

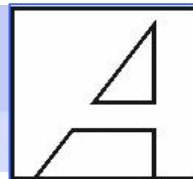


# Measuring the Attitudes of Israelis Towards the European Union and its Member States

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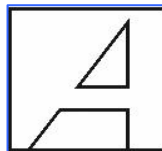
# Survey Info

- Representative sample
- + - 4.5 Margin of Error
- February 5-7
- 511 respondents
  - 442 Jewish (interviewed in Hebrew)
  - 69 Israeli Arabs (interviewed in Arabic)



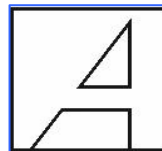
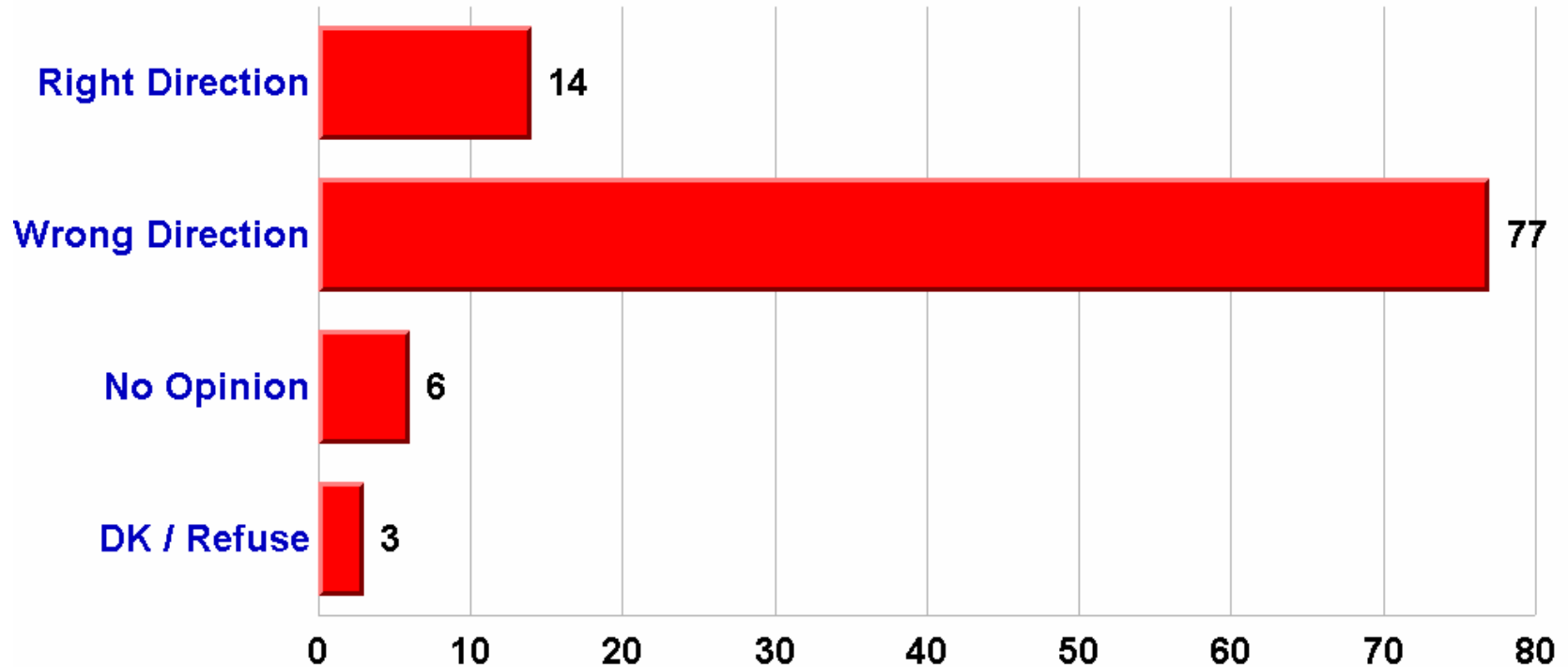
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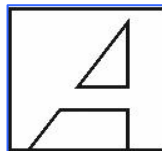
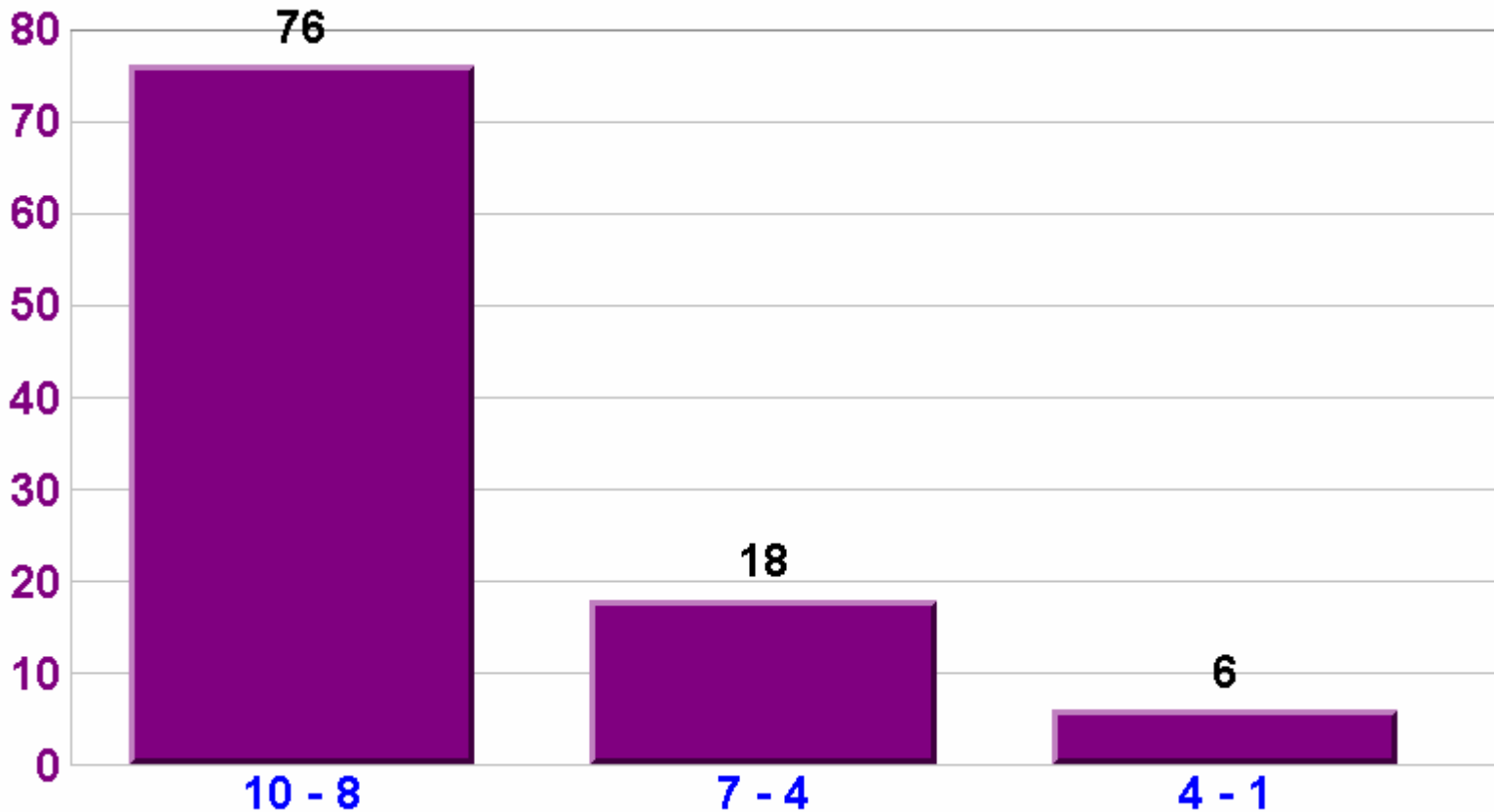


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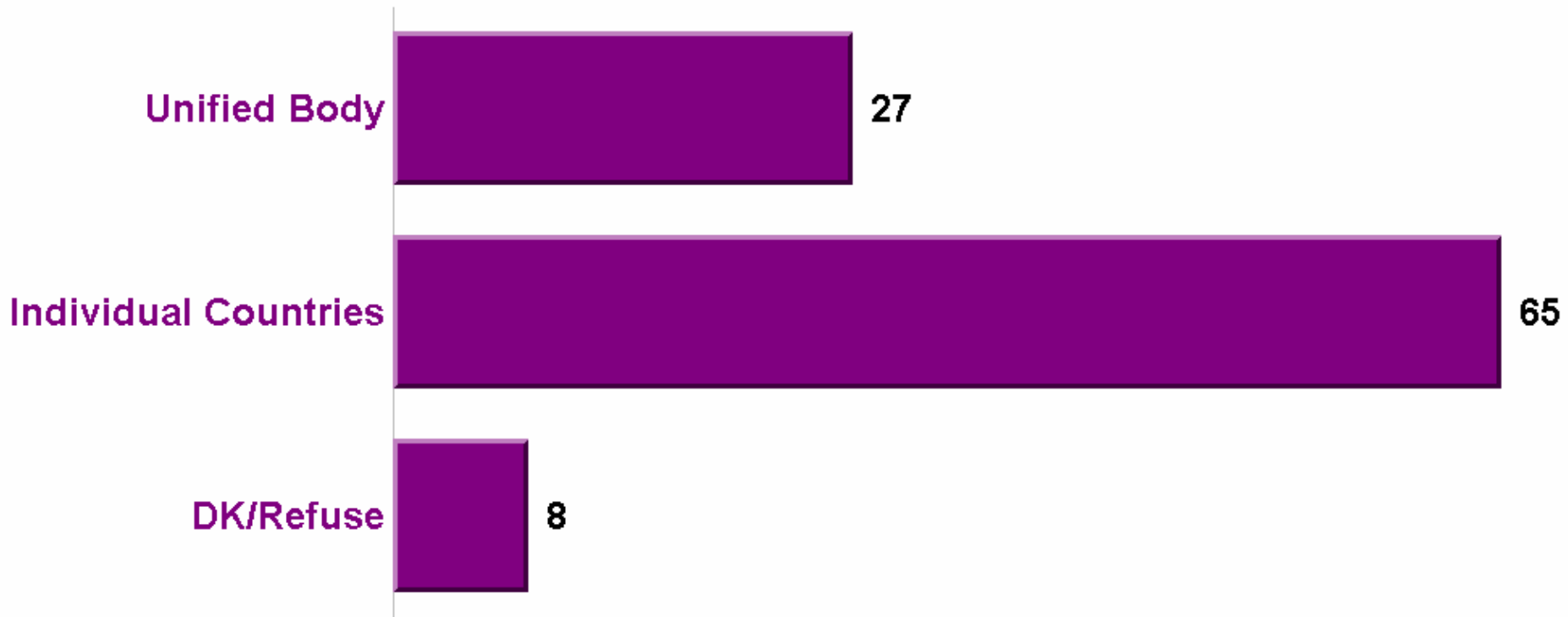
Generally, speaking, do you think that things in Israel are going in the right direction, or do you feel things are going in the wrong direction?



Now thinking about Israel's relationships abroad with other countries, on a scale of 1-10 (one being the lowest, 10 being the highest), how important is Israel's foreign policy to you?

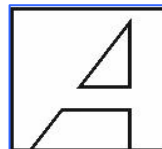


When thinking about the European Union, do you think of it as a unified body having relations with Israel or do you think that each individual country has its own relations with Israel?



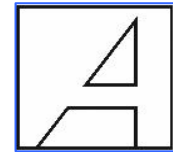
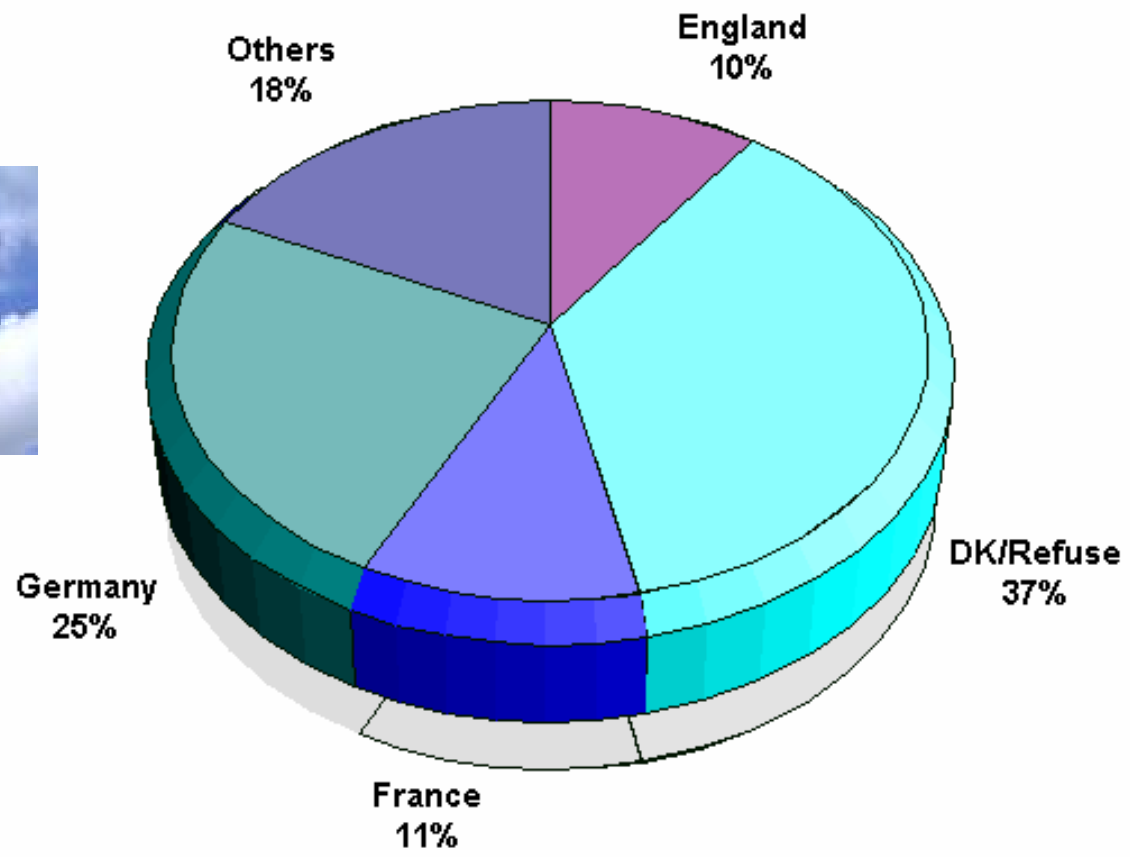
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# Which country holds the current Presidency of the EU?





# Leaders

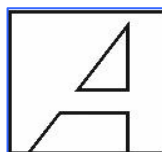


	<b>FAV</b>	<b>UNFAV</b>	<b>NET</b>
Blair	77%	16%	60%
Bush	72%	25%	46%
Merkel	50%	9%	41%
Solana	31%	33%	<b>-2%</b>
Chirac	29%	63%	<b>-34%</b>
Prodi	17%	14%	3%



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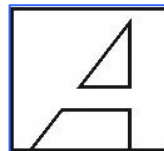
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# Who Likes Dr. Merkel – 50%

- 82% of those who visited Germany
- 77% of age 61+
- 69% of men 41+
- 66% of people with European heritage
- 65% of age 51-60
- 65% of Ashkenazi vs. 41% of Sephardi
- 64% of secular
- 64% of those who visited Europe in last 3 years











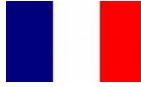
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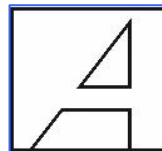
# Countries

		FAV	UNFAV	NET
US		85%	14%	71%
England		80%	16%	64%
Germany		67%	28%	39%
Italy		67%	26%	41%
Switzerland		66%	22%	45%
Spain		65%	23%	42%
Turkey		65%	26%	38%
Norway		51%	32%	20%
France		35%	61%	-27%



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# Who Likes Germany?

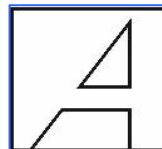
Favorable – 67%

- 86% of visited Germany
- 84% of Sharon area residents
- 81% of men 41+
- 80% of age 51+
- 79% of visit Europe






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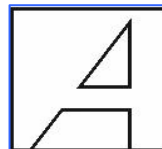
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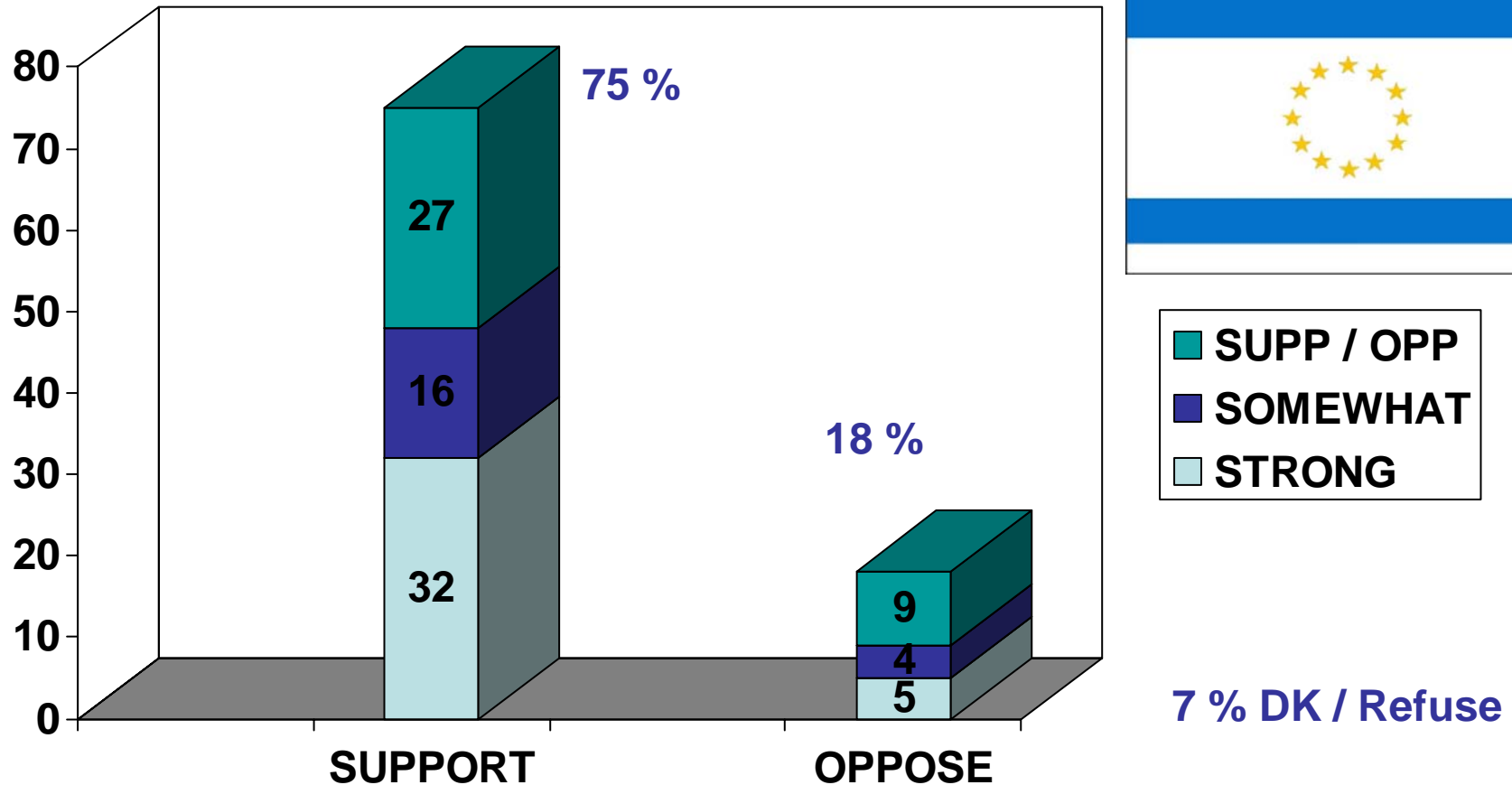
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# Entities & Unions

		FAV	UNFAV	NET
EU		60%	34%	26%
Vatican		58%	32%	26%
UN		38%	56%	-17%

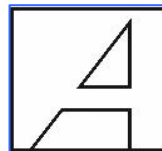


There has been some talk that Israel could one day join the European Union. Would you support or oppose Israel joining the EU?



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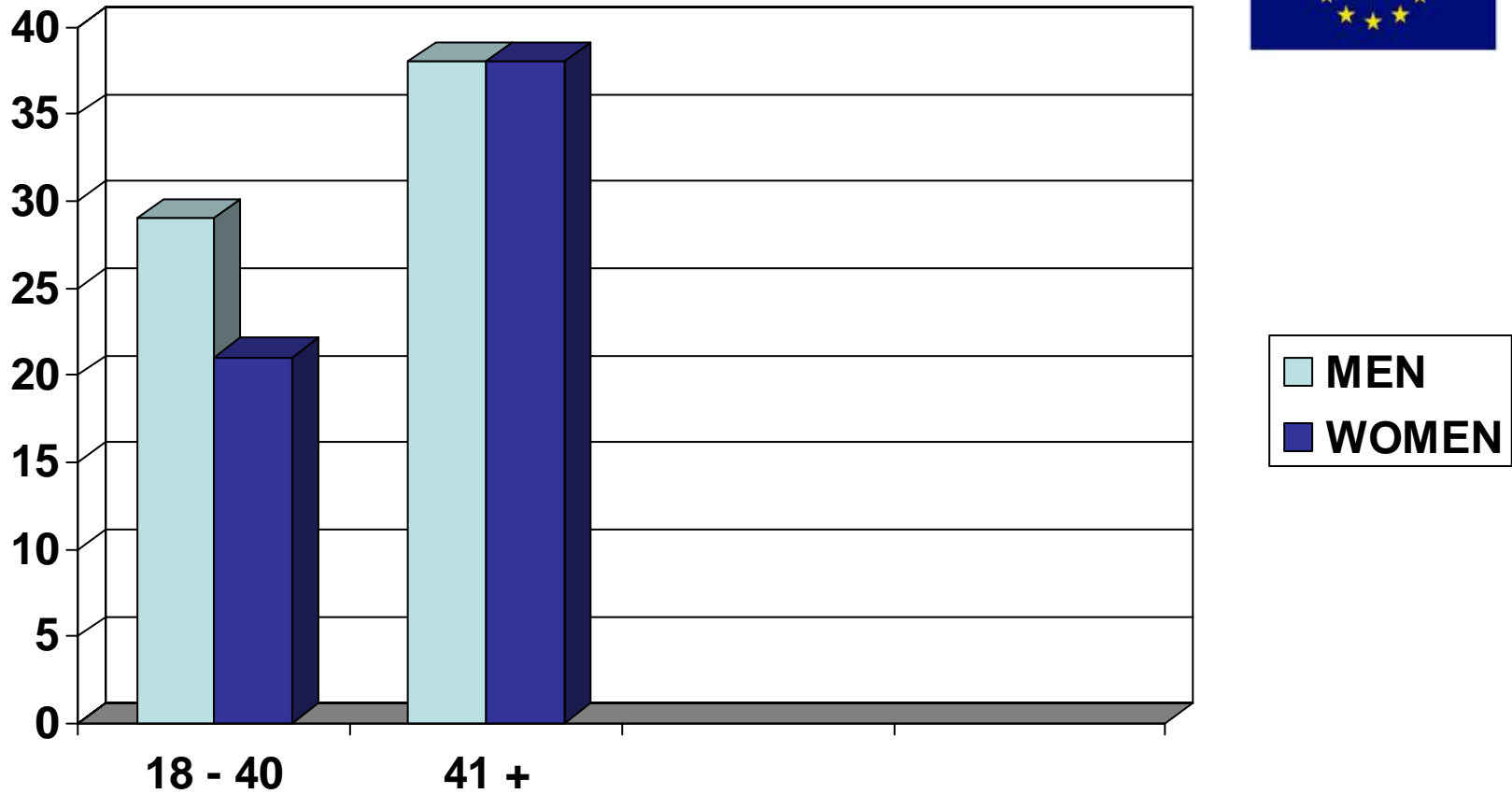
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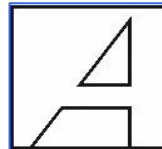
# STRONG SUPPORT for Joining the EU

By Age / Gender



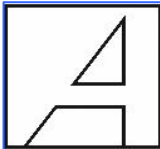
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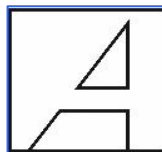
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# If you were granted citizenship from one of the EU countries would you and your family relocate to Europe?

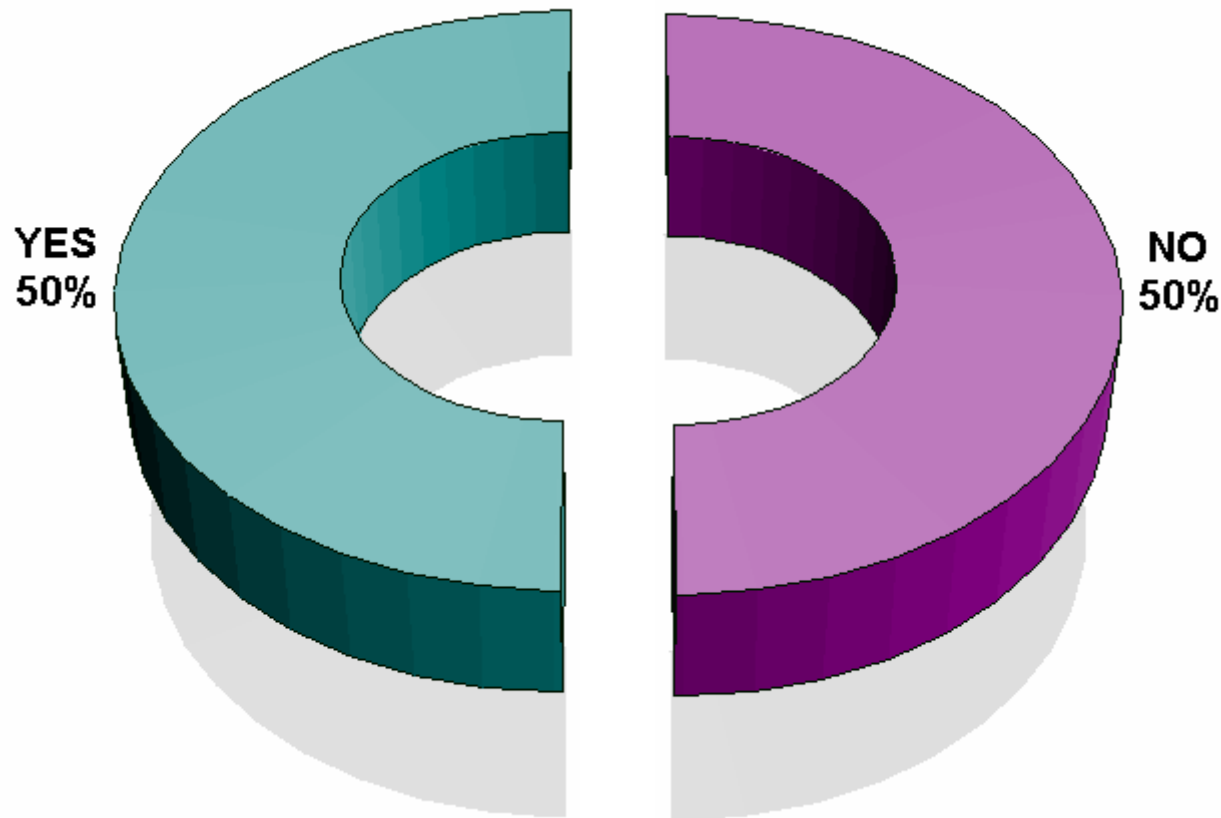


# People That Would Relocate to Europe

- 37% of people 10-19 years in Israel
- 20% of men 18-40
- 19% of people 18-30
- 16% of Traditional
- 14% of Arabs
- 5% of Orthodox
- 0% of Ultra-Orthodox

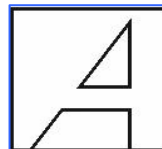


# Have you visited Europe in the past 3 years either for business or pleasure?



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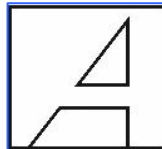


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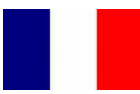


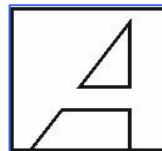
# Which Countries?

- France  31%
- Italy  27%
- England  23%
- Spain  22%
- Germany  19%

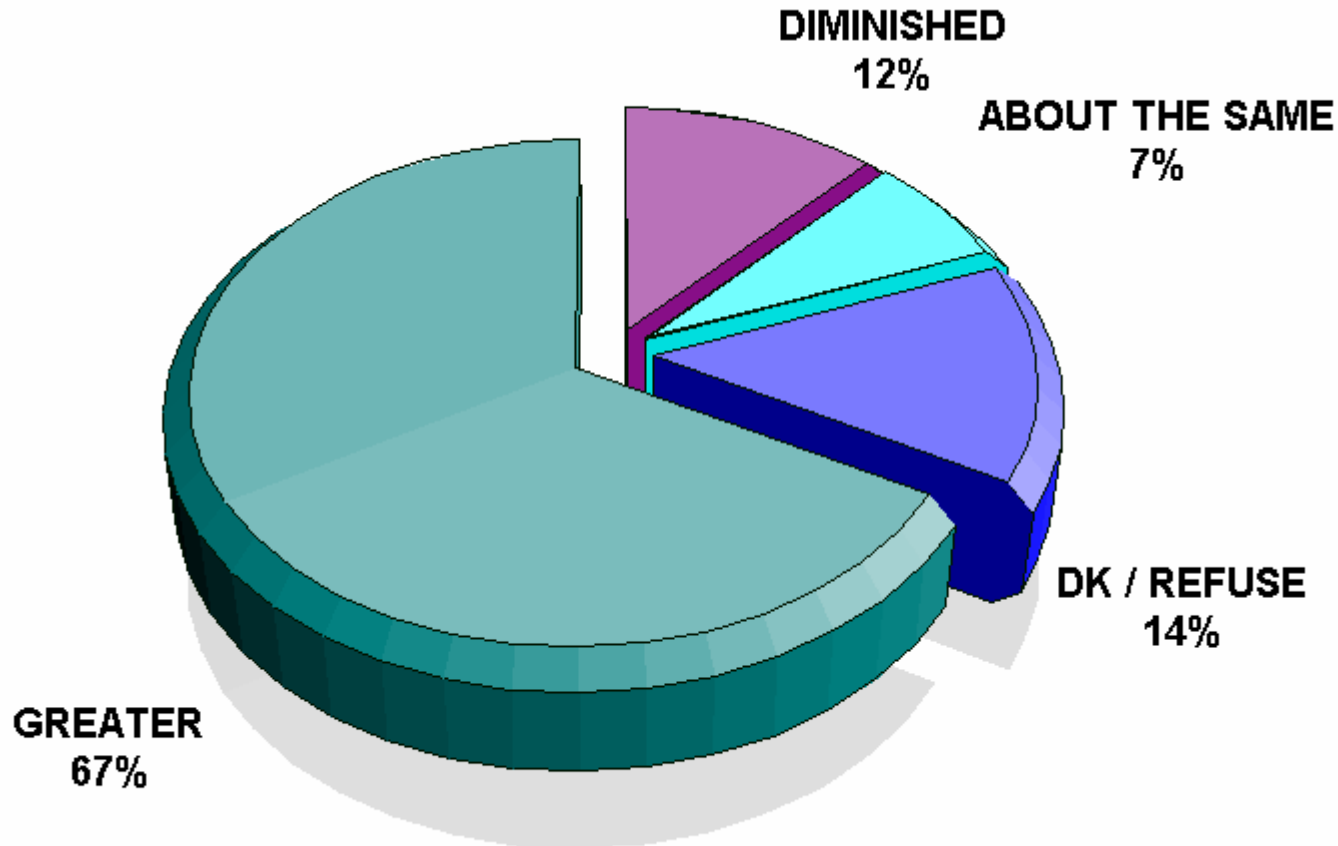


## Favorable Rating of Those Who Visit a Country vs. General Population

		Visited	General	GAIN
Germany		86%	67%	19%
England		90%	80%	10%
Spain		75%	65%	10%
Italy		73%	67%	6%
France		37%	35%	2%

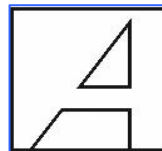


# In your opinion should Germany play a greater or diminished role in the EU?



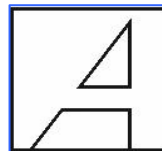
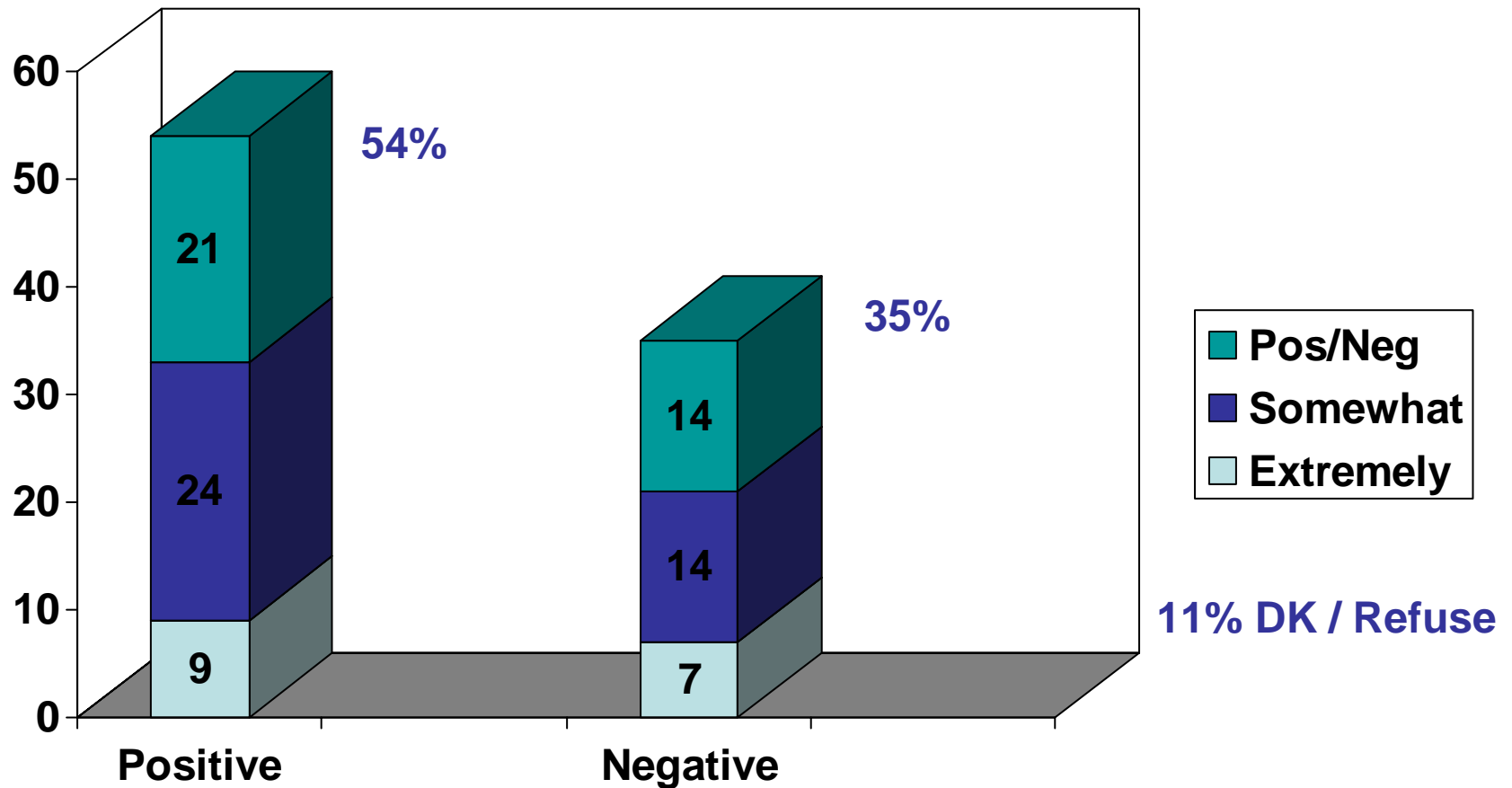
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# Do You Think a Larger EU Affects Israel Positively or Negatively?



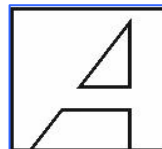
# Which Area Would You Like to See Strengthened in Israel-Germany Relations?

	%
Science & Technology	25
Trade	17
Education	16
Military Cooperation	12
Tourism	10
Culture	10
DK / Refuse	10



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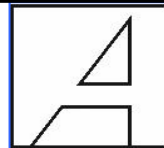
## More or Less Likely to Support EU Based On.....

	More Likely	Less Likely
In order to join the EU countries must guarantee democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities.	79%	10%
Germany recently subsidized the sale of 3 sophisticated German-made Dolphin class submarines to Israel.	69%	14%
Germany sent Peace-keeping forces to Lebanon to help protect Israel.	65%	20%
The EU, which is the largest donor to the Palestinians in the WB and Gaza, is committed to improving their humanitarian and economic situation. The EU supports a democratic, independent and viable Palestinian state, living in Peace and security with Israel.	61%	29%
Turkey asked to join the EU and within a few years may be accepted as a full member of the EU.	54%	26%



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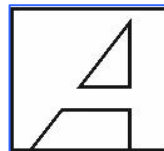
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# More or Less Likely to Support EU Based On.....

	Much More Likely
In order to join the EU countries must guarantee democracy, the rule of law, human rights and respect for and protection of minorities.	35%
Germany recently subsidized the sale of 3 sophisticated German-made Dolphin class submarines to Israel.	24%
The EU, which is the largest donor to the Palestinians in the WB and Gaza, is committed to improving their humanitarian and economic situation. The EU supports a democratic, independent and viable Palestinian state, living in Peace and security with Israel.	21%
Germany sent Peace-keeping forces to Lebanon to help protect Israel.	15%
Turkey asked to join the EU and within a few years may be accepted as a full member of the EU.	12%



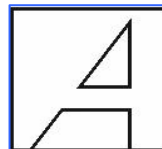
# Foreign Involvement in the Peace Process

The US or EU countries should be part of the Peace process and help Israel achieve Peace.	75%
The US or EU countries should not be involved in the Peace process.	22%
Don't Know / Refuse	3%



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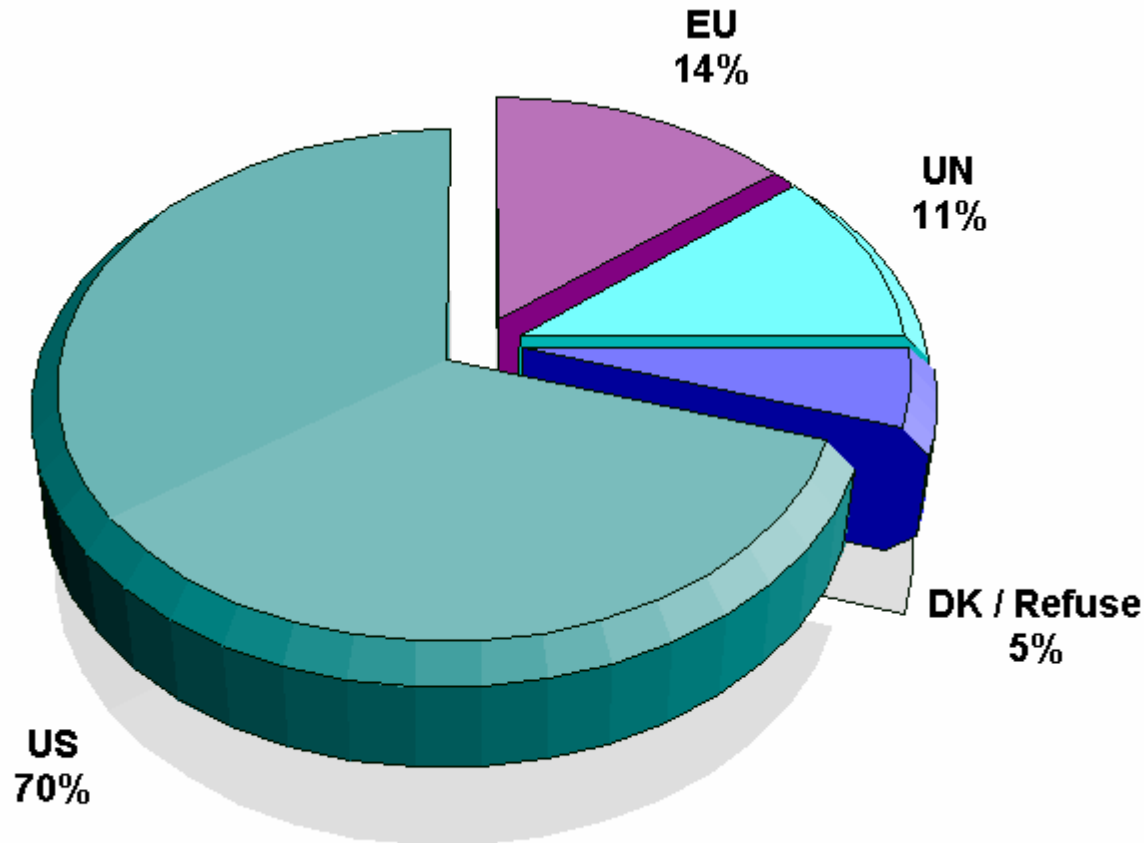
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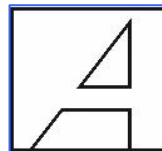


# If a Foreign Entity Had to be Part of the Peace Process.....



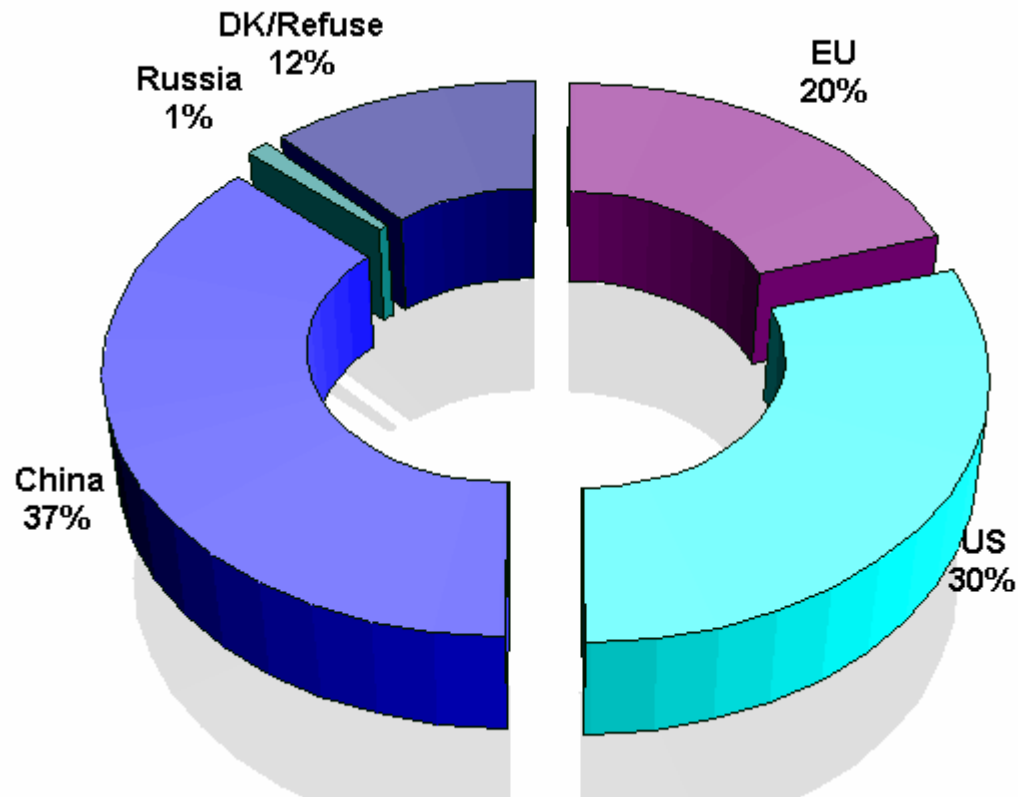
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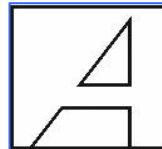
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# Who is Israel's Largest Trading Partner?



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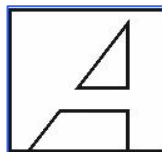
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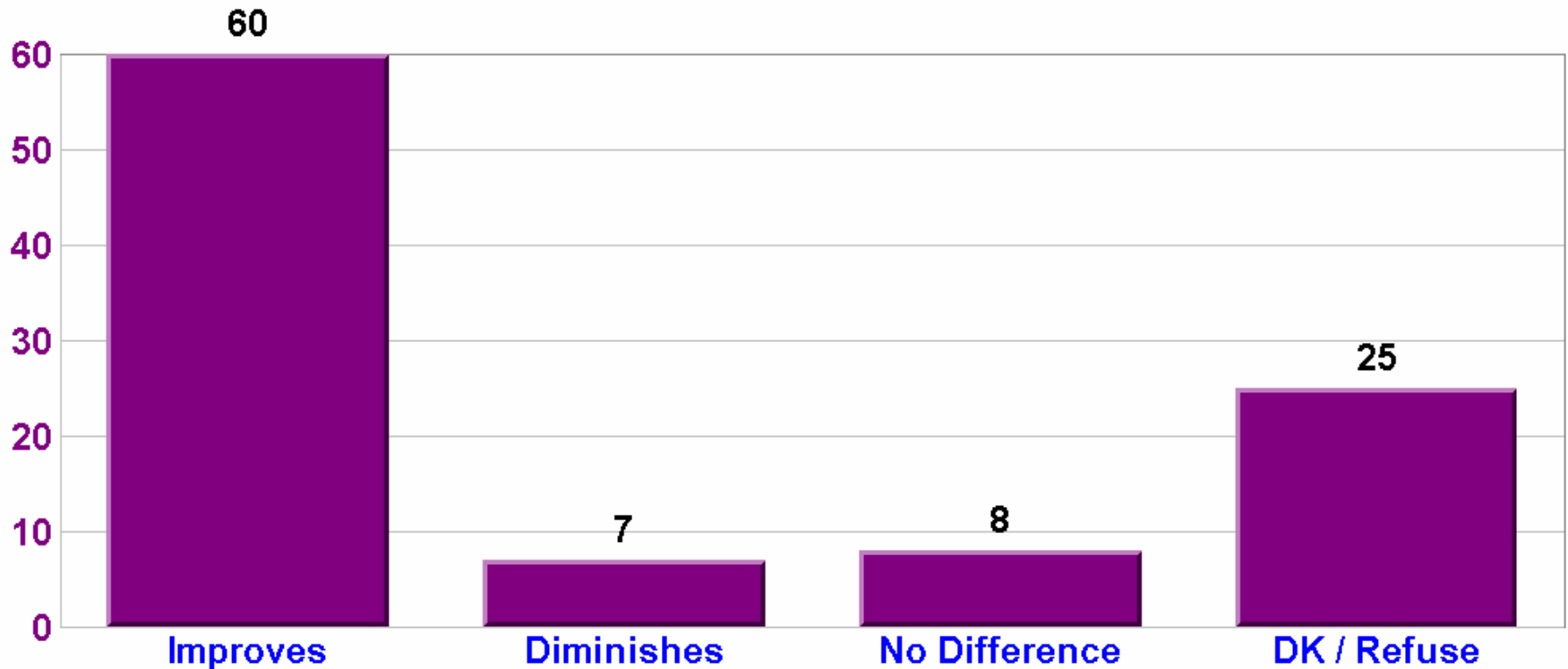
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After Madrid and London Terror attacks in 2004 and 2005, do you think the Europeans understand Israel's security needs more or less?

		<b>TOTALS</b>
Much More	30%	
More	35%	<b>65%</b>
Less	14%	
Much Less	9%	<b>23%</b>
About the Same	7%	
Don't Know/ Refuse	5%	<b>12%</b>

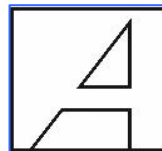


**Angela Merkel was recently elected to be Germany's first woman Chancellor. Do you think that Merkel's election improves or diminishes Germany's image among other countries?**



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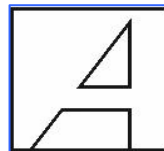
**Were you, one of your parents or grandparents born in Europe?**

**36% of Israelis are eligible for EU Citizenship.**



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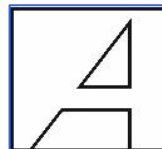
## Of the 36% who are Eligible for EU Citizenship, they are from.....

- Poland 50%
- Romania 15%
- Germany 10%
- Hungary 9%
- Bulgaria 6%
- Greece 6%
- Lithuania 6%
- Czech Republic 4%
- France 4%
- Austria 3%
- Italy 2%
- Spain 2%
- Slovakia 2%
- Belgium 1%
- UK 1%
- Latvia 1%
- Slovenia 1%



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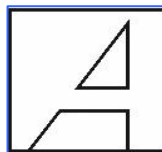
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