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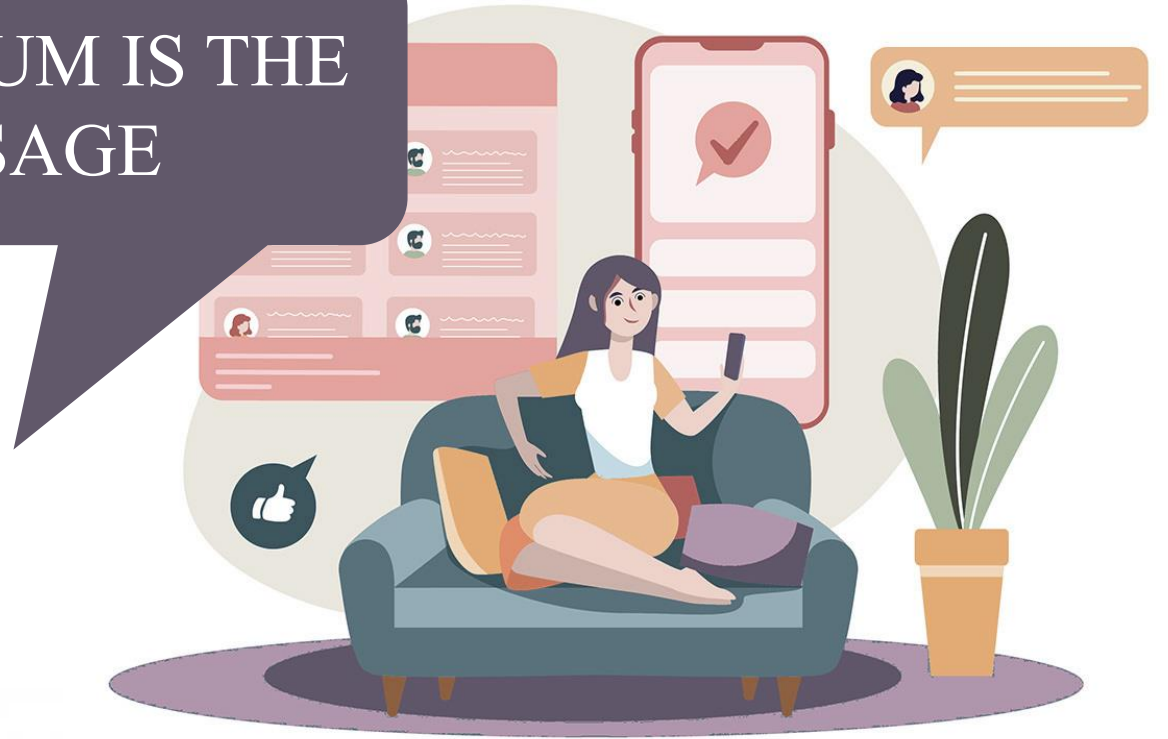
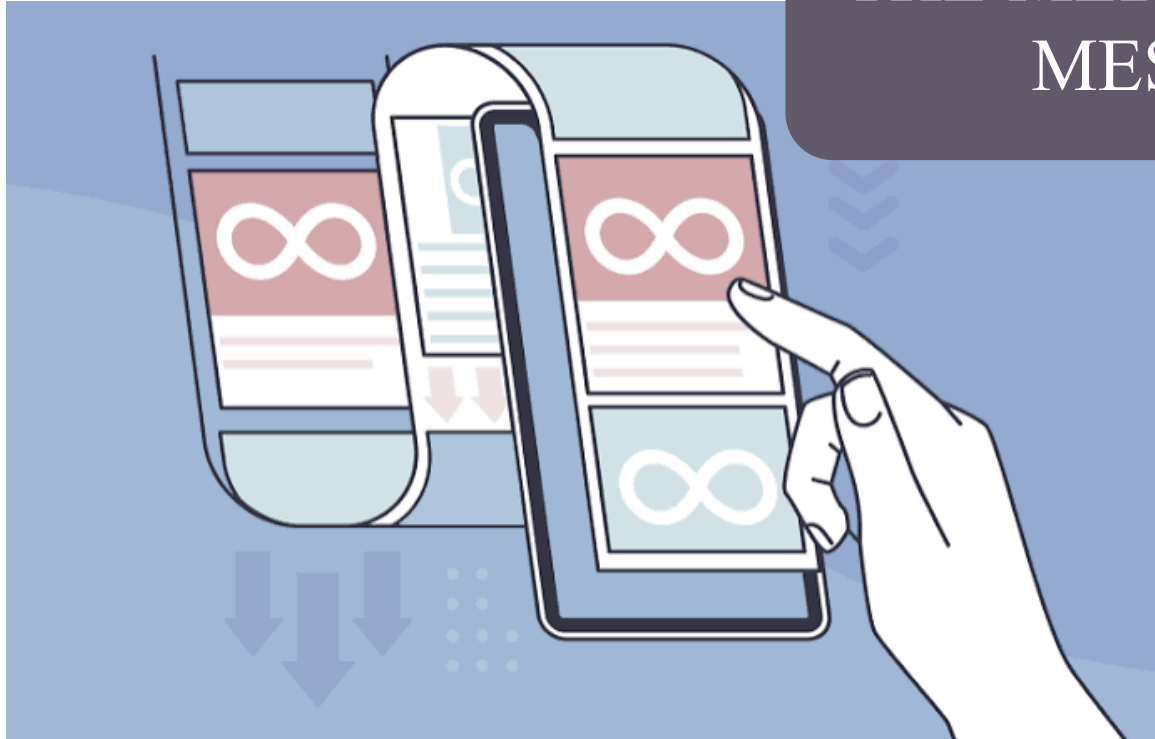
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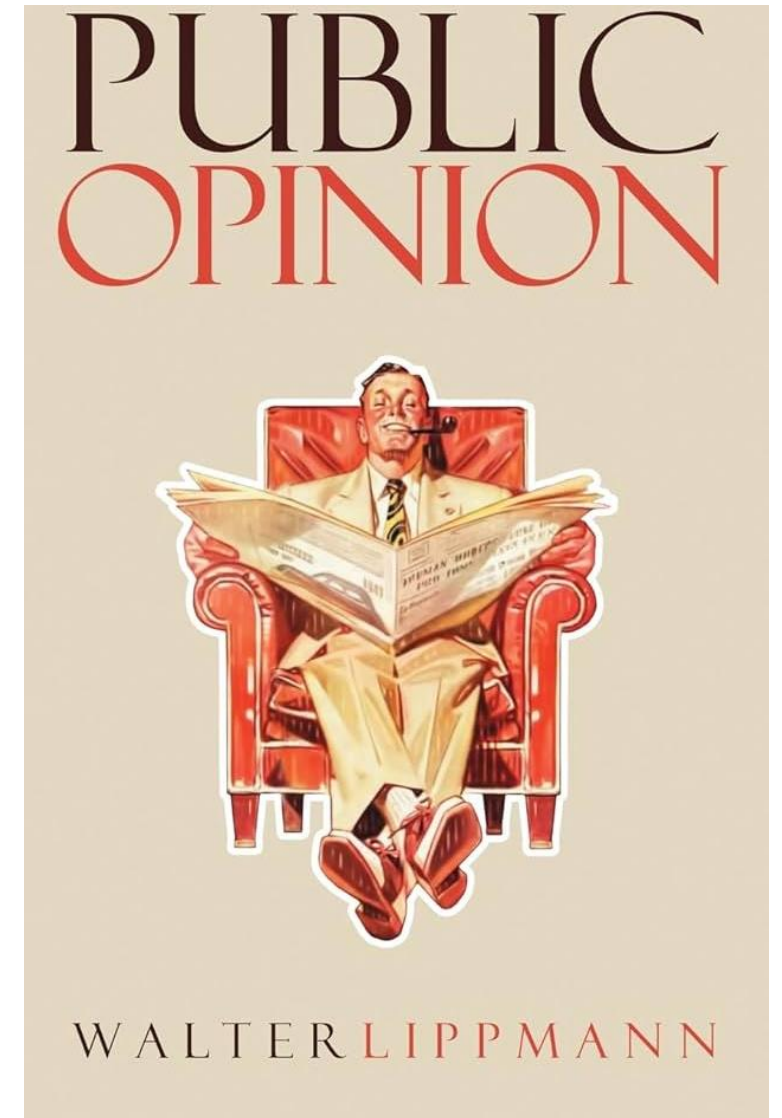


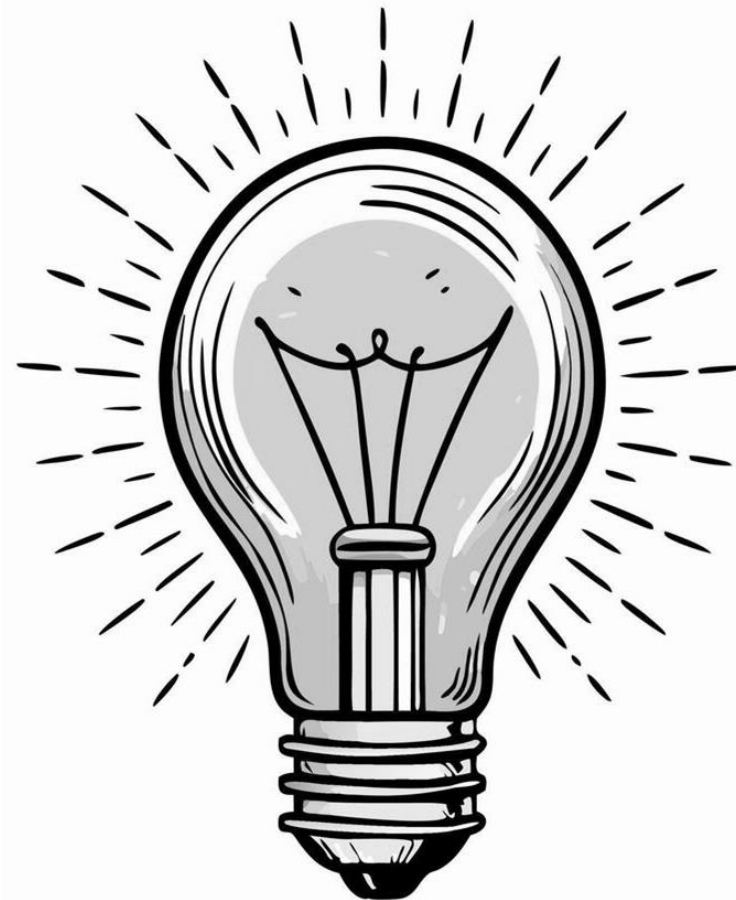
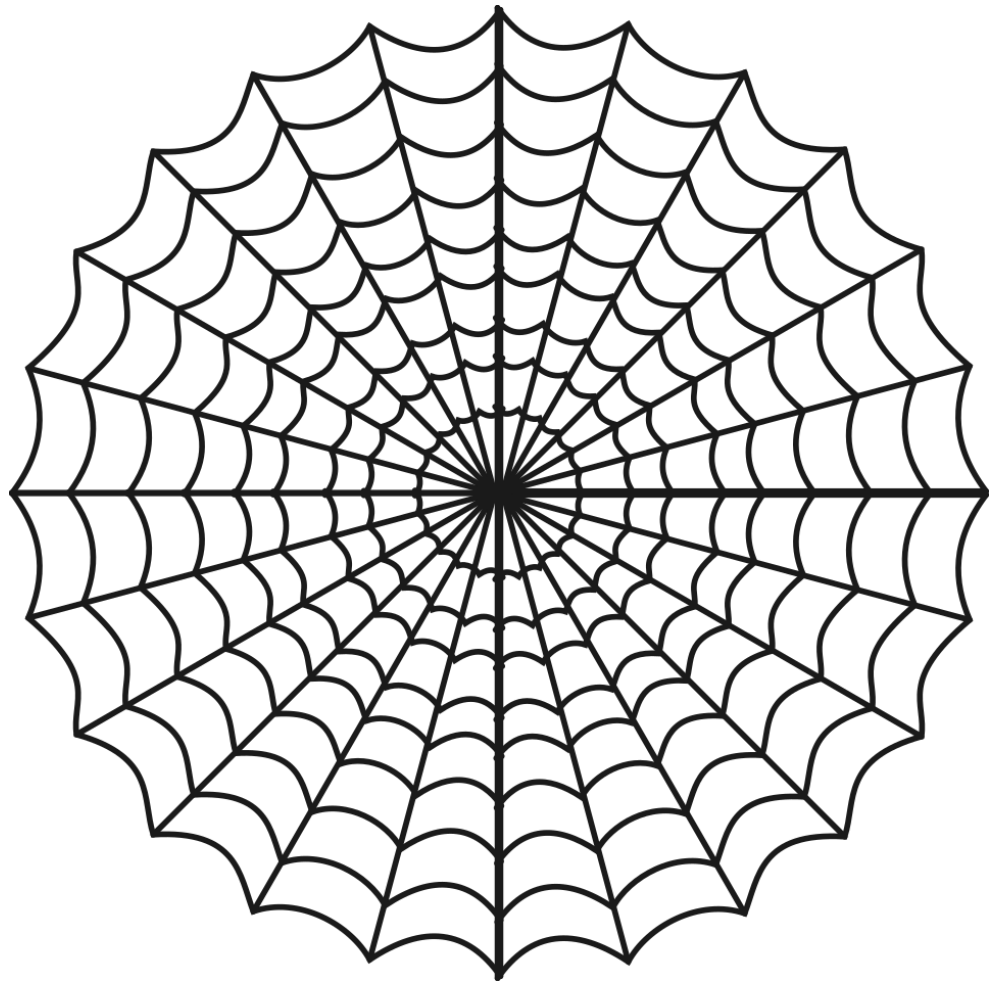


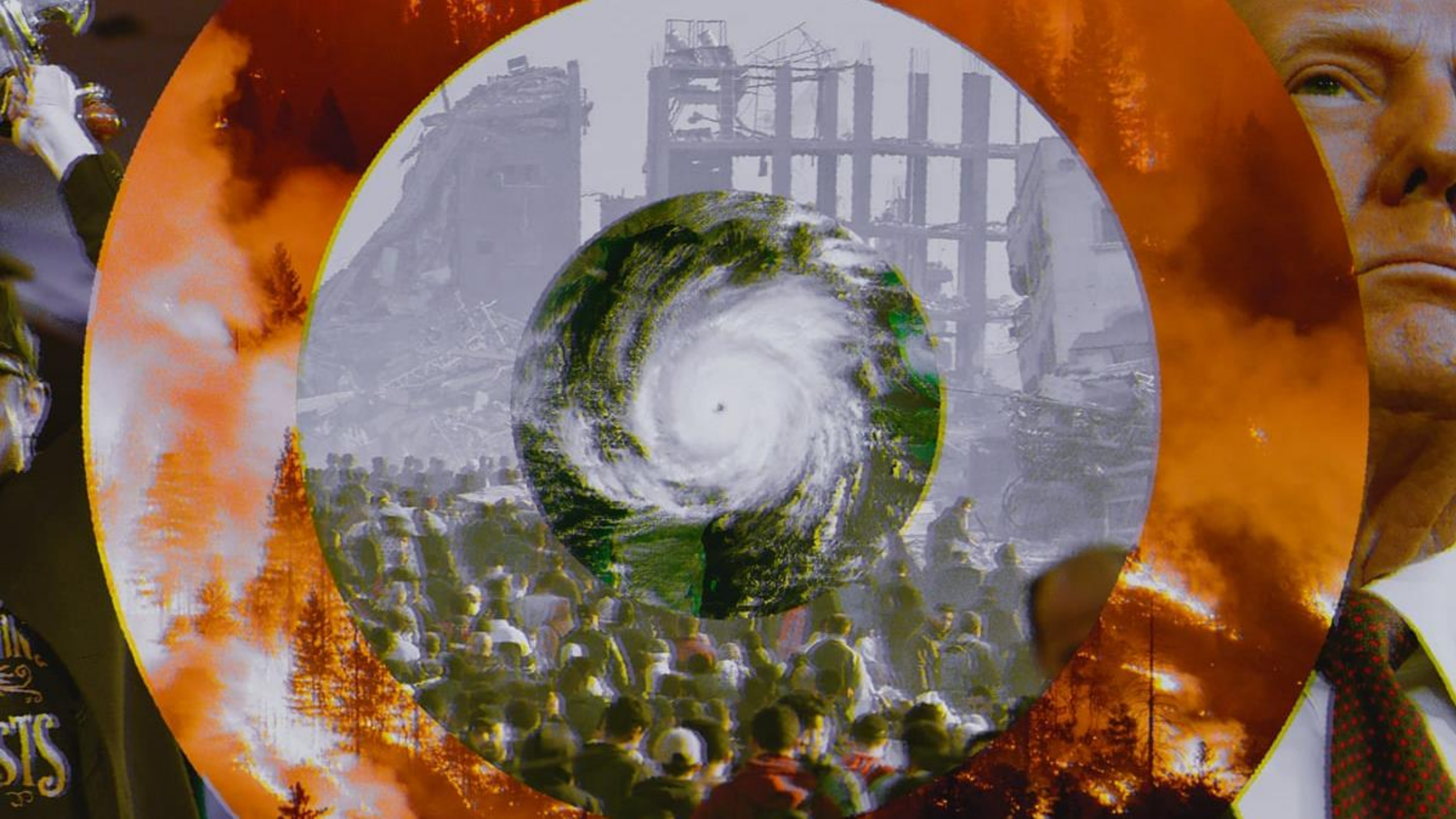
THE MEDIUM IS THE MESSAGE



Public Opinion
Walter Lippmann (1922)







Präsidentin von der Leyen zur Lage der Union 2025



„Europa kämpft.

(...)

...wir Europäerinnen und Europäer sind es nicht gewöhnt, auf diese Weise zu reden, und empfinden dabei Unbehagen.

Tatsache ist aber: Die Welt von heute ist gnadenlos.

(...)

Wir können nicht einfach abwarten, dass dieser Sturm vorüberzieht.“





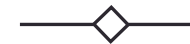
Präsident António Costa
Eröffnungsfeier des irischen
Ratsvorsitzes der EU, 1. Juli 2026

„...**help guide** Europe through this
challenging global geopolitical juncture.“

“Now more than ever, the European Union
needs to **defend** those values within Europe
and globally.”

“These principles are at the core of what we
must continue to **defend** more than ever...”

“**In response to growing external pressure**
on our competitiveness and prosperity,
European Union Leaders designated 2026 as
the year of competitiveness.”





The main opposition party in the European Union.

MANIFESTO

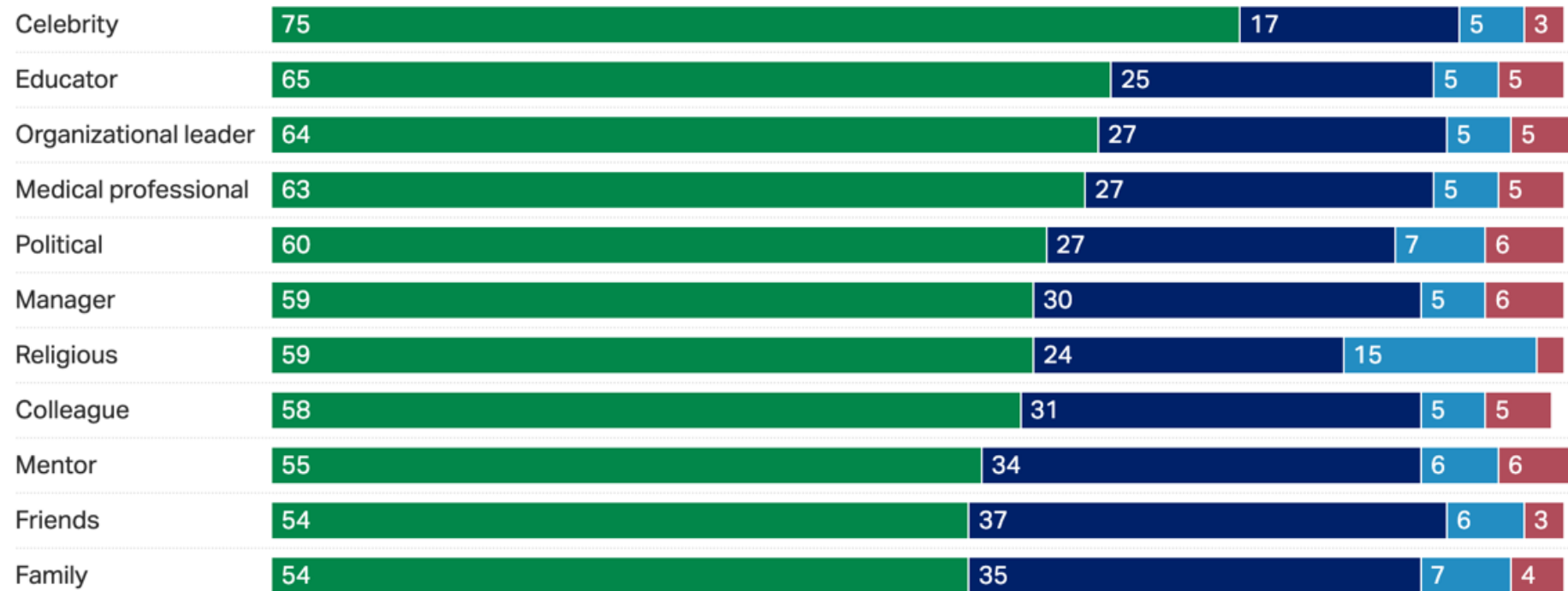
We, the patriotic forces of Europe, pledge to return the future of our continent to the European people by retaking our institutions and reorienting European policy to serve our Nations and our people. To prioritize sovereignty over federalism, freedom over diktats, and peace: this is the Manifesto of Patriots.eu

Four Leadership Needs of Followers — Relative Percentage of Mentions by Leader Type

Now, please list three words that best describe what this person contributes to your life.

% of responses

■ Hope ■ Trust ■ Compassion ■ Stability



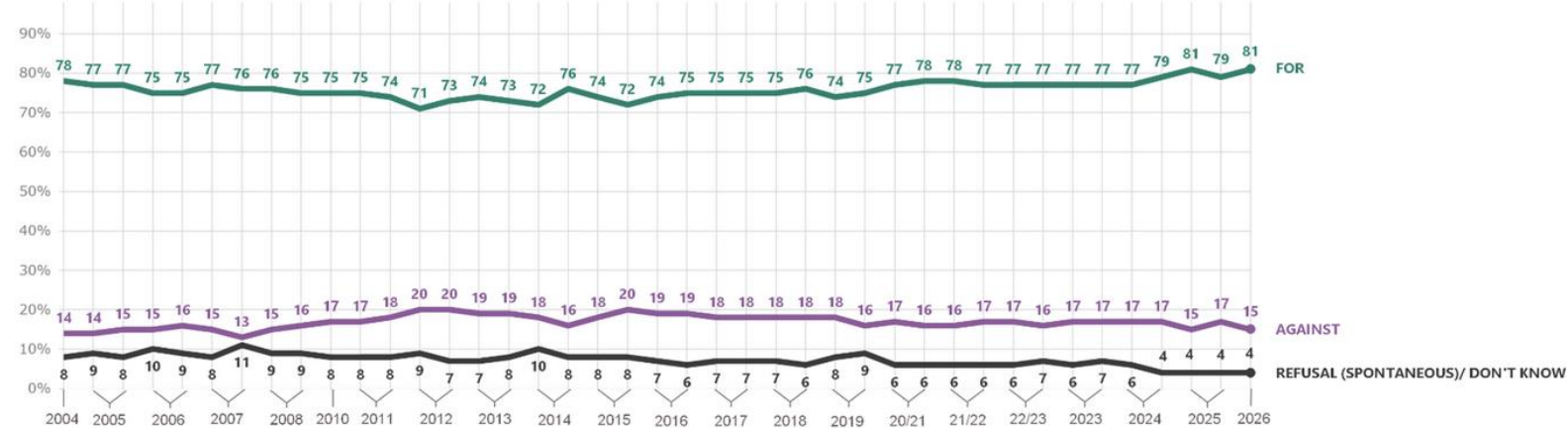
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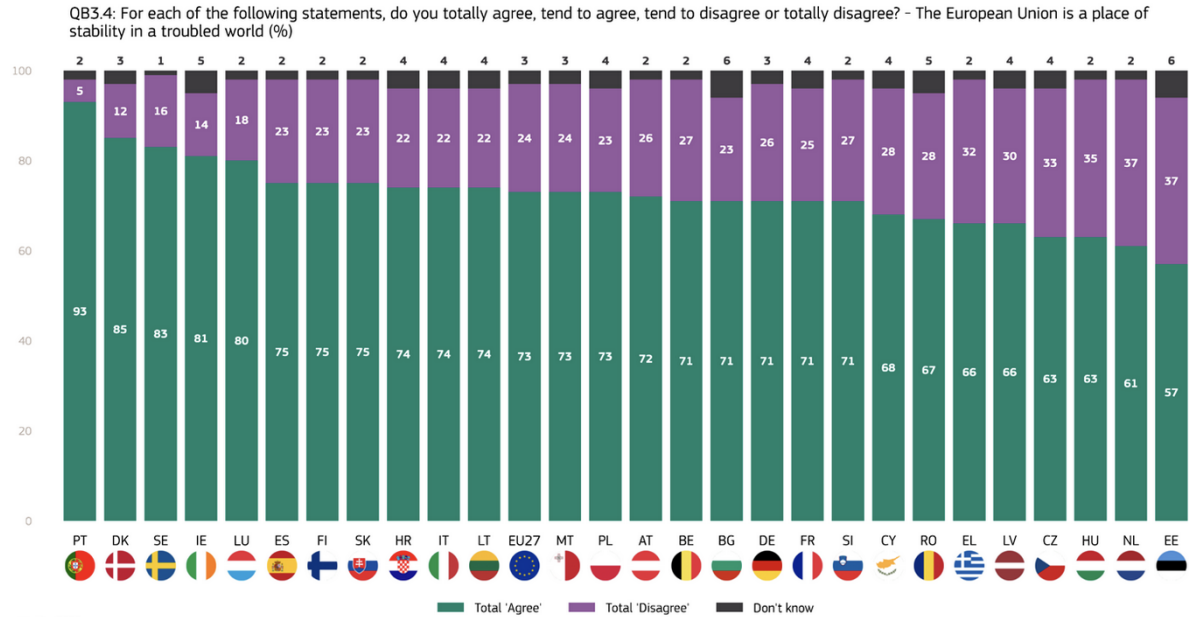
81% of Europeans back a common defence and security policy among Member States.

QB2.2 What is your opinion on each of the following statements? Please tell for each statement, whether you are for it or against it.
A common security and defence policy among Member States (% - EU)



Nearly three quarters Europeans (73%) agree that the EU is a place of stability in a troubled world.

74 % (EU27): ihr Land
hat Vorteile durch die EU-
Mitgliedschaft.



QA6a Welche Gefühle beschreiben Ihren aktuellen emotionalen Zustand am besten?
Erstens? (%)

		Unsicherheit	Hoffnung	Gelassenheit	Zuversicht	Zufriedenheit	Frustration	Angst	Hilflosigkeit	Wut	Entschlossenheit	Andere (SPONTAN)	Weiß nicht	Gesamt 'Positive Gefühle'	Gesamt 'Negative Gefühle'
EU27		21	15	12	11	9	7	7	6	5	5	1	1	52	46
BE		27	12	12	10	9	8	7	5	5	5	0	0	48	52
BG		16	26	10	11	4	8	11	3	3	7	0	1	58	41
CZ		20	14	19	9	7	5	4	6	4	9	1	2	58	39
DK		16	15	18	15	14	8	1	2	1	7	1	2	69	28
DE		21	13	12	12	12	12	4	5	5	3	1	0	52	47
EE		19	12	17	8	4	6	11	3	2	12	4	2	53	41
IE		21	16	3	10	20	11	5	2	3	6	1	2	55	42
EL		22	15	9	3	3	15	16	3	9	5	0	0	35	65
ES		21	13	14	15	14	6	3	5	5	3	1	0	59	40
FR		25	12	8	8	7	6	10	10	7	5	1	1	40	58
HR		14	16	7	13	14	5	5	7	4	15	0	0	65	35
IT		27	16	6	10	3	4	12	11	4	6	1	0	41	58
CY		28	15	11	3	3	13	12	2	6	5	0	2	37	61
LV		18	14	27	6	4	6	10	2	3	9	0	1	60	39
LT		17	12	22	12	6	8	11	2	4	5	1	0	57	42
LU		21	12	12	18	11	6	7	5	1	6	1	0	59	40
HU		12	26	15	13	10	8	4	3	2	6	0	1	70	29
MT		12	14	14	12	11	8	13	1	3	9	0	3	60	37
NL		16	9	29	11	16	6	2	1	1	8	1	0	73	26
AT		20	10	10	13	11	8	6	4	9	6	2	1	50	47
PL		14	18	13	14	10	3	11	4	2	6	0	5	61	34
PT		28	16	8	17	6	3	12	2	1	4	1	2	51	46
RO		16	20	6	15	7	7	5	10	7	7	0	0	55	45
SI		15	18	11	9	16	2	4	5	5	13	2	0	67	31
SK		21	19	15	8	6	6	2	6	6	10	1	0	58	41
FI		22	16	19	11	13	11	2	1	1	3	0	1	62	37
SE		15	11	34	5	11	10	2	1	1	9	0	1	70	29

EU27:

21% Unsicherheit

15% Hoffnung

12% Gelassenheit

11% Zuversicht

9% Zufriedenheit

7% Frustration

7% Angst

6% Hilflosigkeit

5% Wut

5% Entschlossenheit

52% positive Gefühle

46% negative Gefühle

**“Wie schlimm
wird es?”**

**“1984 im
Anmarsch”**

**“Totale
Überwachung,
totale Kontrolle.”**

**“Krieg gegen
das Bargeld”**

**“Bargeld ist
Freiheit.”**

**“Programmierbares
Geld”**



**In the last half century, Europe and the United States have often cooperated closely.
Do you think that it is time for Europe to go its own way?**

■ Agree ■ Disagree

EU



Belgium



France



Germany



Italy



Netherlands



Poland



Portugal



Spain



United Kingdom



March 2026

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sicherheitspolitische
Dimension

digitale Zukunft gestalten

europäische Identität
stärken

Verbindung zwischen
Alltag & Geopolitik



Unabhängigkeit

Selbstbestimmung

Hoffnung

Freiheit