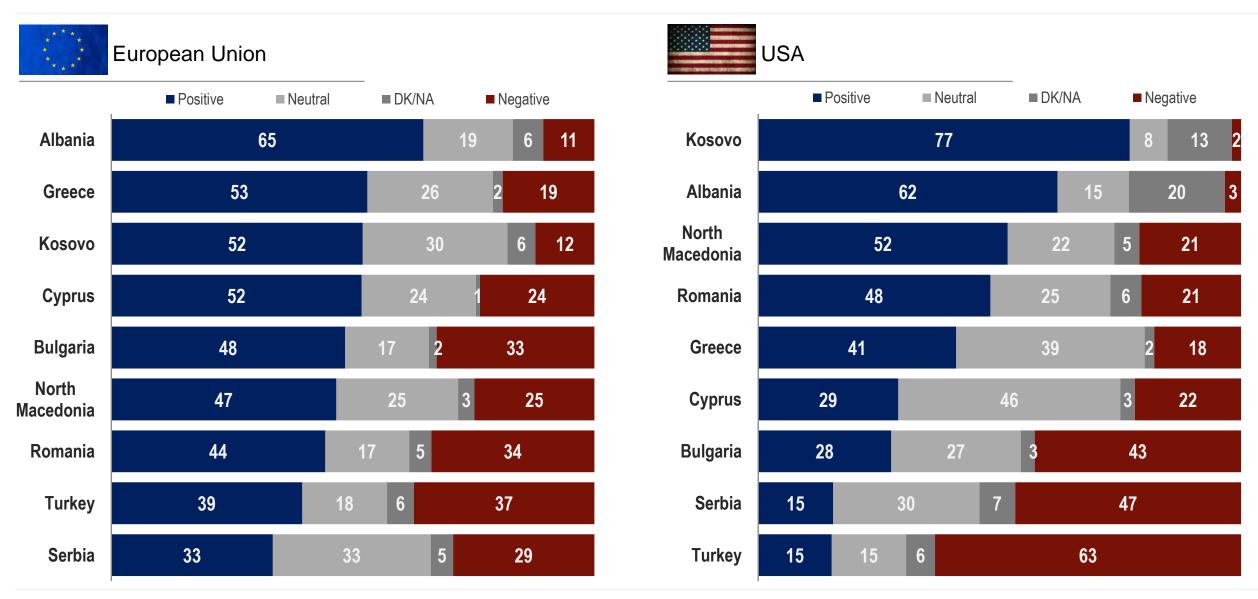


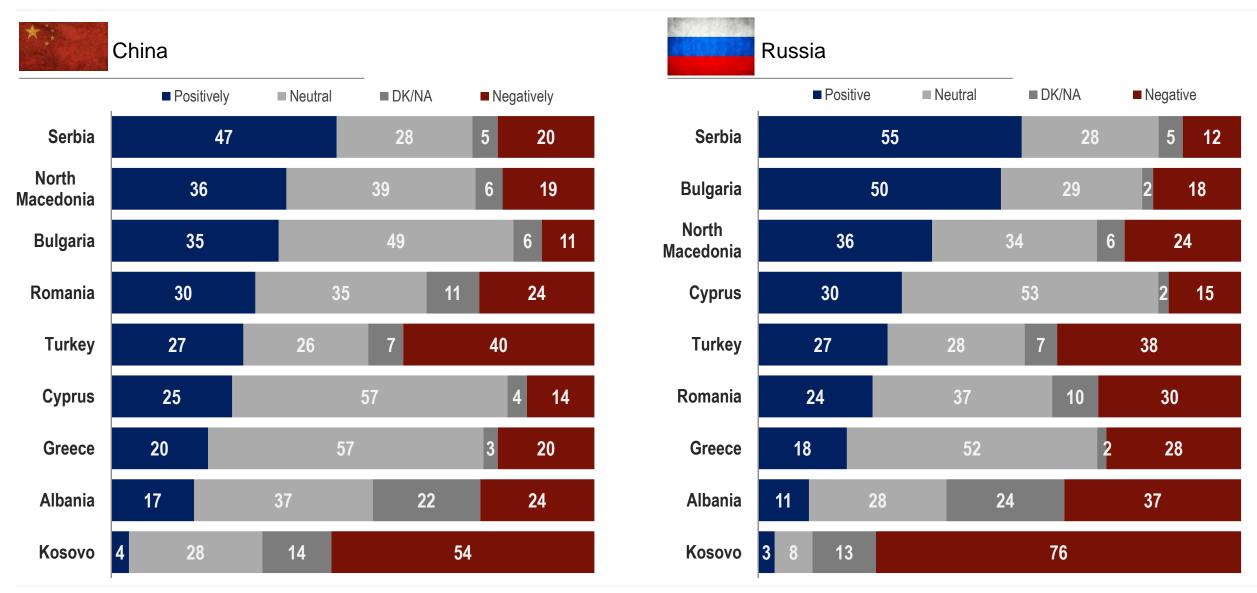
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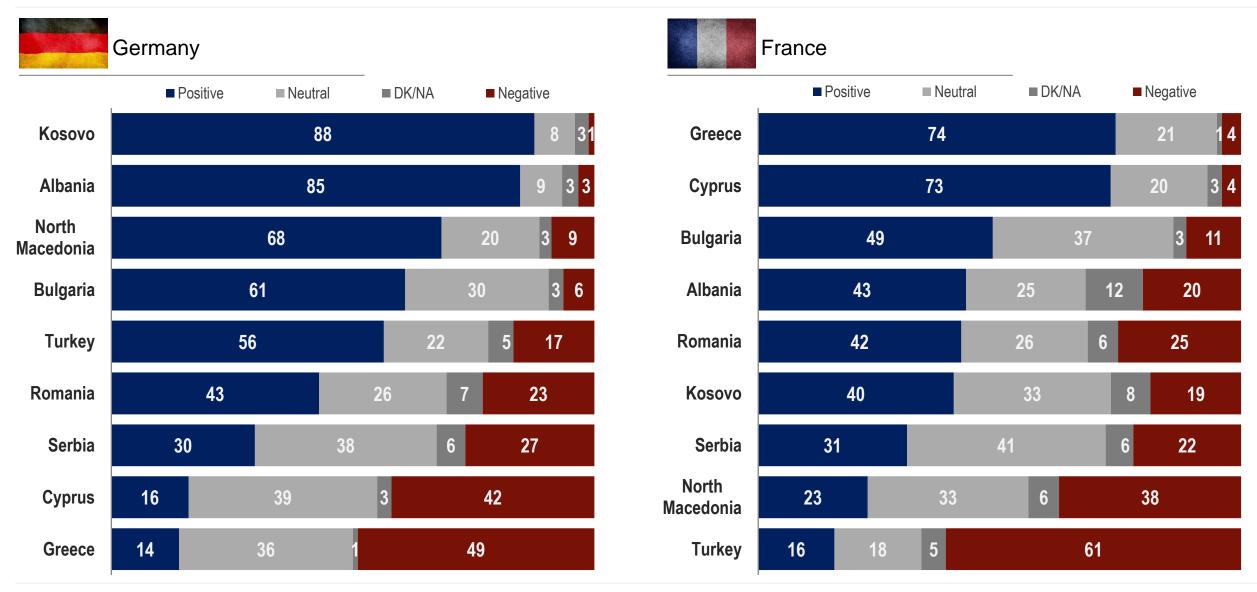
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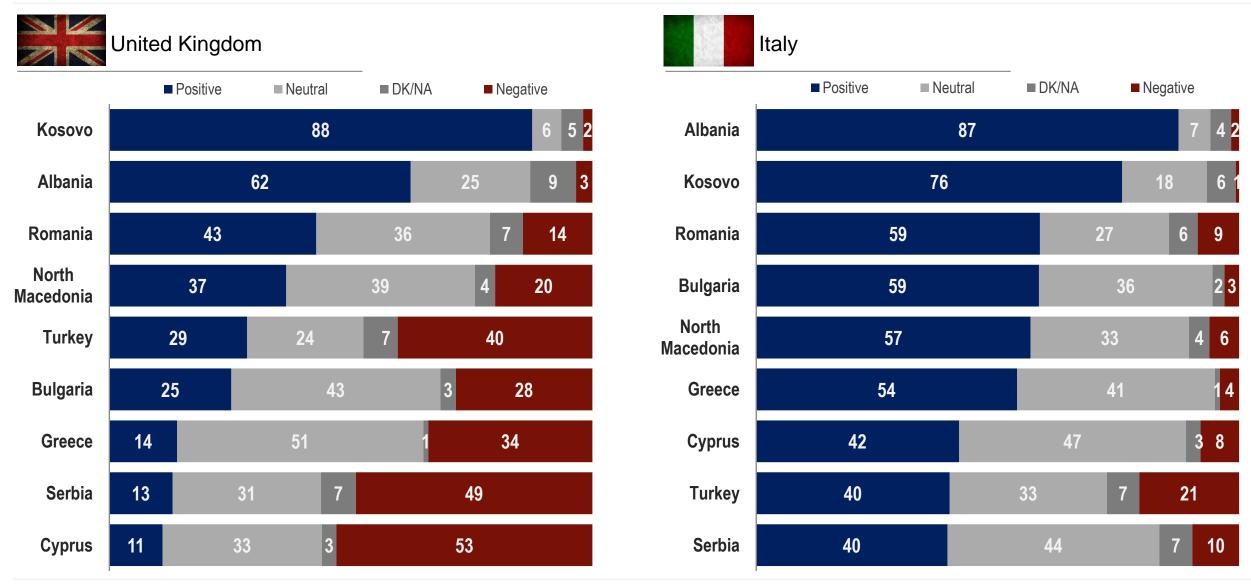




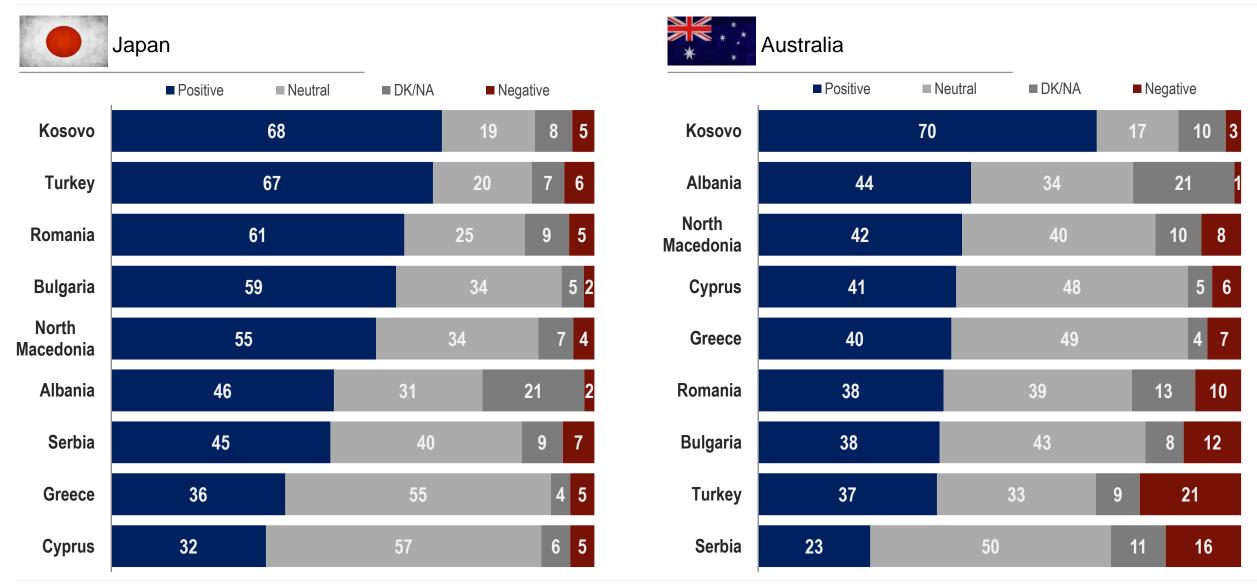




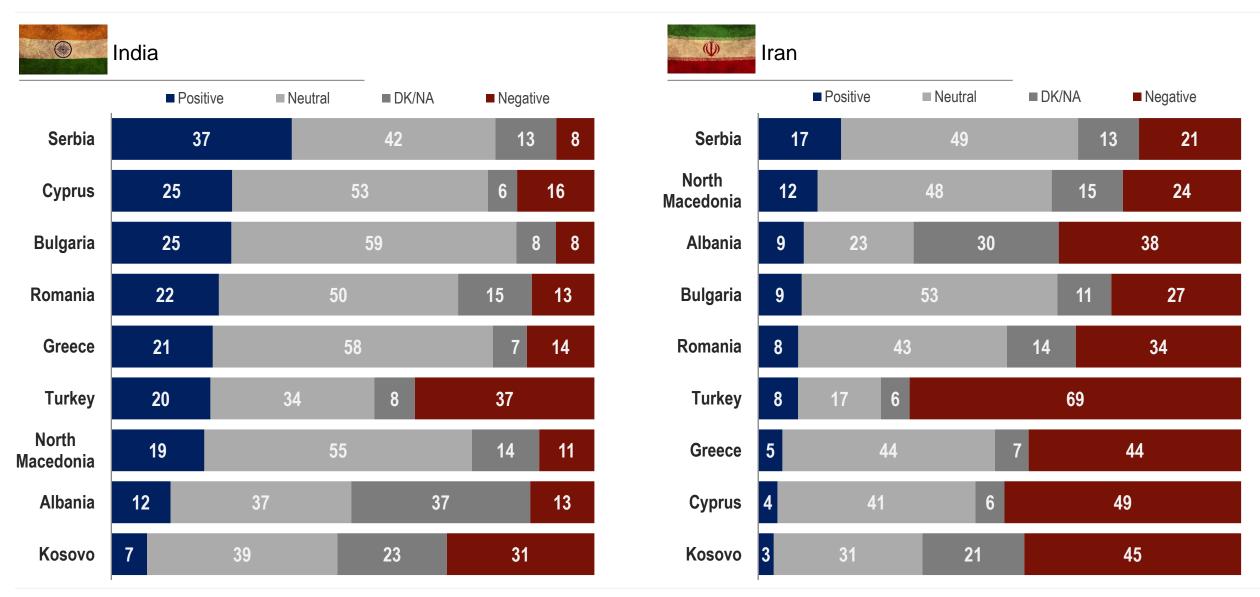


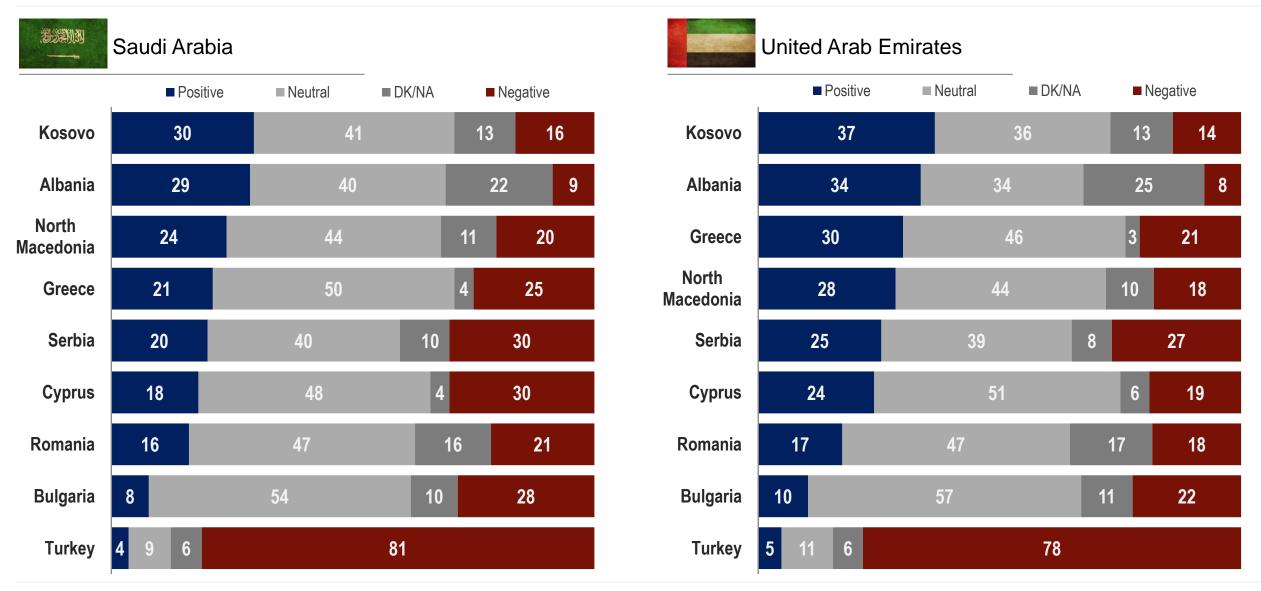












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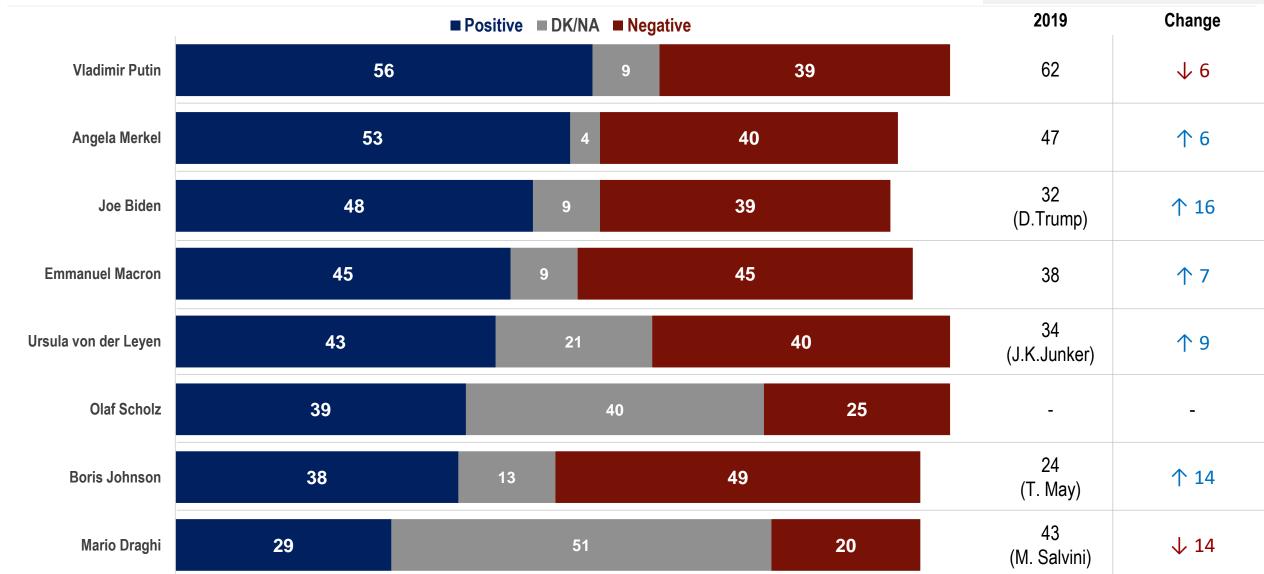


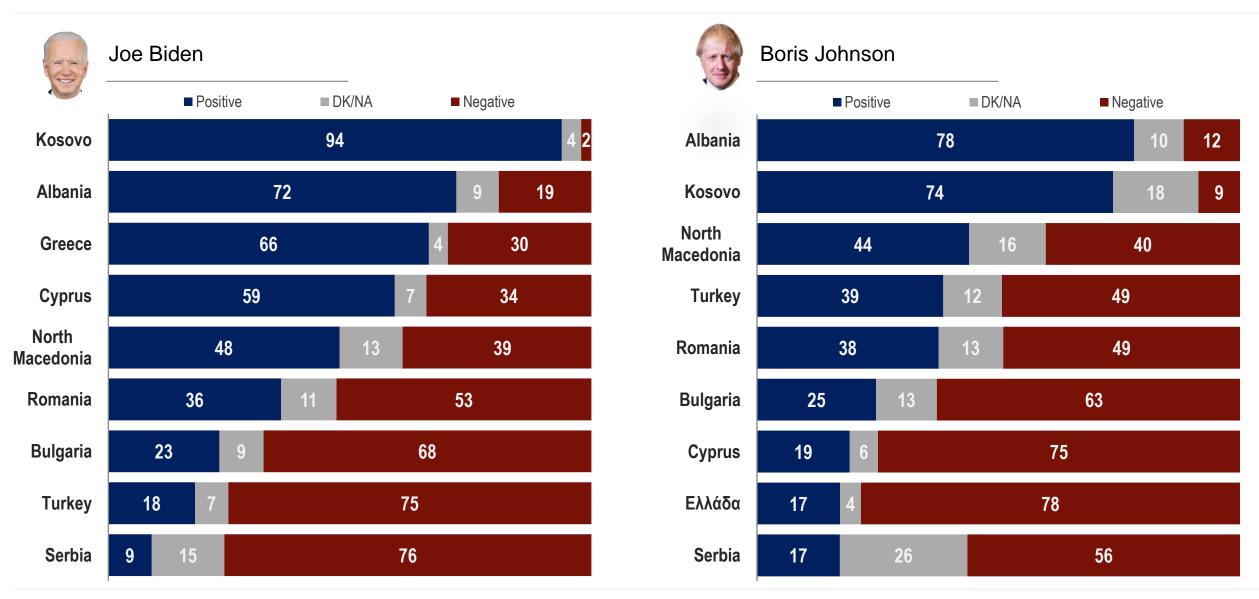


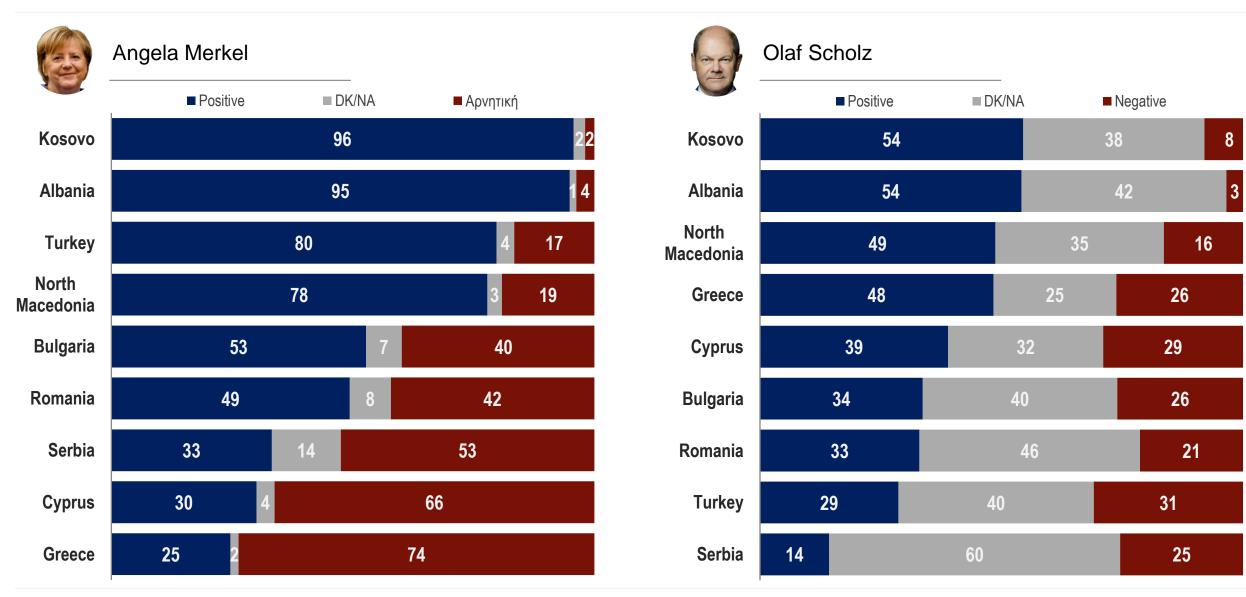


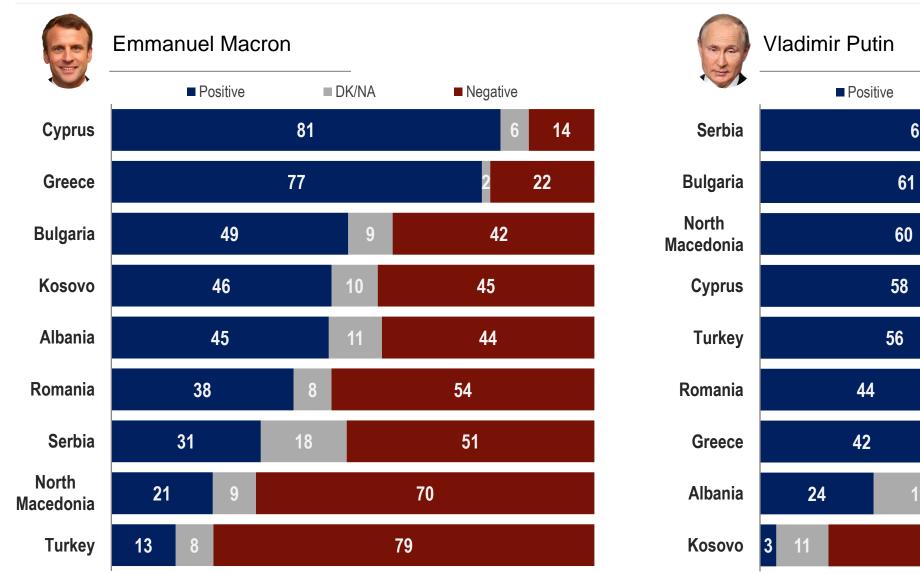
What is your opinion regarding the following political leaders?

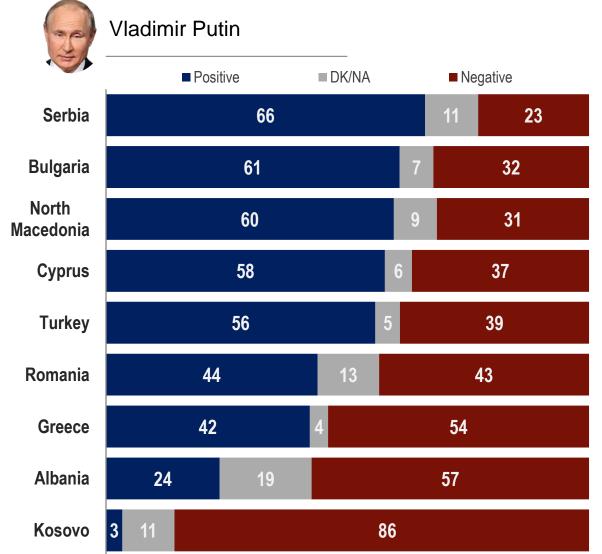
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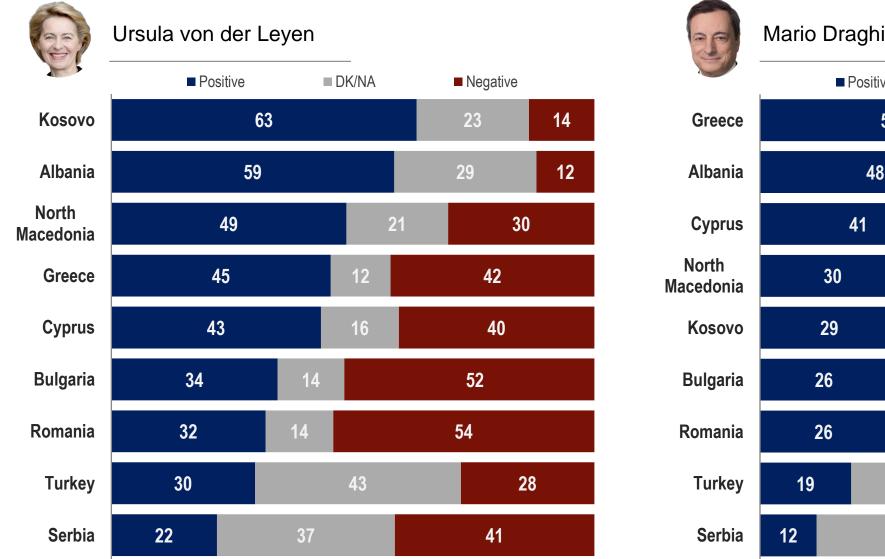


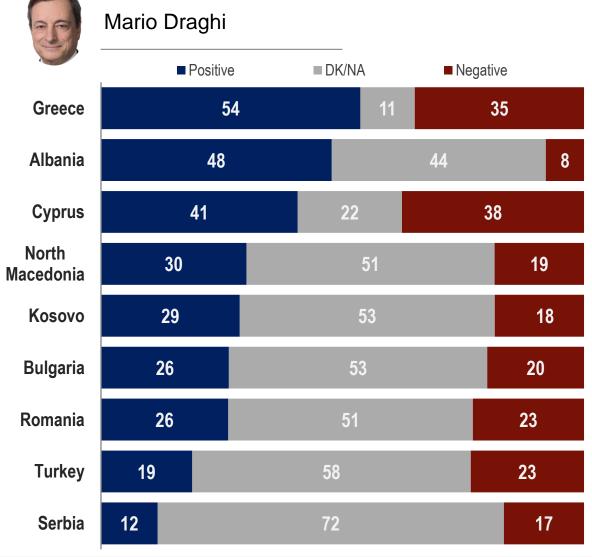












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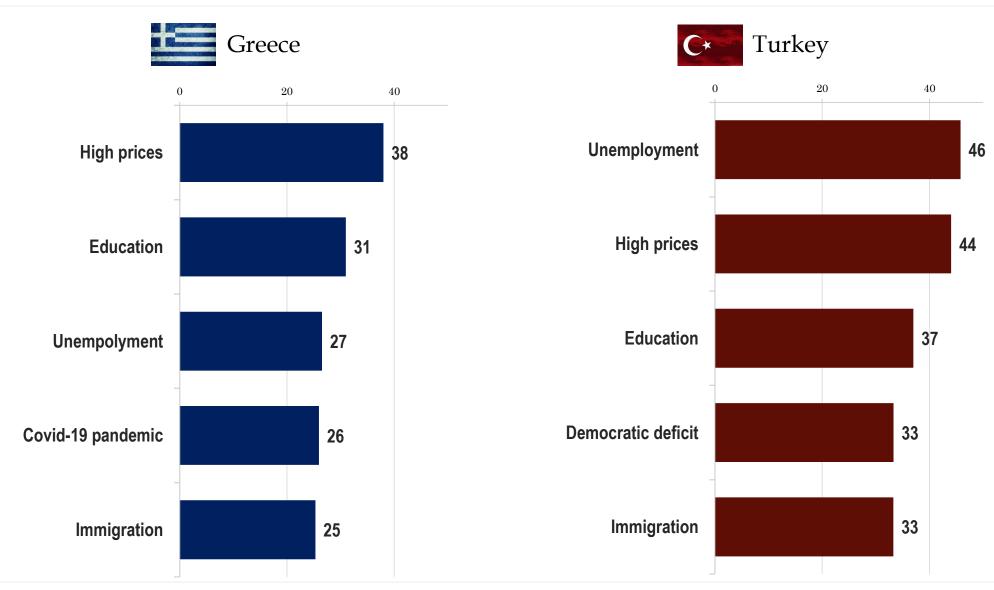


SECTION 10 COMPARATIVE INDICATORS

Greece vs Turkey: Points of Convergence and Divergence

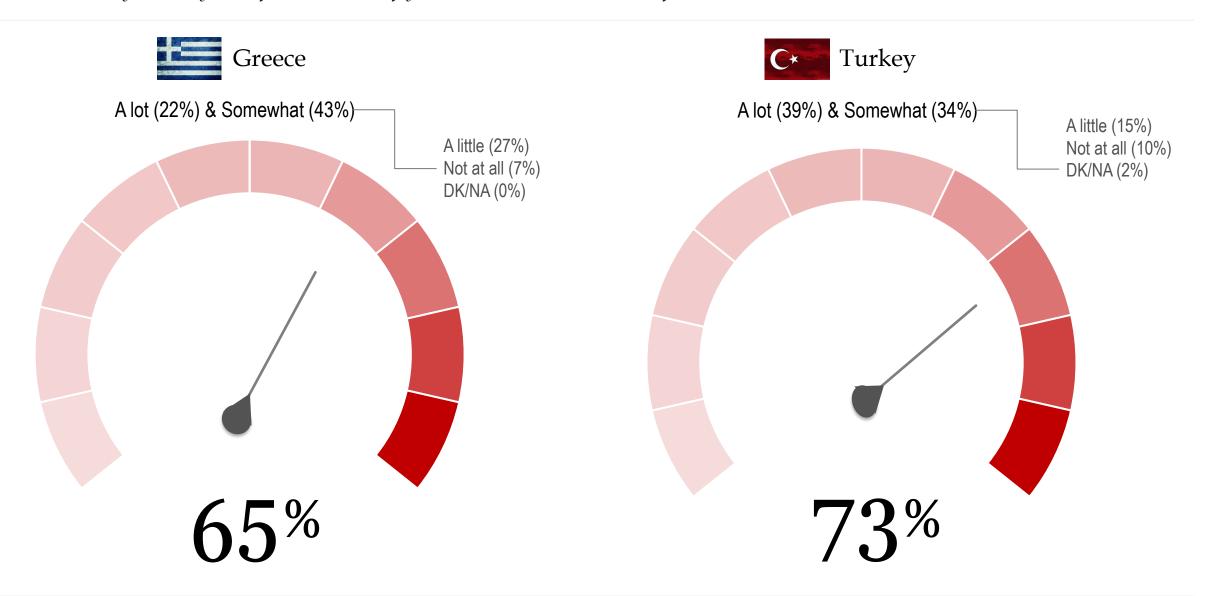


In which of the following areas do you believe that [our country] is facing the most important issues today?*



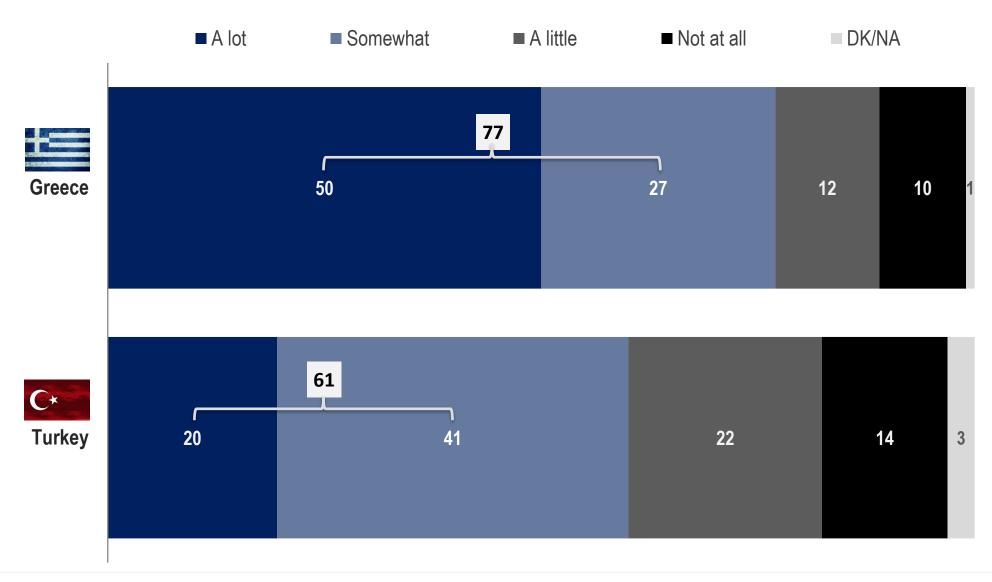
COVID-19: CONCERN FOR INFECTION

How concerned are you that yourself or a member of your household will become infected with the coronavirus?



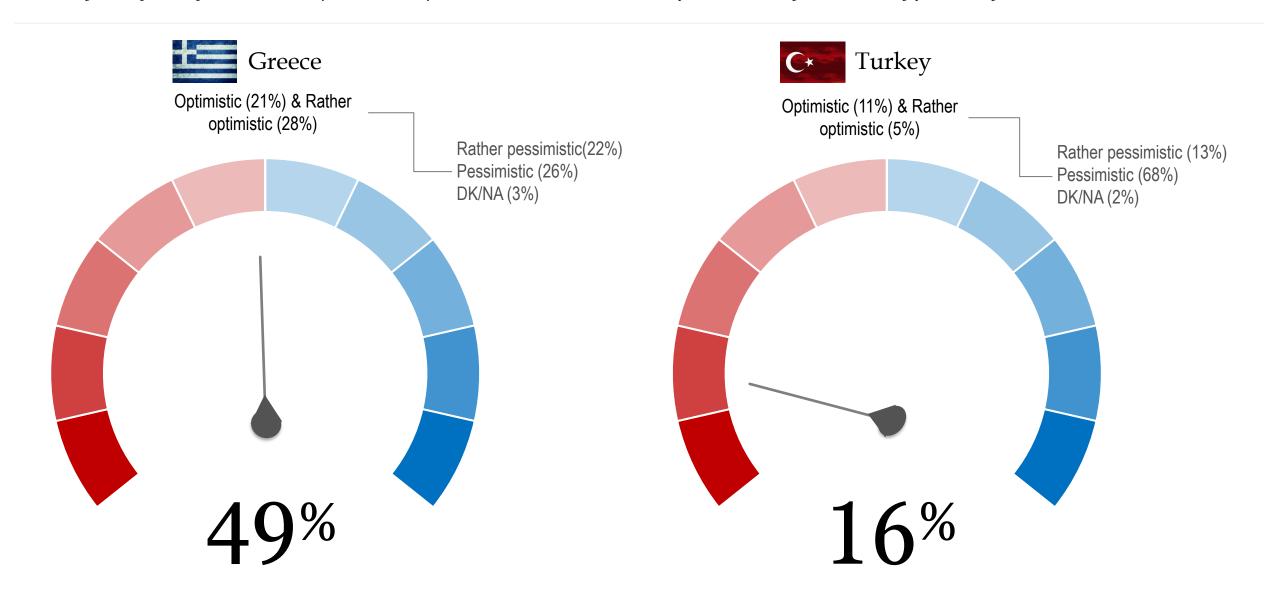
COVID-19: TRUST IN THE MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN THE BATTLE AGAINST THE PANDEMIC

How much do you trust the medical and scientific community in humanity's battle against the pandemic?



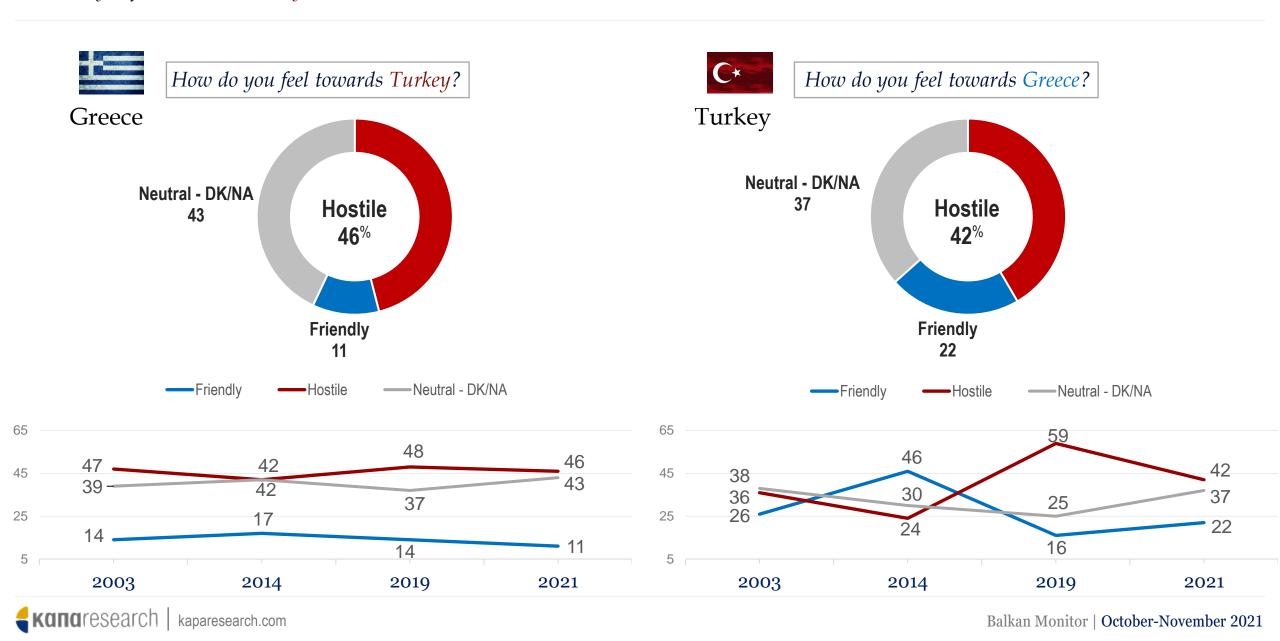
LEVEL OF OPTIMISM ON THE COURSE OF THE ECONOMY

Would you say that you are more optimistic or pessimistic about the course of [our country's]* economy for next year?

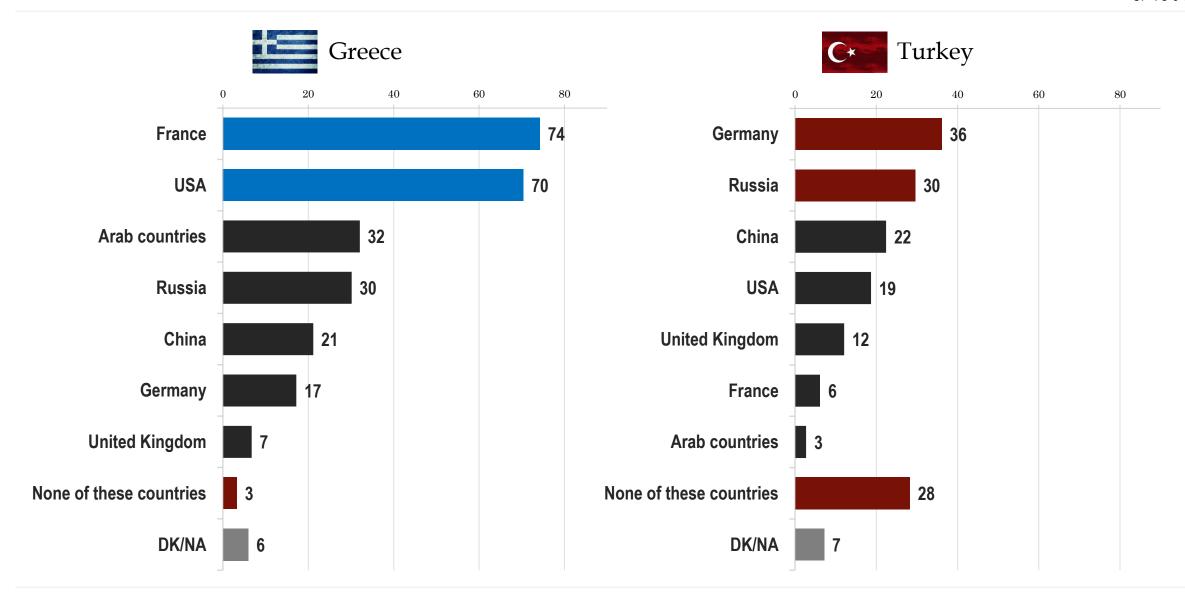


THE ATTITUDE OF GREEKS AND TURKS TOWARDS TURKEY AND GREECE RESPECTIVELY

How do you feel towards Turkey/Greece?

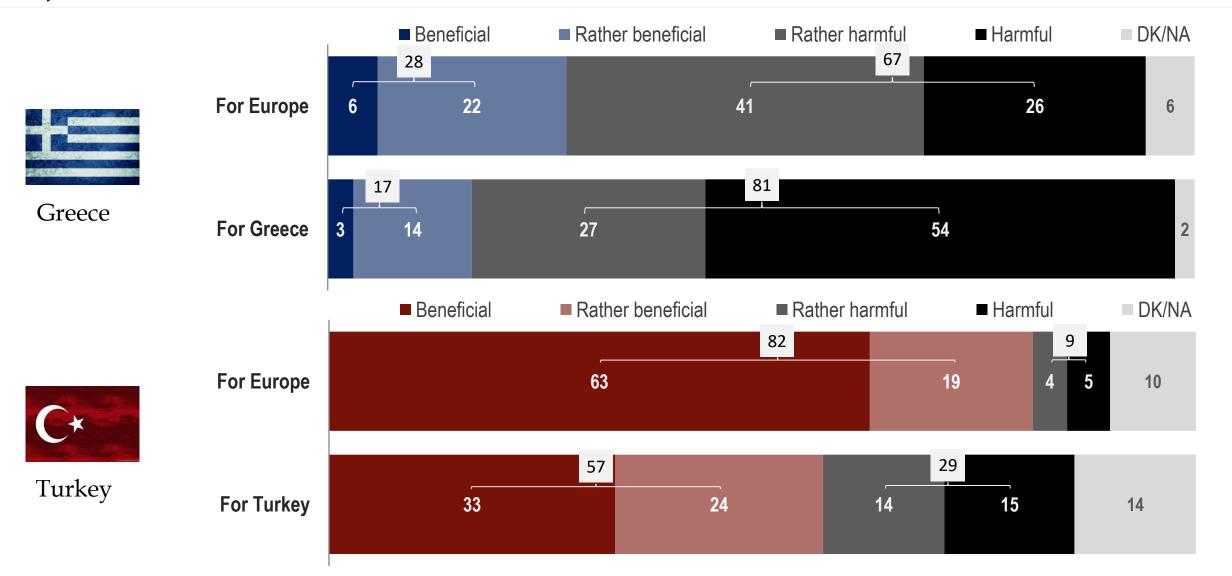


At this time, with which of the following countries should [our country]* be an ally?

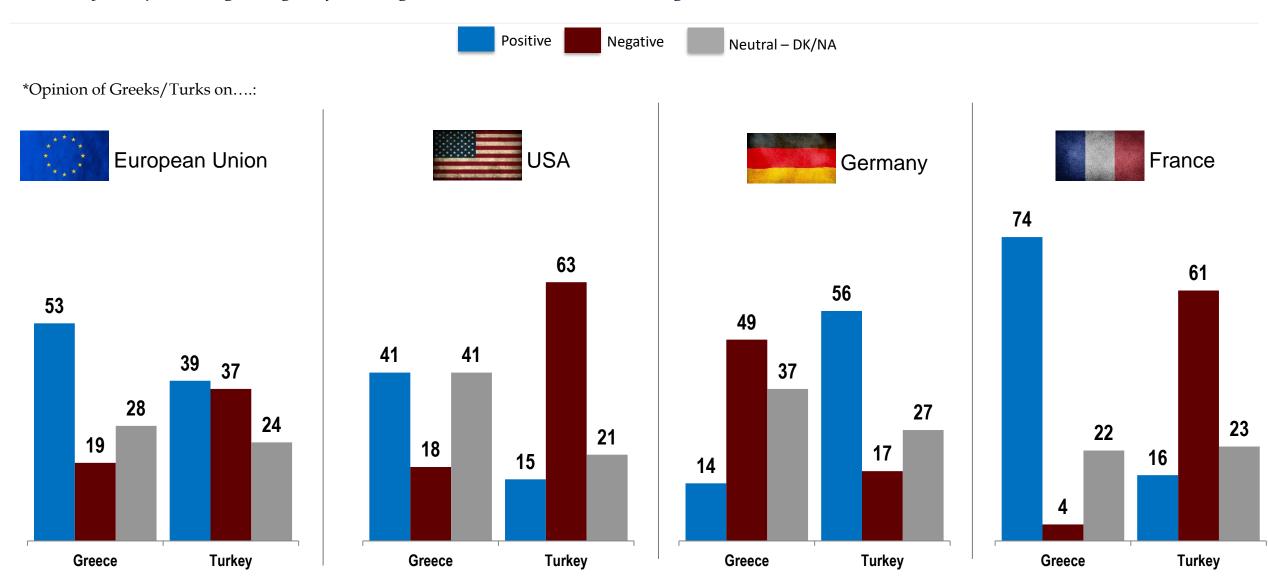


ASSESSMENT OF ANGELA MERKEL'S 16-YEAR TENURE

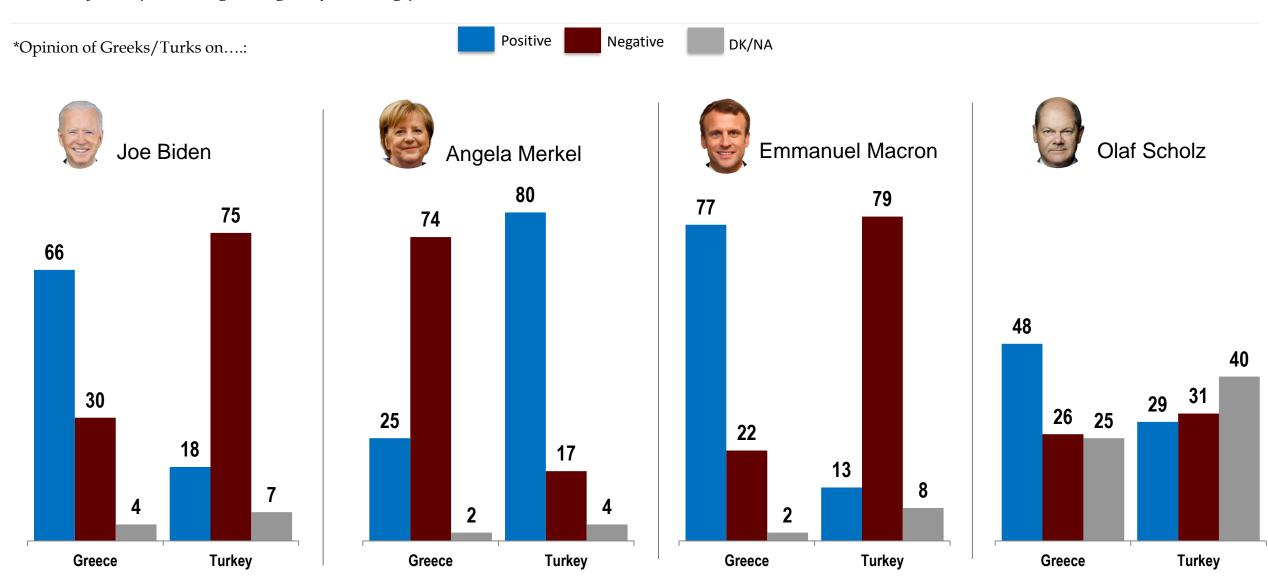
When making an overall assessment, would you say that Angela Merkel's 16-year tenure at the Chancellery of Germany was beneficial or harmful...:



GREECE vs TURKEY: COUNTRIES' AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS' POPULARITY



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