

Euroscepticism in Germany

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Background

- Germany is a founding member of the EU.
- The European project intervention was crucial to the German nation state's identity construction.
- Majority of Germans have always be pro EU, there was a consensus on the European Project



The rise of Euroscepticism Germany

- Euroscepticism was originally seen as a British disease
- In Germany, the first criticism came in the 1990s, mostly from political parties
- Crystallisation of the Anti-European integration sentiment in Germany with the foundation of the AfD

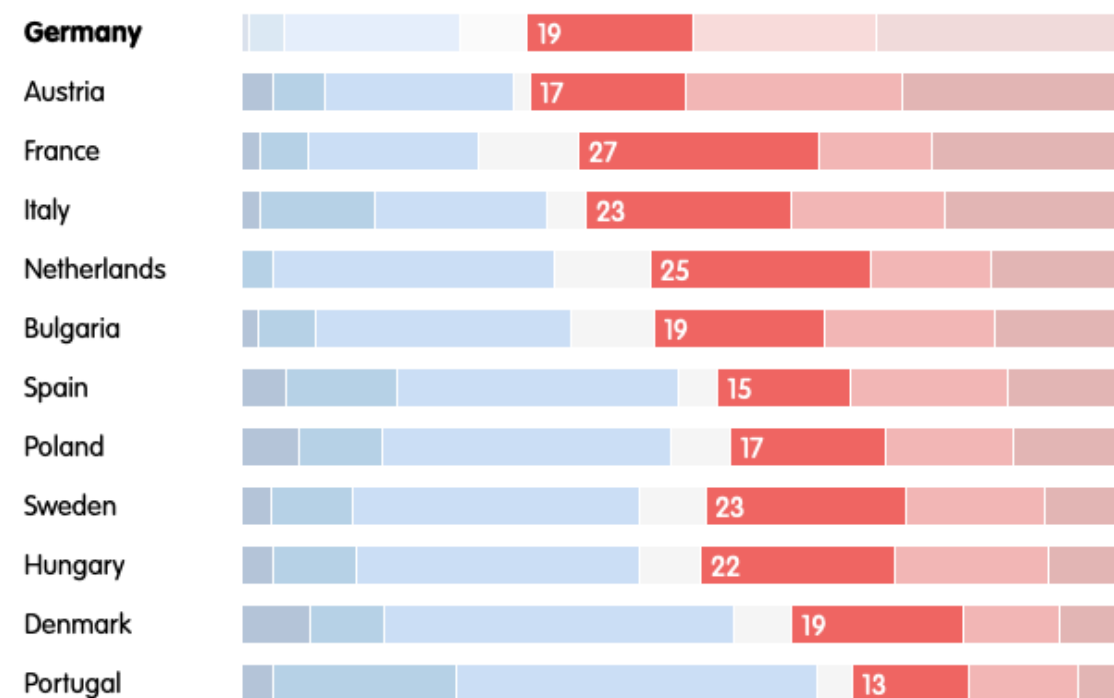


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- Studies show how the support of the EU has been rather constant.
- However, the pandemic and the bad discourse around the management of the pandemic impacted the confidence of citizens

Do you have more or less confidence in the EU since the start of the covid-19 pandemic? In per cent.

■ Much more confidence ■ Slightly more confidence ■ No difference: I was confident before and still am ■ Don't know ■ No difference: I was not confident before and am still not ■ Slightly less confidence ■ Much less confidence



Survey conducted in April 2021.

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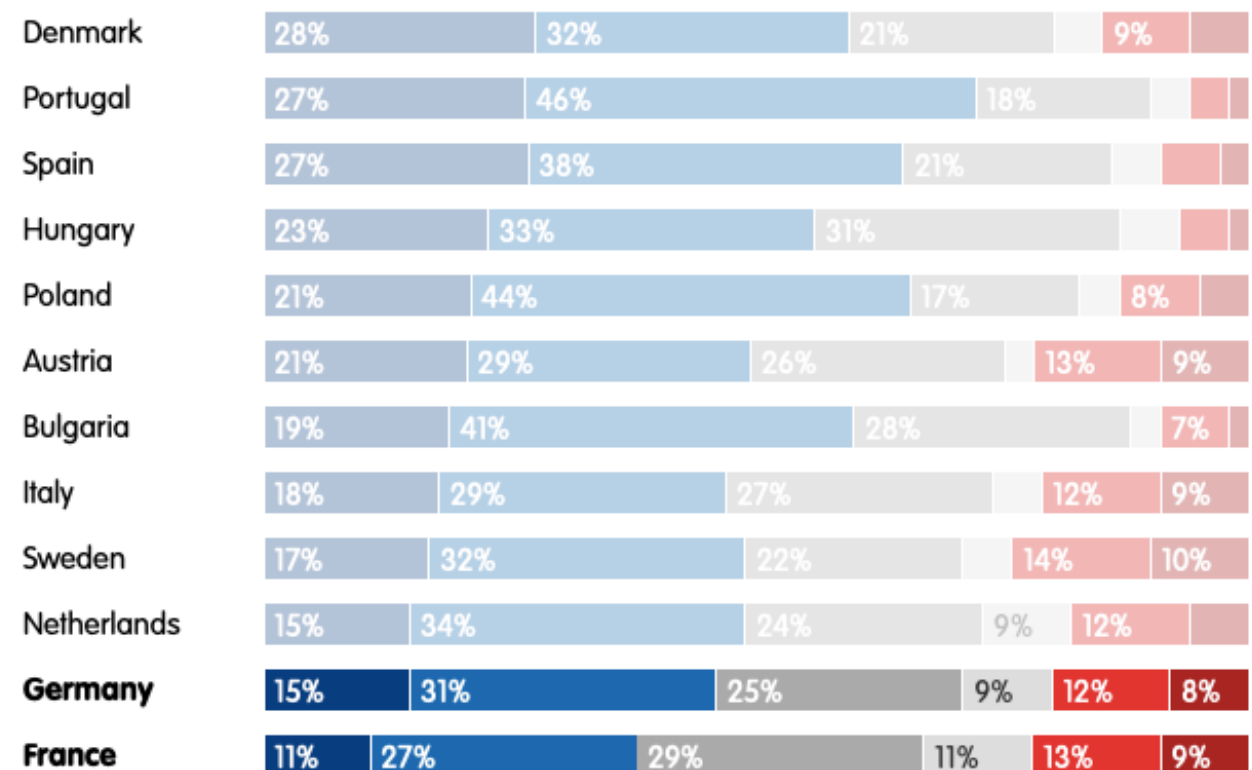
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- The Pandemic played a big role in the major collapse of Germans'

In general, do you think that it is a good thing or a bad thing for your country to be a member of the EU?

Very good thing Good thing Neither good thing nor bad thing Don't know Bad thing Very bad thing



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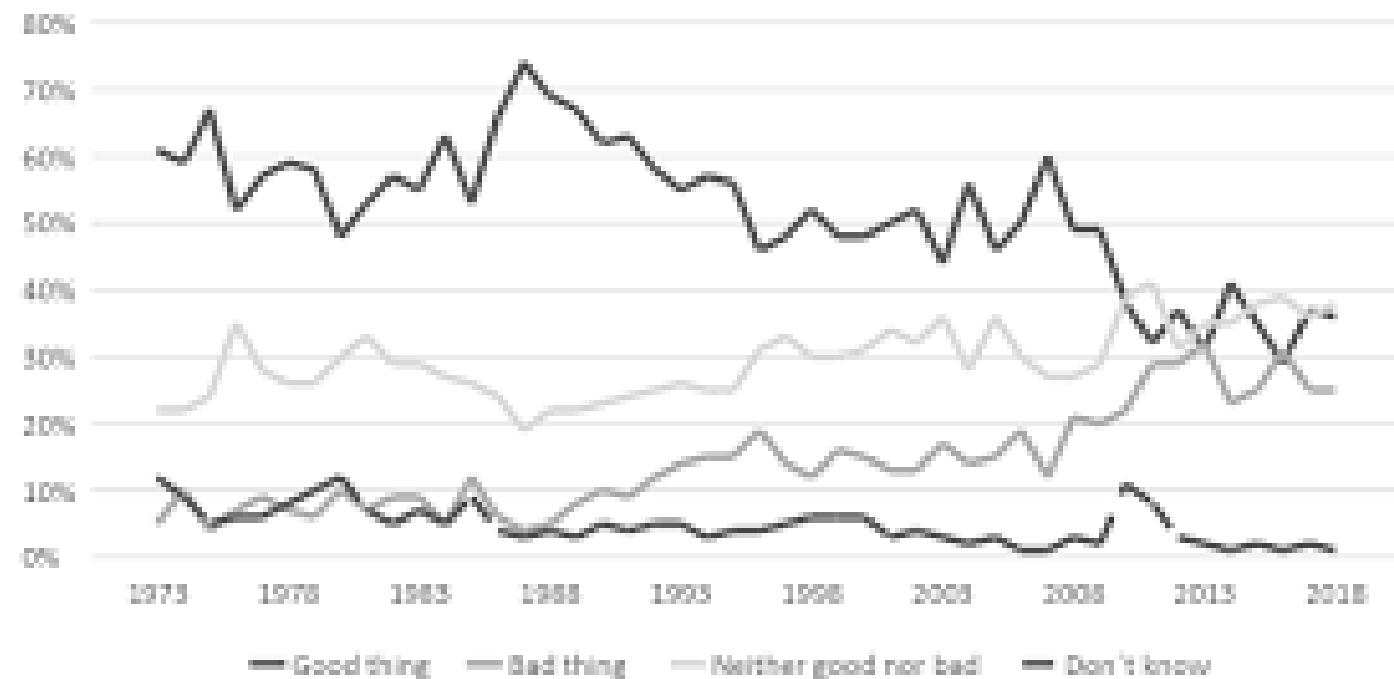
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Comparison to France

Generally speaking, do you think that France's membership of the EU is a good thing, a bad thing or neither good nor bad?



- Germany and France are both crucial members of the European Project
- The Eurosceptic sentiment is stronger in France than it is in Germany



Conclusion



- Different narratives have fueled Euroscepticism in Germany
- However, Germans remain a crucial component of the European Construction

