

FACTSHEET ON ATTITUDES OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN GERMANY



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1) Family Related Attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who think family is very important in life	60,6	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents, who think that regardless of what the qualities and faults of one's parents are, one			World Values Survey	1999-2000
must always love and respect them Percentage (%) of respondents who think that parents responsibility is to do best for their children	49,7 46,5	15-29 15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think good manners are important child qualities	53,1	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think independence is an important child quality	83,4	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think hard work is an important child quality	11,2	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think a woman needs children to be fulfilled	44,1	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who agrees or agrees strongly with the statement that a man needs children to be fulfilled	30,3	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) if respondents who agree with the statement that marriage is an out-dated institution	29,6	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think faithfulness is very important for successful marriage	77,4	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think same social background is very important for successful marriage	9,9	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think happy sexual relationship is very important for successful marriage	64,6	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think sharing household chores is very important for successful marriage	26,0	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who think discussing problems is very important for successful marriage	56,9	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or agree strongly with the statemnet that both husband and wife should contribute to income	90,9	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who approve abortion when woman is not married	74,6	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Get married and live with husband/ wife, ideal age (mean) Become mother/ father, ideal age (mean)	22,79 24,55	15-24	European Social Survey Data European Social	2007
Have sexual intercourse, age too young (mean)	14,90	15-24	Survey Data European Social	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who strongly approve if person lives with partner not married to	8,9	15-24	Survey Data European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who strongly approve if person have child with partner not married to	4,1	15-24 15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who strongly approve if person gets divorced while children aged under 12	0,4	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007

2) Social Life related

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who think friends are very important in life	56,1	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who meet with friends, relatives or colleagues at least once a week	81,7	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "Important to be loyal to friends and devote to people close" describes me well or very well	86,5	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "Important to help people and care for others well-being" describes me well or very well	59,8	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or strongly agree with the statement that there are people in my life who care about me	96,3	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention that would not like to have people with criminal records as neighbors	15,4	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention that would not like to have people of a different race as neighbors	4,1	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention that would not like to have homosexuals as neighbors	6,0	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention that would not like to have gypsies as neighbors	21,9	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or strongly agree with the statement that gays and lesbians free to live life as they wish	80,5	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Immigrants make country a worse or a better place to live (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is worse and 10 is better)	4,92	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007

3) Politics related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who are very interested in politics	6,57	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who voted in last national election of those who were eligible to vote	65,78	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who think that politics is regularly or frequently too complicated to understand	42,78	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who are very proud of their nationality	17,1	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who are not at all proud of their nationality	6,4	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Trust in country's parliament (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is no trust at all and 10 is complete trust)	4,37	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
How satisfied with national government (means from scale 1-10, were 1 is extremely dissatisfied and 10 is extremely satisfied)	4,01	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
How satisfied with the way the democracy works in country (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is extremely dissatisfied and 10 is extremely satisfied)	5,45	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Trust in the European Parliament (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is no trust at all and 10 is complete trust)	4,63	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
European unification (European Union) go further or gone too far (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is that unification has gone already too far and 10 is that unification can go	5,57	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007

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Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means freedom to travel, study and work anywhere in the EU	92	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a way to protect the rights of the citizens	76	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a means of improving the economic situation in the EU	70	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a European government	60	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a lot of bureaucracy, a waste of time and money	46	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom the EU means a risk of losing our cultural identity/diversity	31	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007., Page 10.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means being able to study in any EU country	94	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 31.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means the right to work in any country	90	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 31.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means access to healthcare and social welfare	82	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 31.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means the right to move permanently to any country	85	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 31.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents to whom being the citizen of the EU means the right to vote or to be elected	39	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 31.	2007

4) Work related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who think work is very important in life	51,0	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention good pay as an important aspect in job	77,5	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000

Percentage (%) of respondents who mention a respected		15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
job as an important aspect in job	38,7			
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention "a job that is		15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
interesting" as an important aspect in job	74,2			
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention pleasent		15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
people to work with as an important aspect in job	64,6			
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement		15-24	European Social	2007
"important to be rich, have money and expensive things"			Survey Data	
describes me well or very well	22,3			

5) Environment related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or strongly		15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
agree with to following statement: "I would give part of my	20.0			
income for the environment"	38,0			
Percentage (%) of respondents who agree or strongly		15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
agree with to following statement: "Government should				
reduce environmental pollution, but it should not cost me				
any money"	65,8			
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement		15-24	European Social	2007
"important to care for nature and environment" describes			Survey Data	
me well or very well	52,98			

6) Religion related attitudes

		Age Range		Year
How religious are you (means from scale 1-10, where 1 is not at all religious and 10 is very religious)	3,36	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who belong to religious denomination	51,3	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who attend religious services apart from special occasions at least once a month	13,6	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who pray apart from at religious services at least once a month	27,0	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007

7) Health related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of heroin high	96	15-24	Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of cocaine high	86	15-24	Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of ecstasy high	86	15-24	Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of cannabis high	46	15-24	Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of tobacco high	22	15-24	Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.	2008
Percentage (%) of respondents who perceive the risk of alcohol high	21	15-24	Young Peoples and Drugs among 15-24 year-olds. 2008.	2008

8) Mobility related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I would not know how to find a job	8,4	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I would have language difficultues	44,1	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I could not afford it	11,6	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I would have administrative difficulties	22	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: I would have difficulties in getting my qualifications recognized	9	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who mention following difficulty in finding a job abroad if interested: no difficulties	2,8	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who state that they are not interested in living abroad	0	15-30	Flash Eurobarometer 202. Young Europeans. 2007. Page 123.	2007

9) Leisure-time related attitudes

		Age Range	Sources	Year
Percentage (%) of respondents who think leisure time is very important in life	41,0	15-29	World Values Survey	1999-2000
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "It is important to have good time" describes me well or very well	75,9	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "It is important to seek adventures and have exciting life" describes me well or very well	28,2	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007
Percentage (%) of respondents who say that the statement "It is important to seek fun and things that give pleasure" describes me well or very well	58,5	15-24	European Social Survey Data	2007