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Do you think that [respondent country] was right or wrong to militarily take part in the following wars?

World War 1

Right to take part	74	62	11	30	-	63
Wrong to take part	7	9	60	37	-	7
Don't know	19	28	29	33	-	31

World War 2

Right to take part	84	68	8	18	-	74
Wrong to take part	3	9	70	56	-	5
Don't know	13	23	22	26	-	21

Korean War

Right to take part	15	10	-	-	-	36
Wrong to take part	31	39	-	-	-	23
Don't know	54	51	-	-	-	41

Vietnam War

Right to take part	-	-	-	-	-	19
Wrong to take part	-	-	-	-	-	51
Don't know	-	-	-	-	-	30

Gulf War

Right to take part	28	17	-	11	20	39
Wrong to take part	35	40	-	52	41	28
Don't know	37	43	-	37	39	34

Afghanistan War

Right to take part	23	17	11	9	18	36
Wrong to take part	48	43	63	59	49	37
Don't know	29	40	26	33	33	27

Iraq War

Right to take part	18	-	-	7	16	30
Wrong to take part	54	-	-	60	52	42
Don't know	28	-	-	33	32	27

How much, if at all, would you say you know about World War 2 and the events leading up to it?

A great deal	14	22	34	6	6	17
A fair amount	52	50	36	47	34	42
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	66	72	70	53	40	59
Not very much	28	19	22	37	50	30
Nothing at all	5	4	4	7	9	7
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	33	23	26	44	59	37
Don't know	2	5	3	2	1	4

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And regardless of how much you now remember, how much were you taught about World War 2 and the events leading up to it when you were in school?

A great deal	14	29	28	8	4	15
A fair amount	34	48	32	45	30	41
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	48	77	60	53	34	56
Not very much	34	15	25	38	53	34
Nothing at all	14	3	10	6	11	4
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOTHING AT ALL	48	18	35	44	64	38
Don't know	3	5	5	3	3	6

How important, if at all, do you think it is for schools to teach about World War 2 and the events leading up to it?

Very important	55	52	48	51	75	59
Fairly important	35	37	34	37	13	29
TOTAL IMPORTANT	90	89	82	88	88	88
Not very important	5	6	10	7	6	5
Not important at all	1	1	4	2	2	1
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	6	7	14	9	8	6
Don't know	4	4	5	2	3	6

How relevant, if at all, do you think the events of World War 2 and the years leading up to it are to the world today?

Very relevant	51	38	36	42	61	49
Fairly relevant	33	41	36	42	26	32
TOTAL RELEVANT	84	79	72	84	87	81
Not very relevant	8	10	13	9	7	8
Not relevant at all	2	2	5	2	2	2
TOTAL NOT RELEVANT	10	12	18	11	9	10
Don't know	6	9	11	4	4	9

Do think it is or is not possible that, during your lifetime, crimes like those committed by the Nazi regime in Germany in the 1930s and 40s could happen...
in [respondent country]?

Is possible	43	44	see below	38	31	see below
Is not possible	42	38	see below	45	51	see below
Don't know	15	18	see below	18	18	see below
in Germany?						
Is possible	41	40	44	39	34	47
Is not possible	40	37	40	39	47	31
Don't know	18	23	16	22	19	22

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in the United States?							
	Is possible	62	50	54	44	50	52
	Is not possible	23	26	27	33	31	35
	Don't know	16	24	19	22	19	14
in another Western European country?							
	Is possible	59	53	47	44	46	56
	Is not possible	20	20	30	28	32	19
	Don't know	21	27	23	28	22	25
In your opinion, which one country would you say contributed most to the defeat of Germany in World War 2?							
	United States	14	44	40	51	40	52
	United Kingdom	41	11	5	6	11	5
	Soviet Union	17	22	28	23	25	18
	Another country	2	3	1	1	1	1
	Don't know	25	20	25	19	23	24
Overall, are you more proud or more ashamed of [respondent country's] role in World War 2?							
	More proud	66	31	3	7	9	61
	More ashamed	1	14	50	41	23	3
	Neither proud nor ashamed	27	45	40	42	59	24
	Don't know	6	10	7	9	10	12
During World War 2, the American and British air forces conducted large scale bombing campaigns against cities in Germany. Do you think these bombing campaigns were or were not morally justified?							
	Were morally justified	56	45	23	35	35	56
	Were not morally justified	18	24	50	37	41	15
	Don't know	26	32	27	28	24	29
During World War 2, the American air force dropped two atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Do you think these atomic bombings were or were not morally justified?							
	Were morally justified	26	17	6	9	11	38
	Were not morally justified	50	57	81	78	75	35
	Don't know	24	26	13	14	14	26

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Generally, in the time since the war ended, do you think each of the following countries have done a good or a bad job in dealing with its actions in World War 2?

[respondent country]

A very good job	21	9	see below	see below	5	29
A fairly good job	41	38	see below	see below	15	33
TOTAL GOOD JOB	62	47	see below	see below	20	62
Neither a good nor a bad job	15	25	see below	see below	41	16
A fairly bad job	5	8	see below	see below	10	6
A very bad job	1	3	see below	see below	8	2
TOTAL BAD JOB	6	11	see below	see below	18	8
Don't know	17	16	see below	see below	21	14

Germany

A very good job	24	8	12	5	11	20
A fairly good job	34	26	34	25	33	29
TOTAL GOOD JOB	58	34	46	30	44	49
Neither a good nor a bad job	13	20	24	25	17	20
A fairly bad job	4	12	11	13	11	7
A very bad job	3	12	6	13	8	6
TOTAL BAD JOB	7	24	17	26	19	13
Don't know	21	22	13	19	20	18

Italy

A very good job	6	5	3	4	5	8
A fairly good job	21	20	10	26	22	26
TOTAL GOOD JOB	27	25	13	30	27	34
Neither a good nor a bad job	26	26	29	31	30	28
A fairly bad job	7	13	13	13	11	6
A very bad job	3	8	4	9	6	3
TOTAL BAD JOB	10	21	17	22	17	9
Don't know	38	27	41	16	26	29

Japan

A very good job	15	9	6	11	16	18
A fairly good job	22	20	16	23	24	27
TOTAL GOOD JOB	37	29	22	34	40	45
Neither a good nor a bad job	16	21	23	25	21	19
A fairly bad job	7	11	9	11	9	7
A very bad job	5	8	6	6	6	6
TOTAL BAD JOB	12	19	15	17	15	13
Don't know	35	30	40	25	25	23

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Thinking about Germany's foreign policy in recent years, which of the following comes closest to your view?

- Germany has been overly conscious of its Nazi past, and this has prevented it from taking strong enough actions/stances on more recent problems
- Germany has been not conscious enough of its Nazi past, and this has led it to take actions/stances on more recent problems that it should have avoided
- Germany has been getting the balance about right
- Don't know

31	25	47	20	32	20
10	16	13	28	17	14
32	34	24	31	32	33
27	25	15	22	19	32

To which extent, if at all, do you think the following organizations have contributed to preserving peace in Europe after World War 2?

United Nations (UN)

A great deal	18	27	19	11	13	23
A fair amount	39	33	25	40	34	34
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	57	60	44	51	47	57
Not very much	17	12	20	21	26	14
Not at all	7	7	10	9	10	7
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	24	19	30	30	36	21
N/A - I have never heard of this organization	1	2	3	1	1	3
Don't know	19	19	24	17	15	18

North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

A great deal	31	30	38	13	15	33
A fair amount	35	31	20	41	37	29
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	66	61	58	54	52	62
Not very much	7	10	11	16	21	11
Not at all	3	6	7	9	9	4
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	10	16	18	25	30	15
N/A - I have never heard of this organization	4	2	3	2	2	4
Don't know	19	21	22	18	16	20

European Union (EU)

A great deal	18	28	24	12	15	20
A fair amount	35	28	21	36	38	33
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	53	56	45	48	53	53
Not very much	17	14	17	21	23	13
Not at all	9	8	15	12	9	6
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	26	22	32	33	32	19
N/A - I have never heard of this organization	1	2	2	2	1	7
Don't know	20	20	23	17	15	21

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Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

A great deal	4	11	10	4	4	8
A fair amount	14	27	21	27	25	20
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT	18	38	31	31	29	28
Not very much	14	16	19	22	26	12
Not at all	7	7	10	11	10	5
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NOT AT ALL	21	23	29	33	36	17
N/A - I have never heard of this organization	34	12	12	11	11	33
Don't know	27	27	28	26	25	23

How likely or unlikely do you think it is that there will be another world war within the next 5-10 years?

Very likely	8	13	9	9	10	14
Fairly likely	33	42	32	37	40	31
TOTAL LIKELY	41	55	41	46	50	45
Fairly unlikely	34	22	33	28	27	26
Very unlikely	8	6	10	9	8	10
TOTAL UNLIKELY	42	28	43	37	35	36
Don't know	16	17	17	17	15	19

If there were another world war in the next 5-10 years, do you think it would lead to...?

The deaths of most people in the world	28	27	35	44	27	25
More deaths than World War 2, but most people would survive	32	32	35	30	33	33
About as many deaths as World War 2	6	10	5	5	14	9
Fewer deaths than World War 2	11	9	6	6	11	9
Don't know	24	22	19	16	16	25

If another world war did break out, how likely or unlikely do you think it would be that nuclear weapons are used in the fighting?

Very likely	29	24	35	34	33	34
Fairly likely	44	44	37	42	43	37
TOTAL LIKELY	73	68	72	76	76	71
Fairly unlikely	13	15	14	10	12	13
Very unlikely	3	4	3	3	4	4
TOTAL UNLIKELY	16	19	17	13	16	17
Don't know	10	13	11	10	9	12

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If another world war did break out, how likely or unlikely do you think it is that [respondent country] would take part militarily?

Very likely	48	29	36	18	21	53
Fairly likely	41	49	39	48	47	32
TOTAL LIKELY	89	78	75	66	68	85
Not very likely	2	7	9	15	14	3
Not likely at all	0	2	2	4	4	1
TOTAL NOT LIKELY	2	9	11	19	18	4
Don't know	9	13	14	15	14	11

How much confidence, if any, do you have that the armed forces in [respondent country] could effectively defend the country in the event of a third world war?

A great deal of confidence	6	9	3	3	7	33
A fair amount of confidence	31	35	13	17	25	38
TOTAL A GREAT DEAL / FAIR AMOUNT OF CONFIDENCE	37	44	16	20	32	71
Not very much confidence	37	28	36	43	43	12
Not confidence at all	15	15	38	25	15	3
TOTAL NOT VERY MUCH / NO CONFIDENCE AT ALL	52	43	74	68	58	15
Don't know	12	13	10	11	10	14

How much of a threat, if at all, do you think the following are to peace in Europe?

Tensions between Europe and Russia

A major threat	52	47	56	31	47	31
A moderate threat	33	31	26	41	33	38
TOTAL MAJOR / MODERATE THREAT	85	78	82	72	80	69
A minor threat	7	8	9	12	9	14
Not a threat at all	1	5	3	4	3	2
TOTAL A MINOR THREAT / NOT A THREAT AT ALL	8	13	12	16	12	16
Don't know	7	10	6	11	8	14

Tensions between Europe and the United States

A major threat	11	20	21	16	27	11
A moderate threat	27	33	34	32	31	23
TOTAL MAJOR / MODERATE THREAT	38	53	55	48	58	34
A minor threat	34	24	27	26	25	27
Not a threat at all	19	12	11	14	8	24
TOTAL A MINOR THREAT / NOT A THREAT AT ALL	53	36	38	40	33	51
Don't know	9	11	7	12	9	15

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Tensions between European countries (excluding Russia)

A major threat	8	13	11	11	14	11
A moderate threat	18	23	18	23	23	22
TOTAL MAJOR / MODERATE THREAT	26	36	29	34	37	33
A minor threat	35	28	37	32	33	33
Not a threat at all	28	23	27	21	21	18
TOTAL A MINOR THREAT / NOT A THREAT AT ALL	63	51	64	53	54	51
Don't know	11	12	8	12	9	16

Islamic terrorism

A major threat	40	52	51	32	50	41
A moderate threat	28	23	27	33	26	28
TOTAL MAJOR / MODERATE THREAT	68	75	78	65	76	69
A minor threat	20	12	13	20	13	14
Not a threat at all	4	4	3	5	3	4
TOTAL A MINOR THREAT / NOT A THREAT AT ALL	24	16	16	25	16	18
Don't know	9	10	6	11	8	13

Generally, do you think [respondent country] should or should not use military force to...?

Protect its own territory

Should not use military force	5	8	5	17	8	4
Should use military force	86	79	85	67	80	84
Don't know	9	12	10	16	11	11

Protect an EU member's territory if it is attacked

Should not use military force	22	22	21	37	20	23
Should use military force	57	57	63	39	62	48
Don't know	22	21	16	24	18	30

Protect the United States' territory if it is attacked

Should not use military force	46	43	49	54	51	5
Should use military force	29	29	28	20	29	86
Don't know	25	28	23	25	19	9

Protect a European NATO member's territory if it is attacked

Should not use military force	13	23	18	35	21	19
Should use military force	68	53	65	40	60	57
Don't know	19	24	17	25	19	24

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Protect the territory of another democratic country that is not a member of the EU or NATO if it is attacked						
Should not use military force	36	39	49	51	45	34
Should use military force	23	28	24	18	29	27
Don't know	41	33	27	30	27	39
Protect a non-democratic country's territory if it is attacked						
Should not use military force	51	51	64	54	58	45
Should use military force	9	19	12	15	18	16
Don't know	39	30	24	31	24	39
Prevent a genocide in another country						
Should not use military force	19	20	28	31	20	17
Should use military force	55	55	40	45	59	58
Don't know	26	25	32	24	21	25
Enforce [respondent country's] interests in the world						
Should not use military force	46	23	56	49	34	38
Should use military force	26	52	22	26	44	35
Don't know	29	26	22	25	22	27