## **EUROPEAN UNION**

We have reported before on widespread dissatisfaction with governmental performance. Surveys taken before the European parliamentary elections confirmed that sentiment there. Dissatisfaction extends in many countries to European unification, though majorities in 7 of 12 countries say they have benefited from membership.

Question: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the government is running the country?\*

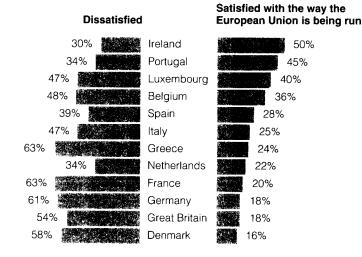
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Question: Are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way the European Union (that is, what used to be called the European Community, or Common Market) is being run?

## Luxembourg Ireland 44% Portugal Denmark 32% Greece 29% 28% Belgium France 27% Netherlands 26% Germany Great Britain

Spain

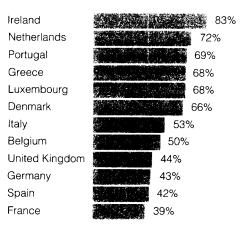
Italy



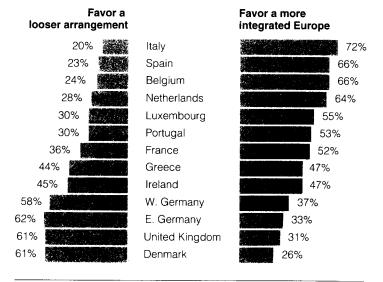
Note: \* In Italy: with the way the government was running the country before the last General Election? Source: Surveys by Gates (Belgium), AIM (Denmark), Demoscopie (France), M+W Test (Germany), Focus (Greece), Landsdowne Market Research (Ireland), Demoskopia (Italy), ILReS (Luxembourg), NSS (Netherlands), Euroteste (Portugal), Data (Spain), and Market Opinion Research International (Great Britain), April 11–30, 1994.

Question: Taking everything into consideration, would you say that (your country) has on balance benefited or not from being a member of the European Community?

Your country has benefited from being a member of the European Community



Question: Do you favor a more integrated Europe, as envisaged in the Maastricht Treaty, or a looser arrangement between independent nation states?

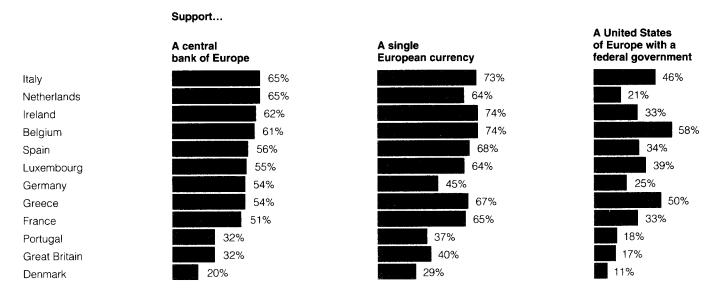


Source: EUROBAROMETER surveys conducted for the Commission of European Communities. April 4-May 6, 1994.

Source: Surveys by the Harris Research Centre (Great Britain) for the Financial Times (Great Britain), La Vanguardia (Spain), Il Sole 24 Ore (Italy), Les Echos (France), Sueddeutsche Zeitung (Germany), Svenska Dagbladet (Sweden), and Diario de Noticias (Portugal), May 11-26, 1994.

Opinion is far from unanimous on a central bank or a single currency for Europe. A United States of Europe finds less favor in every country than a central bank or single currency. Majorities in a number of countries feel the European Parliament has too little power; you can't find a majority in any country that feels that way about the Commission.

Question: On balance, do you support or oppose each of the following?



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Question: Do you think the European Parliament of elected members has too much or too little power? Do you think the Brussels European Commission has too much or too little power?

	European Commission			European Parliament		
Too little	About right	Has too much power		Has too much power	About right	Too little
16%	6%	58%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	38%	8%	36%
12%	16%	51%	Denmark	37%	17%	25%
35%	13%	37%	Greece	26%	10%	54%
12%	42%	27%	Portugal	26%	39%	20%
28%	11%	43%	Ireland	24%	11%	50%
29%	17%	34%	Luxembourg	18%	18%	44%
34%	16%	25%	W. Germany	16%	13%	55%
39%	9%	25%	France	14%	8%	54%
42%	15%	14%	Belgium	13%	13%	48%
42%	22%	11%	Spain	12%	21%	50%
40%	17%	10%	Italy	11%	13%	55%
33%	16%	17%	Netherlands	10%	16%	47%
43%	11%	13%	E. Germany	9%	9%	60%

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