



EU–Bulgaria Relations

- 90% of Bulgarians have a favorable opinion of the European Union — the highest percentage among all nations surveyed. Only 9% have an unfavorable opinion — the lowest percentage among all nations surveyed. (Q7.2)*
- 21% think that Bulgaria’s membership in the European Union hasn’t made a difference to the economy— the highest percentage among all nations surveyed. (Q29)

Russia

- 88% of Bulgarians said that they have a favorable opinion of Russia, making it by far the most Russia-friendly country among all nations surveyed. Accordingly, only 10% have an unfavorable opinion of Russia. (Q7.4)

New Powers

- 75% said that they have a favorable opinion of Brazil — the highest percentage among all nations surveyed. Only 7% think unfavorably of Brazil. (Q7.5)
- 88% said that they have a favorable opinion of Japan — the highest among all nations surveyed. Only 4% have an unfavorable opinion of Japan. (Q7.6)

Afghanistan

- 31% believe that Bulgaria should keep the number of troops in Afghanistan at the current level, a 10-point increase from 2010. 38% believe Bulgaria should withdraw its troops, an 11-point decrease from 2010. (Q14a)

Iran

- 64% of Bulgarians are still concerned with Iran acquiring nuclear weapons, a 13-point decrease from 2010. 28% are not concerned, a 13-point increase. In the case that all non-military options to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons have been attempted, only 29% of Bulgarians believe the European Union should take military action against Iran — the lowest percentage among all EU member states surveyed. (Q15, Q17)

China

- 70% do not believe China is a military threat, a 16-point increase from 2010. (Q23)

The Economy

- 52% have said that they and their family have been greatly affected by the economic crisis — the highest percentage among all nations surveyed. Only 10% said they felt no effects of the crisis — the lowest percentage among all nations surveyed. (Q33)

Turkey and the Middle East

- 58% of Bulgarians agree with the opinion that Turkey, as a predominantly Muslim country, does not belong in the EU — the highest rate of all nations surveyed. (Q25.3)
- 49% agree that Turkey is too populous to be integrated into the EU — the highest percentage among all nations surveyed. (Q25.4)
- 46% have said that in unstable regions such as the Middle East and North Africa, the European Union should promote stability even if it means accepting non-democratic governments — the highest rate among the countries surveyed. Only 32% feel that democracy should be promoted even if it leads to instability — the lowest rate. (Q35)
- 80% opposed Bulgaria sending ground troops to assist the rebels who opposed President Qaddafi in Libya — the highest percentage. Does this need to be clarified to indicate 80% opposed sending Bulgarian ground troops? (Q40.5)

Miscellaneous

- 41% of Bulgarians follow news about world affairs closely — the lowest rate among the nations surveyed. (Q41)

**The numbers in parentheses denote the original question the statistic is taken from. To view the complete survey and statistical results please refer to the topline data or visit www.transatlantictrends.org after September 14.*