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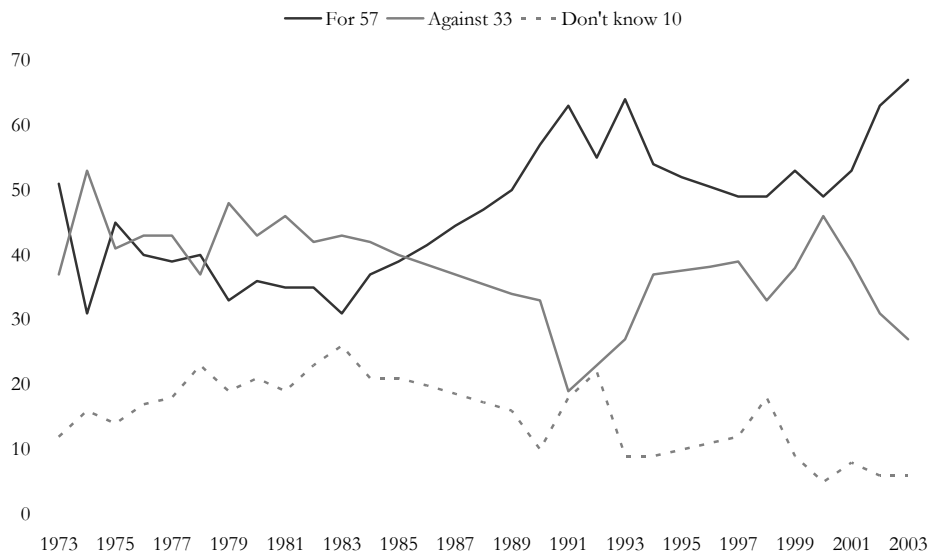
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EU

Since 1972, Gallup has polled a representative sample of the Danish population (959 respondents aged 18 or older in 2003) concerning their attitude towards Danish membership of the EU/EC. The latest opinion poll was undertaken during the period 29 September – 3 November 2003.

Question: Are you for or against Danish membership of the European Union?



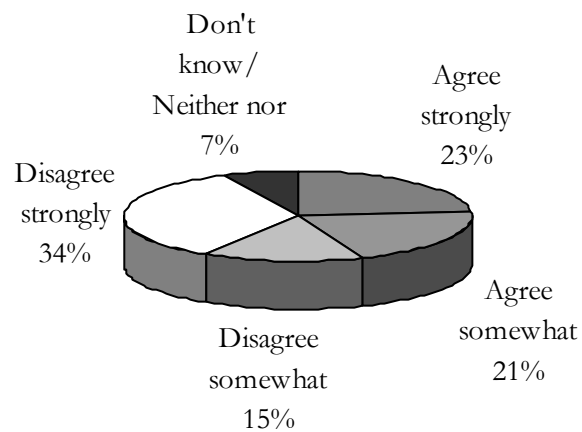
Source: Gallup for Berlingske Tidende

The New EU Treaty

During the period 29 September – 3 October 2003 Gallup, in co-operation with Berlingske Tidende, polled a representative sample of the Danish population (959 people aged 18 or older) concerning their attitudes towards the EU Treaty proposal.

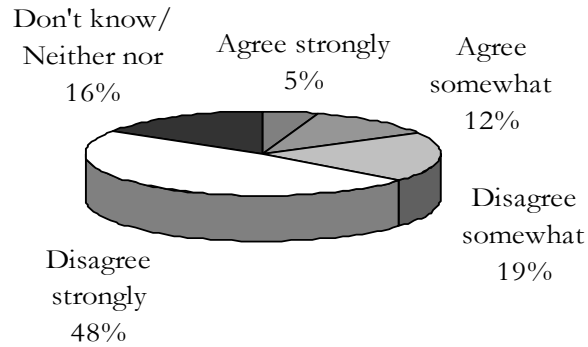
At the moment, the member countries take turns to fill the EU Presidency. In the treaty proposal it is suggested that a chairman or president is appointed to lead the co-operation for several years at a time and act as the Union's public image.

Question: Do you agree with/support this proposal?



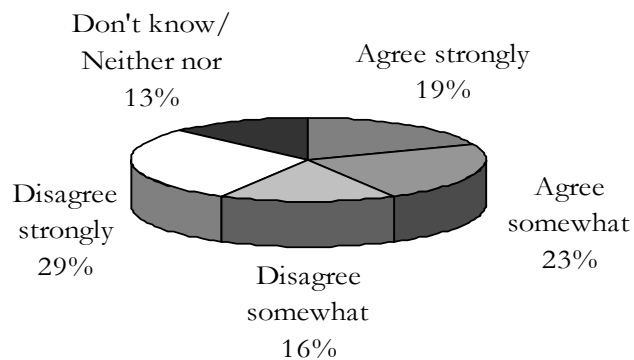
According to the treaty proposal, all member countries continue to appoint an EU commissioner, but in order to secure the efficiency of the Commission only half of them are granted voting rights in major decisions.

Question: Do you agree with/support such a grouping of the Commission in A and B commissioners?



In the treaty proposal it is suggested, in order to secure decision-making in an enlarged EU, that more decisions are made by majority vote and that individual member countries cannot veto.

Question: Do you agree with/support this idea?

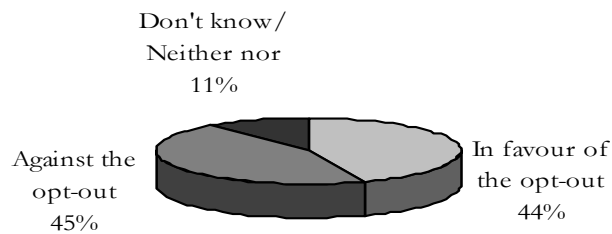


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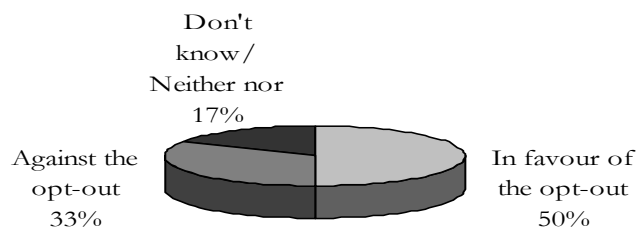
The Danish EU Opt-Outs

During the period 29 September – 3 November 2003 Gallup, in co-operation with *Berlingske Tidende*, polled a representative sample of the Danish population (959 people aged 18 or older) concerning their attitudes towards the four Danish EU opt-outs.

Question: Are you for or against keeping the Danish opt-out concerning defence co-operation?

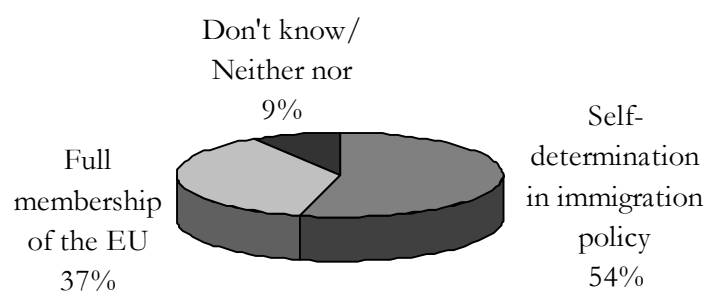


Question: Are you for or against keeping the Danish opt-out concerning justice and immigration policy?

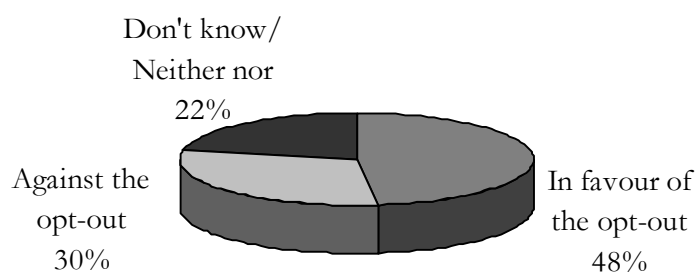


Source: Gallup for Berlingske Tidende

Question: What do you think is most important: Self-determination in immigration policy or full membership of the European Union?

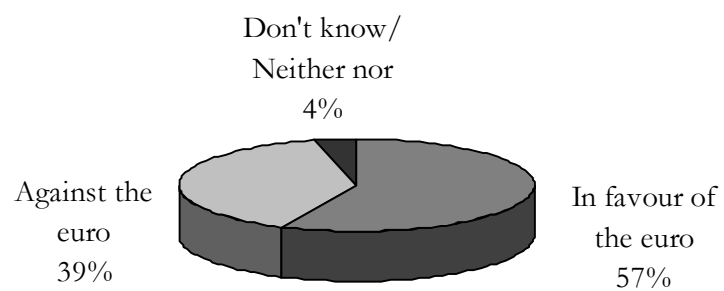


Question: Are you for or against keeping the Danish opt-out on European citizenship?



Source: Gallup for Berlingske Tidende

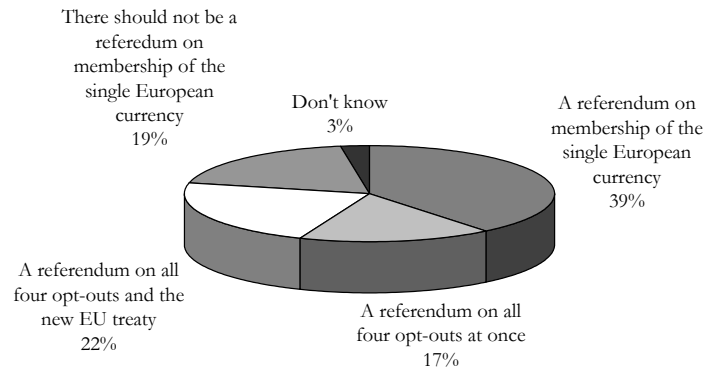
Question: Are you for or against Denmark's participation in the Single European Currency?



Source: Gallup for Berlingske Tidende

During the period 1-3 September 2003 Greens Research Institute, in co-operation with Nykredit Markets, polled a representative sample of the Danish population (1,025 people aged 18 or older) concerning their attitudes towards a referendum on Denmark's participation in the single European currency.

Question: If there were to be a referendum on Danish participation in the single European currency, how would you prefer it to be arranged?

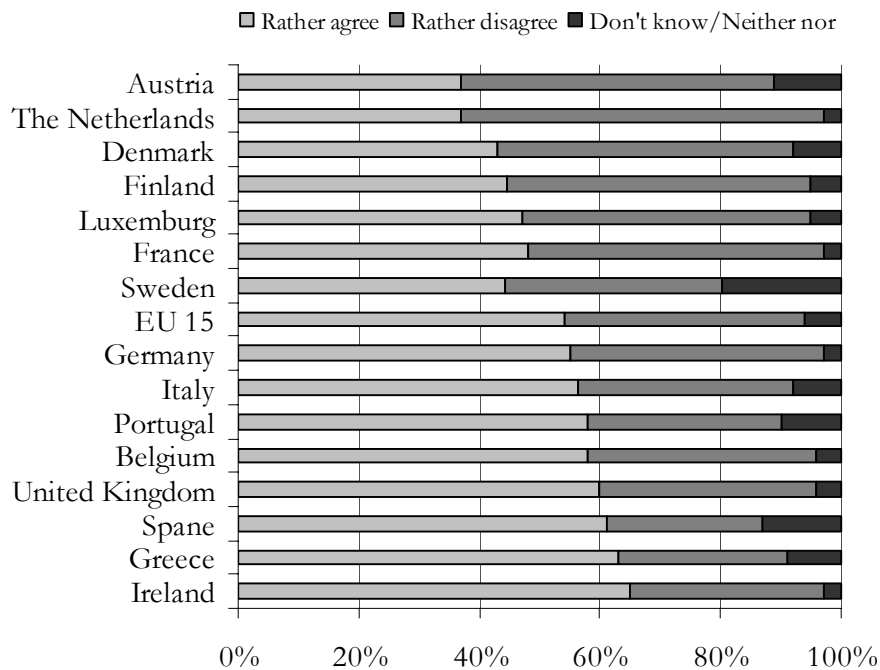


Source: Greens Research Institute for Nykredit Markets

Enlargement of the EU

During the period 21-30 March 2003 Gallup Europe, in co-operation with Eurobarometer, polled a representative sample of the EU member states' populations (15,031 respondents aged 15 or older) concerning their attitudes towards the enlargement of the EU.

Question: Please tell me if you rather agree or disagree with the following proposition: The European Union should accept other new members beyond the 13 current candidate countries.¹



¹ The 'current candidate countries' (March 2003) were Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Turkey.

Source: Flash Eurobarometer 140.

War against Iraq

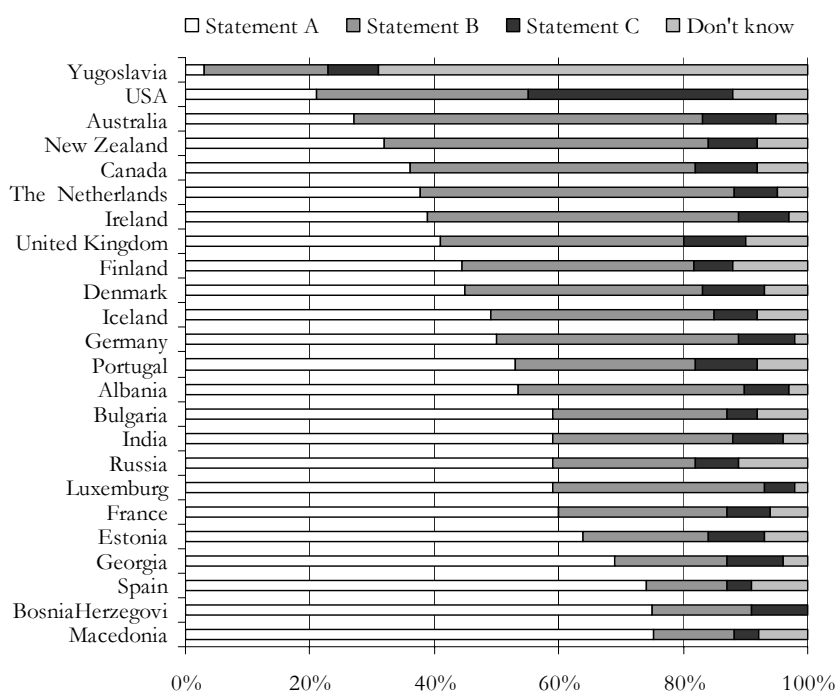
During the last part of January 2003 Gallup International, in co-operation with *Berlingske Tidende*, polled a representative sample of the population in 40 countries (28,435 respondents aged 18 or older, 1,007 in Denmark) concerning their attitudes towards a military operation against Iraq.

Question: Do you approve of a military operation against Iraq?

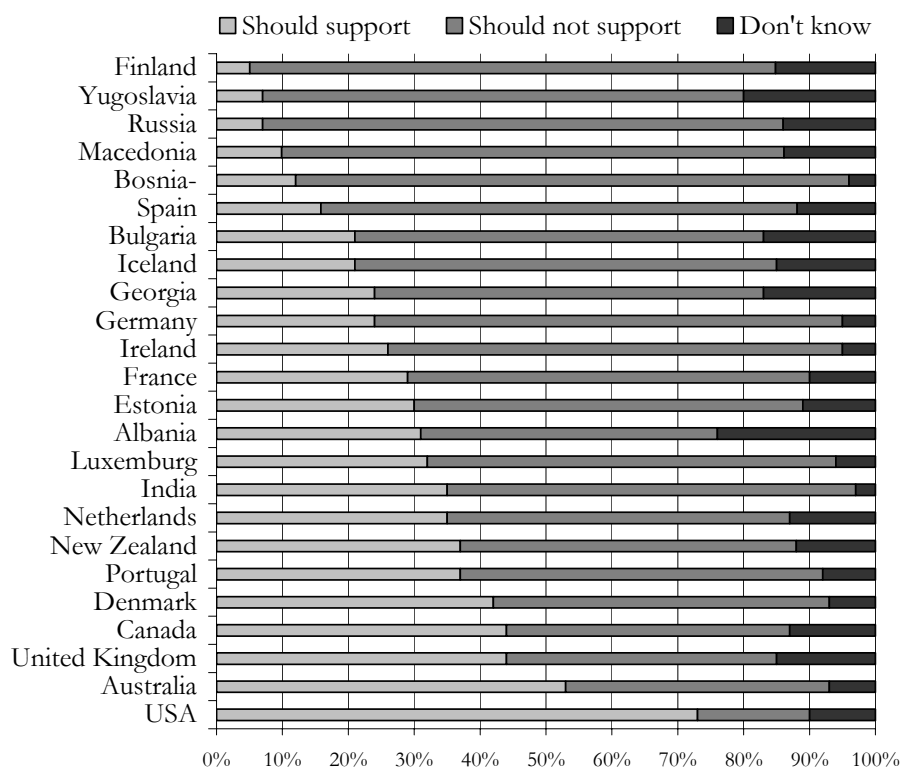
Statement A: No, under no circumstances

Statement B: Yes, but only in the form of a UN operation

Statement C: Yes, also if the operation is carried out by the US and its allies



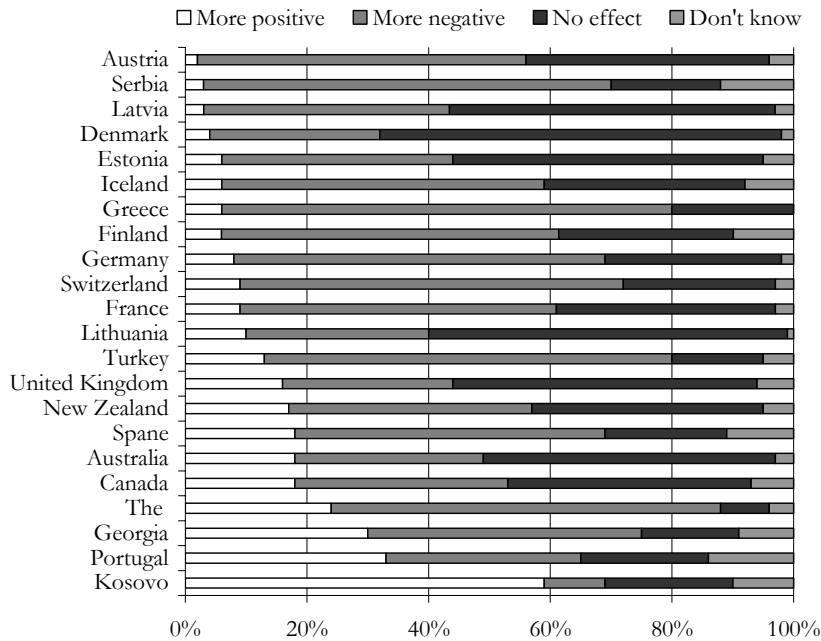
Question: Should your country in your opinion support such a military operation against Iraq?



Source: Gallup International for Berlingske Tidende

During the end of April and the beginning of May 2003 Gallup International, in co-operation with Berlingske Tidende, polled a representative sample of the population in 25 countries (25,000 respondents aged 18 or older, 1,002 in Denmark) concerning their attitudes towards the war against Iraq.

Question: Has the military operation against Iraq made your attitude towards the USA more positive, more negative or has it had no effect?



Source: Gallup International for Berlingske Tidende.