ABOUT THIS SURVEY

Results for the nine-nation survey are based on telephone interviews conducted under the direction of Princeton Survey Research Associates among a nationwide, representative sample of 1,032 adults, 18 years of age or older, in the United States, 962 in Britain, 485 in France, 524 in Germany, 500 in Italy, and 503 in Spain. In Russia, 501 telephone interviews were conducted in urban areas of 500,000 or greater. In Poland, the interviews were conducted face-to-face in urban areas with 500 adults. In Turkey, the nationwide survey was conducted face-to-face among 513 adults. The fieldwork was conducted by NOP in Britain between March 14-16, 2003, by IFOP in France between March 13-14, 2003, by EMNID in Germany between March 14-15, 2003, by Pragma in Italy between March 12-14, 2003, by Romir in Russia between March 10-14, 2003, by Democopia in Spain between March 10-17, 2003, by Demoskop in Poland between March 10-14, 2003, by PIAR in Turkey between March 10-17, 2003, and by Princeton Data Source in the U.S. between March 13-16, 2003. For results based on the total sample in the United States and Britain, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects is plus or minus 3.5 percentage points; in each of the other seven countries (France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Russia and Turkey), sampling error is plus or minus 5 percentage points.

In addition to sampling error, one should bear in mind that question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of opinion polls.