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# Old Habits Die Hard

Renegotiating the Global Order starts today

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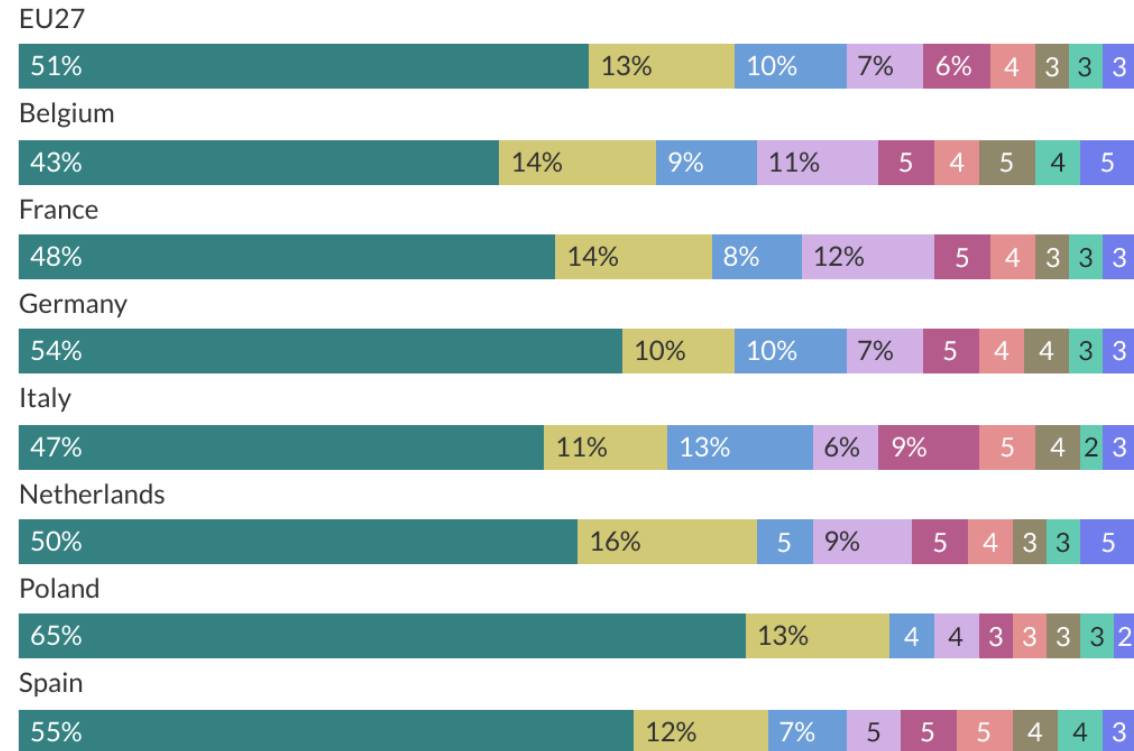
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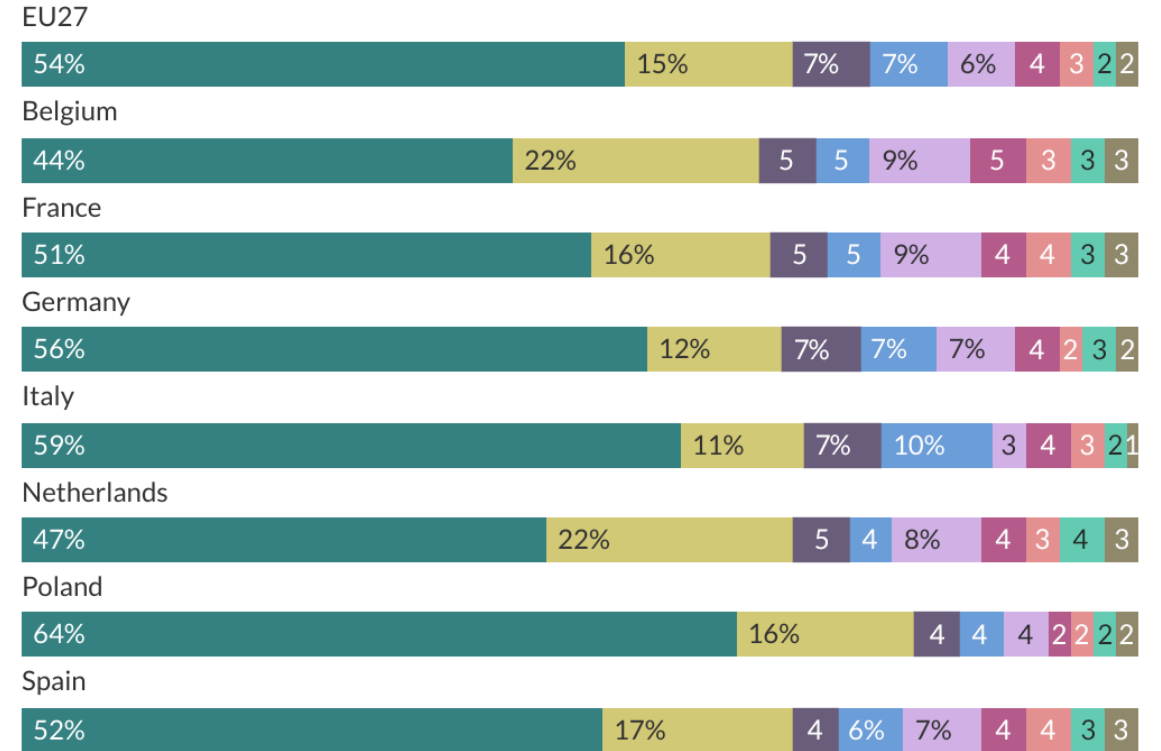
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## Who's the European Union's most valuable ally?

Only one answer possible



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

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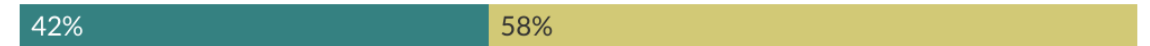
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