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Technical note

Survey conducted online by Harris Interactive for The Talk of Paris, France 24 and the *International Herald Tribune*, from May 2nd to 14th 2007.

This survey was conducted online by Harris Interactive among a total of 6,585 adults, including 5,646 (aged 16 and over) within France, Germany, Great Britain, Spain and the USA, and 1,212 (aged 18 and over) in Italy, between 2nd and 14th May 2007. Figures for factors including age, sex, education level and region were weighted where necessary to bring them into line with their actual proportions in the population. A propensity score weighting procedure was also applied to adjust for respondents' propensity to be online. This procedure provides added assurance of accuracy and representativeness.

Weighted and unweighted bases are shown below, and results/percentages represented here are weighted.

Unweighted bases for the survey are: Total 6,585; France 1,126; Germany 1,133; Great Britain 1,109; Italy 1,212; Spain 984 and the USA 1,021.

Weighted bases for the survey are: Total 6,520; France 1,125; Germany 1,133; Great Britain 1,088; Italy 1,174; Spain 987 and the USA 1,012.

Sample Source : Harris Interactive relied on the Harris Poll OnlineSM panel as the primary sample source for this survey. This multimillion member online panel consists of potential respondents who have been recruited through online, telephone, mail, and in-person approaches to increase population coverage and enhance representativeness. All panel members have agreed to be invited to participate in online surveys through a confirmed opt-in approach.

Please note that any communication of these results has to be made with technical elements such as: survey methodology, fieldwork dates, name of the agency, sample size.

Comments

Comments

For the weekly show "The Talk of Paris" aired on May 25th 2007 on "France 24" channel and for the *International Herald Tribune* published on May 25th 2007, Harris Interactive sought the opinion of the citizens of 6 countries (5 European countries and the USA) about immigration.

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Comments

Except for the French and the Americans, Europeans consider there are too many legal immigrants living in their country.

67% of the British, 55% of the Italians, 45% of the Spanish and 55% of the Germans think that too many legal immigrants live in their country. There are only 32% of the respondents in France and 35% in the USA that share this point of view. In fact, 52% of the French and 43% of the Americans believe that the number of legal immigrants in their country is about right.

The integration of immigrants is mainly perceived as a failure for the Europeans, contrary to the Americans.

Despite 43% of Americans judging that the integration of immigrants in their country is either a complete success (4%) or mostly a success (39%), Europeans consider it rather as a failure: 50% of the British, 56% of the French, 52% of the Italians and 58% of the Germans think so. The Spanish don't seem to have made up their minds as 62% say that the integration of immigrants in their country is neither a success nor a failure.

However, in all countries surveyed, except in Great Britain, the citizens consider that immigration helps their country: 54% of the French, 51% of the Italians, 53% of the Spanish, 48% of the Germans and 59% of the Americans. The only negative figures come from the British, 54% of which think immigration harms their country.

France: the most welcoming country for immigrants?

The results are very different from one country to another concerning the use of specific actions to make it easier for immigrants to live in the countries surveyed.

Only the French declare being mainly in favour of such new actions (56%). On the other hand, 69% of the British, 53% of the Germans and 60% of the Americans are opposed to the use of new specific actions to help integrate immigrants in their country. The Italians (44% for and 45% against) and the Spanish (44% for and 40% against) are much more mixed on the subject.

It is interesting to note that not only are the French the only ones in favour of the use of specific actions to help integrate immigrants, but they are also (44%) declare more to having had someone from an ethnic minority for dinner in the past 12 months: a third of the Americans (36%), 25% of the British, 23% of the Spanish, 22% of the Italians and 21% of the Germans have done so.

Comments

The rights granted to immigrants.

Split between a rejection of the right to vote for immigrants and the authorisation to do so after several years of legal residence in the country of living, the Europeans distinguish themselves from the Americans as less conservative.

The vote in local elections or the authorisation to vote in all elections (without conditions) is widely rejected.

The opinion of the Europeans is quite mixed concerning the right to vote for immigrants, but the same tendencies are observed in the various countries surveyed.

Overall, the European citizens interviewed are rather against the unconditional right to vote for legal immigrants in all elections: 38% of the British, 36% of the Italians, 36% of the Germans, 34% of the Spanish, 28% des French.

However, they are in favour of an authorisation to vote after several years of legal residence on the territory: 38% of the British, 38% of the French, 37% of the Italians, 36% of the Spanish, 36% of the Germans.

The Americans distinguish themselves from the Europeans on that issue as they are widely opposed to the right to vote for immigrants (53%). Likewise, the American citizens are less favourable than the Europeans to the granting of this right, even after several years of legal residence (22%).

We can notice that for all countries surveyed, social benefits should be granted to legal immigrants only after they have acquired citizenship: 80% of the Italians, 79% of the British, 78% of the Americans, 70% of the Germans, 62% of the French and 60% of the Spanish.

Comments

Immigration policy: to a stricter control.

Most of the countries surveyed declare being in favour of strict immigration quotas based both on the country of origin and the professional category of the foreigner: 41% in Great Britain, 31% in the USA and Italy, 30% in Germany. Spain is also mainly in favour of quotas but through another classification (yet to be defined). Consequently, all countries surveyed are overall favourable to quotas (based on the country of origin, the professional category or another criterion) to regulate immigration in their country: 86% of the British declare being favourable to quotas, 77% of the Spanish, 76% of the Italians, 66% of the Germans, 62% of the French and 61% of the Americans.

Border control against illegal immigration is judged as too relaxed in all countries: 80% of the British, 78% of the Italians, 73% of the Americans, 62% of the Spanish and, to a lesser extent, 56% of the French and 54% of the Germans.

Finally, concerning the management of illegal immigrants, all countries surveyed take position in favour of the expulsion of illegal immigrants, regardless of their family situation: 60% of the Italians, 59% of the British, 54% of the Germans, 46% of the Americans and 43% of the Spanish. The French are more mixed on that issue, as 34% of them think all illegal immigrants should be expelled, 19% feel illegal immigrants with children attending school should be allowed to stay. Moreover, 19% of the French consider that alternative solutions should be found to deal with this situation.

Number of legal immigrants

Number of legal immigrants

Are there too many or too few legal immigrants residing in France/Germany/Great Britain/Italy/Spain/the USA?

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Too few	6%	6%	3%	9%	10%	13%
About right	52%	32%	20%	26%	28%	43%
Too many	32%	55%	67%	55%	45%	35%
Not sure	10%	7%	10%	10%	17%	9%

Integration of legal immigrants

Integration of legal immigrants

With how much success are legal immigrants being integrated into France/Germany/Great Britain/Italy/Spain/the USA?

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Success (total)	26%	19%	21%	13%	16%	43%
Complete success	1%	0%	4%	0%	2%	4%
Mostly success	25%	19%	17%	13%	14%	39%
Neither success nor failure	18%	23%	29%	35%	62%	29%
Failure (total)	56%	58%	50%	52%	22%	28%
Mostly failure	42%	45%	35%	36%	16%	22%
Complete failure	14%	13%	15%	16%	6%	6%

Integration of legal immigrants

In general, should France/Germany/Great Britain/Italy/Spain/the USA take additional, specific actions to make it easier for immigrants to live in France/Germany/Great Britain/Italy/Spain/the USA?

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Yes	56%	36%	18%	44%	44%	28%
No	28%	53%	69%	45%	40%	60%
Not sure	16%	11%	13%	11%	16%	12%

Relations with ethnic minorities

Relations with ethnic minorities

In the past 12 months, have you had someone from an ethnic minority group to your home for dinner?

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Yes	44%	21%	25%	22%	23%	36%
No	56%	79%	75%	78%	77%	64%

Legal immigrants and elections

Legal immigrants and elections

In which of the following elections should legal immigrants who are not yet citizens have a right to vote?

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Legal immigrants should not be allowed to vote in any elections	28%	37%	38%	36%	34%	53%
In municipal elections only	21%	17%	5%	16%	13%	6%
In all elections after several years of legal residence	38%	36%	38%	37%	36%	21%
In all elections unconditionally	6%	4%	7%	4%	9%	9%
Not sure	7%	6%	12%	7%	8%	11%

Legal immigrants and social benefits

Legal immigrants and social benefits

To receive social benefits in your country, should immigrants who reside legally in your country first have to obtain citizenship?

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Yes (total)	61%	69%	79%	80%	60%	78%
Yes, definitely	33%	45%	62%	59%	32%	60%
Yes, probably	28%	24%	17%	21%	28%	18%
No (total)	32%	26%	15%	16%	31%	17%
No, probably not	17%	18%	10%	9%	16%	11%
No, definitely not	15%	8%	5%	7%	15%	6%
Not sure	7%	5%	6%	4%	9%	5%

Benefits of immigration

Benefits of immigration

In your opinion, does immigration help or harm your country?

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Helps (total)	54%	48%	36%	51%	53%	59%
Immigration definitely helps my country	18%	16%	10%	13%	12%	25%
Immigration somewhat helps my country	36%	32%	26%	38%	41%	34%
Harms (total)	32%	43%	54%	41%	34%	31%
Immigration somewhat harms my country	23%	25%	28%	24%	24%	18%
Immigration definitely harms my country	9%	18%	26%	17%	10%	13%
No opinion	14%	9%	10%	8%	13%	10%

Immigration quotas

Immigration quotas

Do you think your country should set any immigration quotas:

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Yes (total)	62%	66%	80%	76%	77%	61%
Yes, by country	12%	10%	13%	22%	8%	17%
Yes, by professional category	14%	8%	17%	11%	13%	3%
Yes, both by country and professional category	16%	30%	41%	31%	26%	31%
Yes, by another classification	20%	18%	9%	12%	30%	10%
No, they should not set any immigration quotas	27%	22%	8%	16%	13%	21%
Not sure	11%	12%	12%	8%	10%	18%

Border control against illegal immigrants

Border control against illegal immigrants

Do you feel that border controls against illegal immigrants in your country are:

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Too relaxed	56%	54%	80%	78%	62%	73%
About right	21%	27%	9%	12%	19%	10%
Too tight	4%	3%	2%	1%	4%	6%
Not sure	19%	16%	9%	9%	15%	11%

Illegal immigrants

Illegal immigrants

Concerning illegal immigrants, which one of the following actions should your country take?

	French	German	British	Italian	Spanish	American
<i>Weighted base</i>	1,125	1,133	1,088	1,174	987	1,012
Expel all illegal immigrants	34%	54%	59%	60%	43%	46%
Allow illegal immigrants with children attending school to stay, but expel all others	19%	13%	6%	10%	8%	6%
Grant an amnesty to all illegal immigrants and regularize them	12%	6%	10%	8%	15%	15%
None of the above	9%	6%	6%	6%	9%	3%
Something else	19%	15%	12%	11%	17%	23%
No opinion	7%	6%	7%	5%	8%	7%

Sampling error

All surveys are subject to several sources of error. These include: sampling error (because only a sample of a population is interviewed); measurement error due to question wording and/or question order, deliberately or unintentionally inaccurate responses, non-response (including refusals), interviewer effects (when live interviewers are used) and weighting. With one exception (sampling error) the magnitude of the errors that result cannot be estimated. There is, therefore, no way to calculate a finite "margin of error" for any survey and the use of these words should be avoided.

With pure probability samples, with 100 percent response rates, it is possible to calculate the probability that the sampling error (but not other sources of error) is not greater than some number. With a pure probability sample of 6,585 one could say with a ninety-five percent probability that the overall results would have a sampling error of +/-1.5 percentage point. For individual countries, sampling error is +/-3 percentage points. However that does not take other sources of error into account. This online survey is not based on a probability sample and therefore no theoretical sampling error can be calculated.

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