



## **Financial Times/Harris Poll Monthly Opinions of Adults from Five European Countries and the United States**

**October 2008** - Below are the most recent data from the Financial Times/Harris Poll, a monthly poll of adults from five countries in Europe and the U.S.. The European countries include France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, and Spain.

For more information about the polls and to view the articles by the Financial Times that are based on these data, visit [www.ft.com](http://www.ft.com). For inquiries, contact Harris Interactive Corporate Communications at 585-214-7756 or [press@harrisinteractive.net](mailto:press@harrisinteractive.net).

### **Source**

This FT/Harris Poll was conducted online by Harris Interactive among a total of 6,276 adults (aged 16-64) within France (1,075), Germany (1,063), Great Britain (1,046), Spain (1,006) and the United States (1,064), and adults (aged 18-64) in Italy (1,022) between 1 and 13 October 2008.

### **Complete survey methodology**

This **FT/Harris Poll** was conducted online by Harris Interactive among a total of 6,276 adults (aged 16-64) within France, Germany, Great Britain, Spain, and the United States and adults (aged 18-64) in Italy between 1 and 13 October 2008. Figures for age, sex, education, region and Internet usage were weighted where necessary to bring them into line with their actual proportions in the population. Propensity score weighting was used to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online.

**Unweighted bases** for the survey are: Total (6,276); France (1,075); Germany (1,063); Great Britain (1,046); Italy (1,022); Spain (1,006); and the United States (1,064).

Weighted bases for the survey are: Total (6,275); France (1,075); Germany (1,063); Great Britain (1,046); Italy (1,022); Spain (1,006); and the United States (1,064).

All sample surveys and polls, whether or not they use probability sampling, are subject to multiple sources of error which are most often not possible to quantify or estimate, including sampling error, coverage error, error associated with nonresponse, error associated with question wording and response options, and post-survey weighting and adjustments. Therefore, Harris Interactive avoids the words "margin of error" as they are misleading. All that can be calculated are different possible sampling errors with different probabilities for pure, unweighted, random samples with 100% response rates. These are only theoretical because no published polls come close to this ideal.

Respondents for this survey were selected from among those who have agreed to participate in Harris Interactive surveys. The data have been weighted to reflect the composition of the adult populations within those countries that were surveyed. Because the sample is based on those who agreed to participate in the Harris Interactive panel, no estimates of theoretical sampling error can be calculated.

*These statements conform to the principles of disclosure of the National Council on Public Polls and the British Polling Council.*

**TABLE 1A**  
**RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – STOCK HOLDERS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – Stock holders demanding higher rates of return”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	16	32	20	21	26	10
A lot of responsibility	38	37	45	31	34	34
Some responsibility	37	24	26	35	29	42
No responsibility at all	10	7	9	13	13	14

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**When it comes to the stock holders demanding higher rates of return, feelings are mixed on how much responsibility they have in causing today’s global financial crisis. A plurality of Americans and just over one-third of Spaniards give them some responsibility, while a plurality of Italians and over one-third of Britons, French, and Germans all give them a lot of responsibility.**

**TABLE 1B**  
**RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – COMMERCIAL AND INVESTMENT BANKS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – Commercial and Investment Banks”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	24	40	32	36	48	19
A lot of responsibility	51	42	51	37	36	60
Some responsibility	19	14	14	24	11	18
No responsibility at all	5	3	3	3	6	3

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Commercial and investment banks are cited as having complete responsibility for the financial crisis by almost half of Germans. Three in five Americans and just over half of Britons and Italians all say they have a lot of responsibility for the crisis. French and Spanish adults are a little divided over whether they have complete or just a lot of responsibility, with a lot of responsibility getting the edge.**

**TABLE 1C  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – ELECTED LEADERS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – The elected leaders of government”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	20	22	22	28	18	23
A lot of responsibility	42	35	40	27	36	47
Some responsibility	32	34	29	35	33	26
No responsibility at all	6	10	10	10	13	4

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Almost half of Americans, a plurality of Britons and Italians and over one-third of French and German adults all say elected leaders have a lot of responsibility for the global financial market crisis. Just over one-third of Spaniards say they have some responsibility.**

**TABLE 1D  
RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – GOVERNMENTAL REGULATORS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – Governmental regulators”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	17	19	12	29	23	21
A lot of responsibility	47	37	34	39	39	53
Some responsibility	30	37	38	28	29	22
No responsibility at all	6	7	15	4	9	4

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**U.S. and British adults are the harshest critics of government regulators as just over half of Americans and just under half of Britons say they have a lot of responsibility for the market crisis. Two in five Spaniards and Germans agree while just under two in five Italians say regulators only have some responsibility for the financial crisis. French adults are split with equal numbers saying regulators have a lot of responsibility and some responsibility.**

**TABLE 1E**  
**RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – CENTRAL BANKS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – Central Banks”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	19	24	24	30	32	13
A lot of responsibility	52	42	49	36	38	52
Some responsibility	24	27	22	29	22	30
No responsibility at all	5	7	5	5	8	4

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Just over half of Britons and Americans, just under half of Italians, a plurality of French adults and over one-third of Germans and Spaniards say that Central Banks have a lot of responsibility for causing the global financial crisis.**

**TABLE 1F**  
**RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – REAL ESTATE/PROPERTY AGENTS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – Real estate/property agents”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	5	8	10	22	15	7
A lot of responsibility	28	25	36	40	29	27
Some responsibility	50	44	36	28	35	47
No responsibility at all	16	22	19	10	21	19

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Most do not give much blame to real estate or property agents for this crisis. Half of Britons, just under half of Americans, a plurality of French adults and just over one-third of Germans say real estate/property agents only have some responsibility. Italians are divided with equal numbers saying some responsibility and a lot of responsibility. A plurality of Spaniards, however, says they deserve a lot of responsibility.**

**TABLE 1G**  
**RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – HOME BUILDERS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – Home builders”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	4	5	8	31	9	4
A lot of responsibility	14	16	37	39	22	18
Some responsibility	51	42	35	24	43	48
No responsibility at all	31	38	20	5	26	31

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**At least two-thirds of Americans, Britons, Germans and French adults all say that home builders have only some or no responsibility at all for this financial crisis. Over one-third of Italians say they have a lot of responsibility. While almost two in five Spaniards say home builders have a lot of responsibility, three in ten say they have complete responsibility for this crisis.**

**TABLE 1H**  
**RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – HOME BUYERS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – Home buyers who had limited financial means”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	6	7	11	13	7	15
A lot of responsibility	19	15	40	21	16	39
Some responsibility	44	42	32	35	41	35
No responsibility at all	32	36	17	31	36	11

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Pluralities in Great Britain, France and Germany as well as just over one-third of Spaniards feel that home buyers with limited financial means have some responsibility for this global financial market crisis while two in five Italians and Americans say they have a lot of responsibility.**

**TABLE 1J**  
**RESPONSIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL CRISIS – PEOPLE WHO SHORT STOCKS**

“How much responsibility do you feel that each of the following has in causing today’s global financial market crisis? – People who short stocks. By “short stocks” we mean the practice of selling stocks the seller does not own, in the hope of repurchasing them later at a lower price.”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Complete responsibility	20	35	29	21	27	15
A lot of responsibility	41	37	40	35	33	42
Some responsibility	31	23	25	33	28	34
No responsibility at all	8	6	7	11	12	9

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Over half of adults in each country believe that short sellers have a lot or complete responsibility for this current global financial market crisis. Just one in ten or less in each country say they have no responsibility at all.**

**TABLE 2**  
**ABUSUES VERSUS FAILURES OF CAPITALISM**

“Would you say that the current global financial market crisis has been caused more by the “abuses of capitalism” or by the “failure of capitalism, itself”? By “capitalism” we mean the economic system in which the means of production are owned by private persons, and operated for profit and where investments, distribution, incomes, production and pricing of goods and services are predominately determined through the operation of a free market, rather than by central economic planning.”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Abuses of capitalism	52	68	64	62	46	66
Failures of capitalism itself	13	17	11	15	30	7
Neither	7	5	8	9	13	10
Not sure	28	10	16	14	10	16

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Across the board, adults in each country feel that the current global financial market crisis has been caused more by the abuses of capitalism, rather than the failures of capitalism itself. Germany is the most divided on this issue with just under half saying it is caused by the abuses of capitalism and three in ten, the highest of all six countries, saying failures of capitalism.**

**TABLE 3  
INCREASED GOVERNMENT REGULATION**

“How much do you support or oppose increased regulation by your own government of business activities to prevent future financial global market crises?”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
SUPPORT (NET)	59	68	81	61	70	63
Strongly support	22	26	36	21	38	26
Somewhat support	37	42	45	40	33	37
OPPOSE (NET)	14	14	11	22	20	25
Strongly oppose	10	9	7	15	11	14
Somewhat oppose	4	5	4	7	9	10
Not sure	27	18	7	17	10	12

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Eight in ten Italians, seven in ten Germans, two-thirds of French adults and strong majorities in the US, Spain and Great Britain all support increased regulation by their own government of business activities to prevent future financial global market crises from occurring. Americans are the most against this as one-quarter are opposed to increased regulation.**

**TABLE 4  
USING TAXPAYERS’ MONEY FOR BAILOUTS**

“Under what circumstances is it appropriate for taxpayers’ money to be used for bailouts of commercial banks and insurance companies? By “bailout” we mean the situation where a bankrupt or nearly bankrupt entity, such as a corporation or a bank, is given a fresh injection of liquidity, in order to meet its short term obligations.”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Always	3	2	5	5	4	2
Only under exceptional circumstances	66	53	67	63	58	60
Never	31	45	28	32	38	39

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Between one-quarter and over four in ten adults in each country believe that it is never appropriate for taxpayers’ money to be used for bailouts of commercial banks and insurance companies. Majorities, included two-thirds of adults in Great Britain and Italy, believe that it is alright but only under exceptional circumstances.**

**TABLE 5  
FUNDING BAILOUTS IN CURRENT CRISIS**

“How much do you support or oppose your government using taxpayers’ money to fund bailouts that are resulting from the current financial global market crises?”

Base: EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults who say that it is always or only under exceptional circumstances appropriate for taxpayers’ money to be used for bailouts of commercial banks and insurance companies

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	757	631	739	741	657	684
SUPPORT (NET)	49	35	43	42	56	43
Strongly support	5	5	4	5	13	5
Somewhat support	44	30	38	37	44	38
OPPOSE (NET)	36	57	45	44	38	48
Strongly oppose	26	42	35	37	27	35
Somewhat oppose	10	15	10	7	11	14
Not sure	15	8	12	14	5	8

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Among those adults who say it is appropriate either always or under exceptional circumstances to use taxpayers’ money to fund bailouts, over half of French adults, just under half of Americans, and a plurality of Italians and Spaniards are all opposed to a bailout using taxpayers’ money being used in the current financial crisis. Over half of Germans and just under half of Britons in this same group all support using taxpayer funded bailouts in this market crisis.**

**TABLE 6A  
BUSH’S HANDLING OF FINANCIAL MARKET CRISIS**

“How much confidence do you have in the ability of each of the following political leaders to handle the global financial market crisis effectively? – George W. Bush”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
A great deal	5	2	5	5	3	7
Quite a bit	7	6	15	10	6	8
Some	19	14	22	16	15	21
None	56	66	50	63	71	56
Not sure	14	12	7	6	5	7

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Across the board, a majority in each of the six countries say they have no confidence in the ability of George W. Bush to handle the current financial crisis.**

**TABLE 6B**  
**BROWN'S HANDLING OF FINANCIAL MARKET CRISIS**

“How much confidence do you have in the ability of each of the following political leaders to handle the global financial market crisis effectively? – Gordon Brown”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
A great deal	9	7	3	3	3	1
Quite a bit	11	19	29	17	13	8
Some	24	30	34	39	31	19
None	43	21	18	26	33	25
Not sure	12	23	16	16	19	47

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**A plurality of British adults say they have no confidence in Gordon Brown to handle the current global financial crisis while three in ten or more in the other European countries say they have some confidence in him. Almost half of Americans are not sure, but one-quarter say they have no confidence in his abilities.**

**TABLE 6C**  
**SARKOZY'S HANDLING OF FINANCIAL MARKET CRISIS**

“How much confidence do you have in the ability of each of the following political leaders to handle the global financial market crisis effectively? – Nikolas Sarkozy”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
A great deal	2	11	10	10	6	2
Quite a bit	11	23	35	24	19	7
Some	24	28	29	33	33	16
None	25	28	17	26	30	28
Not sure	38	10	10	7	13	47

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**French adults are divided on whether Sarkozy can handle the current financial crisis. Just over one-quarter each say they have no or some confidence in him while just under one-quarter say they have quite a bit of confidence in his abilities. Over one-third of Italians say they have quite a bit of confidence in his abilities, while one-third of Spanish and German adults have some confidence. Over one-quarter of Americans and one-quarter of Britons have no confidence in Sarkozy's abilities.**

**TABLE 6D**  
**MERKEL'S HANDLING OF FINANCIAL MARKET CRISIS**

“How much confidence do you have in the ability of each of the following political leaders to handle the global financial market crisis effectively? – Angela Merkel”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
A great deal	2	16	22	13	17	2
Quite a bit	10	32	36	30	24	7
Some	22	22	21	31	29	16
None	22	14	8	17	25	25
Not sure	44	16	12	9	5	50

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Germans are divided on their confidence in Angela Merkel. Almost three in ten say they have some confidence in her abilities to handle the financial crisis, while one-quarter say they have no confidence and just under that say they have quite a bit of confidence. Just under one in five Germans have a great deal of confidence. Over one in five Italians have a great deal of confidence in her abilities, while three in ten Spaniards and French adults have quite a bit of confidence. Half of Americans and over two in five Britons are not sure.**

**TABLE 6E**  
**BERLUSCONI'S HANDLING OF FINANCIAL MARKET CRISIS**

“How much confidence do you have in the ability of each of the following political leaders to handle the global financial market crisis effectively? – Silvio Berlusconi ”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
A great deal	1	2	18	3	1	1
Quite a bit	3	8	22	11	7	4
Some	18	25	16	25	22	14
None	37	48	40	52	58	28
Not sure	41	18	4	9	12	53

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**A plurality of Italians have no confidence in Silvio Berlusconi's ability to handle the global financial crisis while just over one in five have quite a bit of confidence and just under that a great deal of confidence. Majorities in Germany and Spain, just under half of French adults and just over one third of Britons all have no confidence in his ability while over half of Americans are not sure.**

**TABLE 6F  
ZAPATERO'S HANDLING OF FINANCIAL MARKET CRISIS**

“How much confidence do you have in the ability of each of the following political leaders to handle the global financial market crisis effectively? – Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
A great deal	1	5	14	11	1	1
Quite a bit	4	22	29	18	11	4
Some	15	29	26	28	28	13
None	26	20	20	38	33	28
Not sure	54	23	10	5	26	54

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Almost two in five Spaniards have no confidence in Zapatero's ability to handle the global financial crisis while just over one-quarter have some confidence, just under one in five have quite a bit and one in ten Spaniards have a great deal of confidence in him. Three in ten Italians have quite a bit of confidence in him, while just under three in ten French and German adults have only some confidence. Over one-quarter of Britons and Americans have no confidence in his ability, but over half of adults in both countries are also not sure.**

**TABLE 7  
LEADERS HANDLING OF FINANCIAL MARKET CRISIS**

“And now thinking of George W. Bush, Gordon Brown, Nikolas Sarkozy, Angela Merkel, Silvio Berlusconi and Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapater as a group, how much confidence do you have in their collective ability to handle the global financial market crisis effectively?”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
A great deal	3	7	8	3	3	2
Quite a bit	10	25	38	19	19	9
Some	41	37	33	46	46	39
None	31	22	16	26	27	33
Not sure	15	10	4	6	4	17

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Looking at the leaders of the six countries as a collective unit, a plurality of adults in Germany, Spain and Great Britain, as well as over one-third of adults in both the US and France all say they have some confidence in their collective ability to handle the global market crisis effectively. Over one-third of Italians have quite a bit of confidence in this collective group's ability.**

**TABLE 8  
CAPPING BANKERS PAY**

“Should your government place a cap on the pay of bankers whose banks receive public support?”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Yes	73	74	68	88	80	79
No	6	7	17	5	10	7
Not sure	21	19	15	7	10	14

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**At least two-thirds of adults in each of the six countries believe that the government should place a cap on the pay of bankers whose banks receive public support.**

**TABLE 9  
ROLE OF US IN WORLD ECONOMY**

“Has the role of the U.S. in the world economy been strengthened or weakened as a result of the recent global financial market crisis?”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Weakened	74	76	74	71	78	83
Strengthened	3	4	8	9	6	2
Neither strengthened nor weakened	23	20	18	20	15	14

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**At least seven in ten adults in each of the European countries and more than four in five Americans all believe that the role of the U.S. in the world economy has been weakened as a result of the recent global financial market crisis. Less than one in ten in each of the six countries say it has been strengthened.**

**TABLE 10**  
**ROLE OF EUROPE IN WORLD ECONOMY**

“Has the role of Europe in the world economy been strengthened or weakened as a result of the recent global financial market crisis?”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Weakened	54	49	45	50	40	40
Strengthened	9	17	23	21	25	21
Neither strengthened nor weakened	37	34	32	28	36	39

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Over half of Britons, half of Spaniards, just under half of French adults, and a plurality of Italians, Germans and Americans all say the role of Europe in the world economy has been weakened as a result of the global financial market crisis. At least one in five Germans, Italians, Spaniards and Americans say Europe’s role has actually strengthened.**

**TABLE 11**  
**INCREASED REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL BANKS**

“How much do you support or oppose increased regulation by your own government of commercial banks? By “commercial bank” we mean a bank or a division of a bank primarily dealing with deposits and loans from corporations or large businesses.”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
SUPPORT (NET)	56	56	79	58	67	63
Strongly support	18	20	40	21	32	25
Somewhat support	38	36	39	37	35	38
OPPOSE (NET)	15	18	8	22	20	22
Somewhat oppose	11	14	6	15	12	15
Strongly oppose	3	4	2	8	9	7
Not sure	29	26	13	20	12	15

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**At least half of adults in each of the six countries, included almost four in five Italians and two-thirds of Germans, support increased regulation by their government of commercial banks.**

**TABLE 12**  
**OPINION OF BANKERS**

“How much more positive or negative has your opinion of bankers become as a result of the global financial market crisis?”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
POSITIVE (NET)	4	1	3	5	5	4
Much more positive	1	-	1	*	*	1
Somewhat more positive	3	1	2	4	4	3
NEGATIVE (NET)	76	61	64	67	73	74
Somewhat more negative	44	38	28	41	28	43
Much more negative	33	23	36	27	44	31
Has not changed at all	20	38	33	28	23	22

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Bankers personally are taking a bit of a reputation beating as a result of the current global financial market crisis. At least six in ten adults in each of the countries say they now have a more negative opinion of bankers because of this crisis.**

**TABLE 13**  
**SECURITY OF OWN ACCOUNTS/MORTGAGE**

“Do you feel more or less secure concerning your own bank savings and/or mortgage as a result of the global financial market crisis?”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and U.S. adults

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
Less secure	52	46	58	51	46	43
More secure	3	1	2	3	4	3
No change at all in how secure I feel	34	34	23	33	27	46
I do not have any bank savings or mortgages	11	18	18	13	23	8

Note: Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding

**Over half of adults in Italy, Great Britain and Spain as well as pluralities in France and Germany all feel less secure concerning their own bank savings and/or mortgage as a result of the global financial market crisis. Americans are a bit more split, as just under half have no change at all in how secure they feel, while just over four in ten say they feel less secure.**

**TABLE 15**  
**GREATEST THREATS TO GLOBAL STABILITY**

“Which one, if any, of the following countries do you think is the greatest threat to global stability?”

Base: All EU adults in five countries and in the U.S.

	Great Britain	France	Italy	Spain	Germany	United States
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Unweighted base	1046	1075	1022	1006	1063	1064
US	37	43	25	46	47	20
Russia	12	7	8	3	6	8
China	15	26	39	21	16	28
Iran	6	8	12	8	6	18
Iraq	5	5	6	5	6	5
North Korea	4	2	1	2	2	8
Afghanistan	1	*	*	*	-	*
UK	-	-	-	-	*	-
India	-	-	*	*	-	-
Pakistan	*	*	-	-	*	*
Israel	*	*	*	*	*	*
Saudi Arabia	*	-	-	-	-	*
Syria	-	*	-	-	-	-
Middle East (country not specified)	*	-	-	*	-	-
No one country – all are a threat	*	-	-	*	-	*
Africa (country not specified)	*	-	-	*	-	-
Other	*	*	*	1	*	*
None	17	8	8	12	15	11
Not sure/Not stated/Refused	*	*	*	*	*	*

Note: \* indicates less than 0.5%; “-“ indicates no response

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