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TRANSATLANTIC TRENDS

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Overview of Methodology

***Transatlantic Trends* is an annual survey of public opinion, which started in 2002. This year's survey consists of a random sample of approx. 1,000 phone or face-to-face interviews in each country conducted between May 25 and June 17, 2011. For results based on national samples, the maximum margin of error is +/- 3%, for results based on the total European sample the margin of error is +/-1%, at a 95% confidence level. Total sample size is 14,042.**

Year	Total Coverage	European Coverage
2002	U.S. + E6	France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, The United Kingdom
2003	U.S. + E7	France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, The United Kingdom, Portugal
2004-2005	U.S. + E10	France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, The United Kingdom, Portugal, Turkey, Slovakia, Spain
2006-2010	U.S. + E12	France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, The United Kingdom, Portugal, Turkey, Slovakia, Spain, Bulgaria, Romania
2011	U.S. + E13	France, Germany, Italy, The Netherlands, Poland, The United Kingdom, Portugal, Turkey, Slovakia, Spain, Bulgaria, Romania, Sweden
EU12 includes all EU member countries in our sample		

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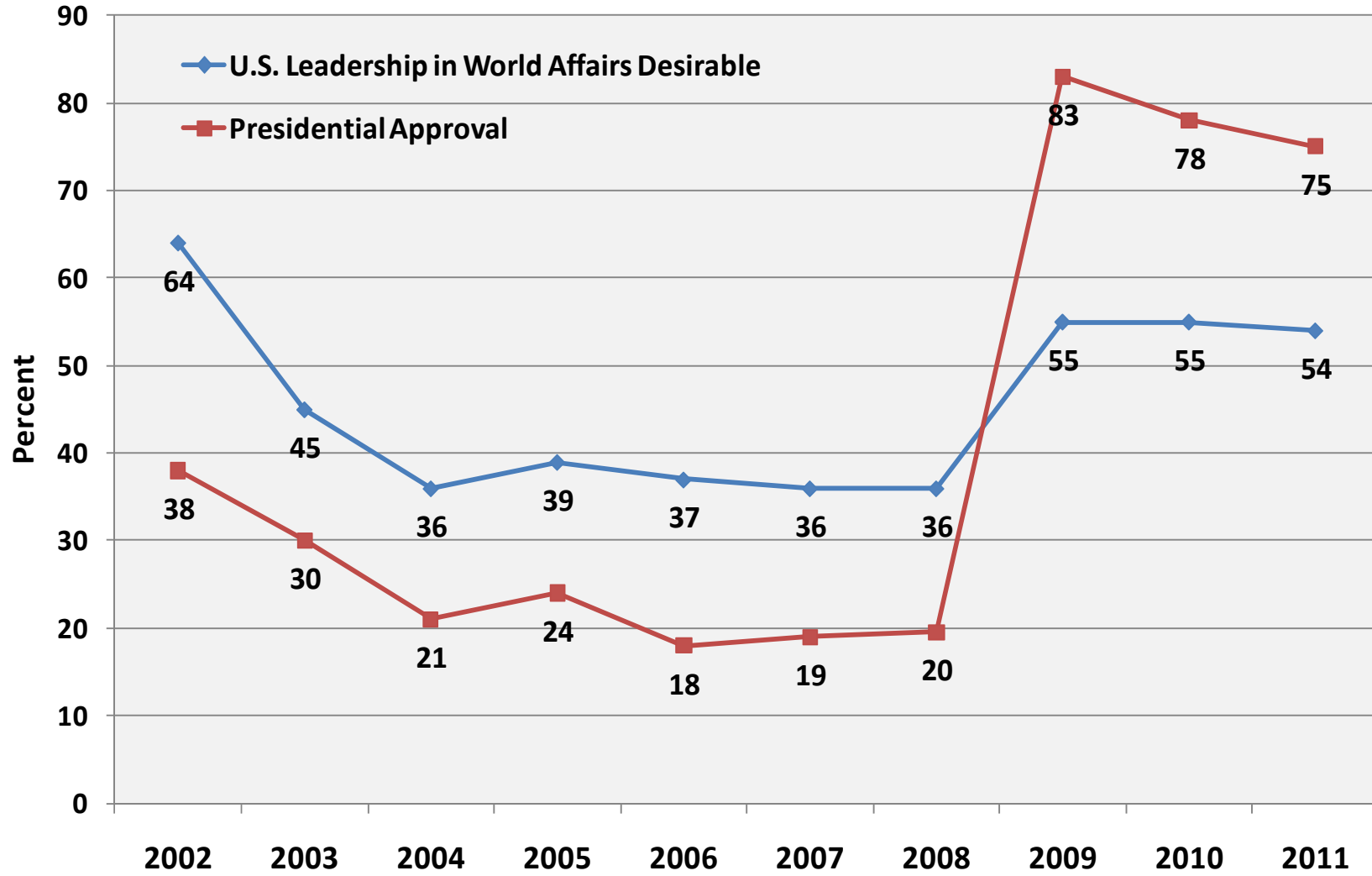
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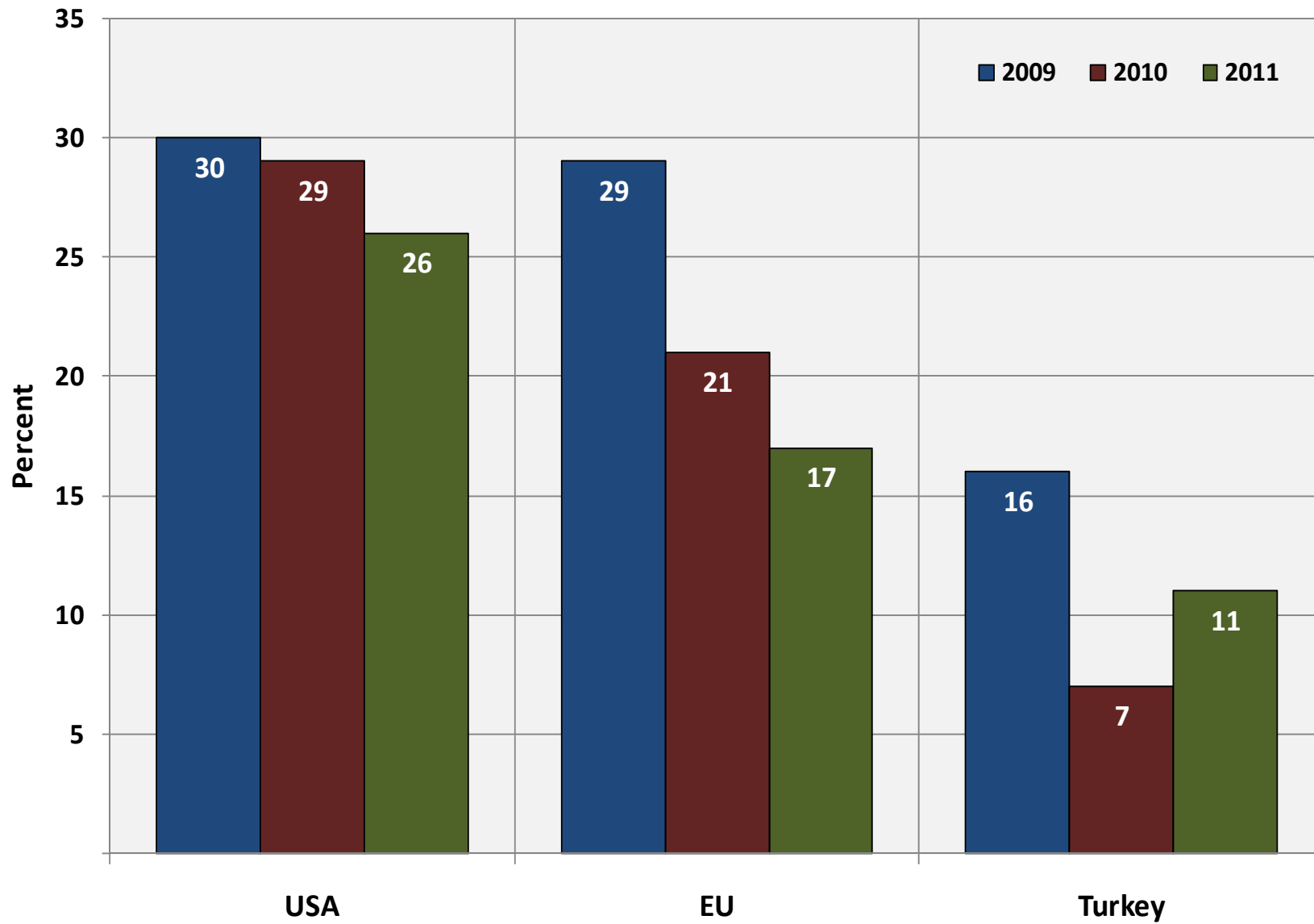
EU Approval of U.S. President vs. EU Desire for Strong U.S. Leadership in World Affairs



Q1a: How desirable is it that the United States exert strong leadership in world affairs?

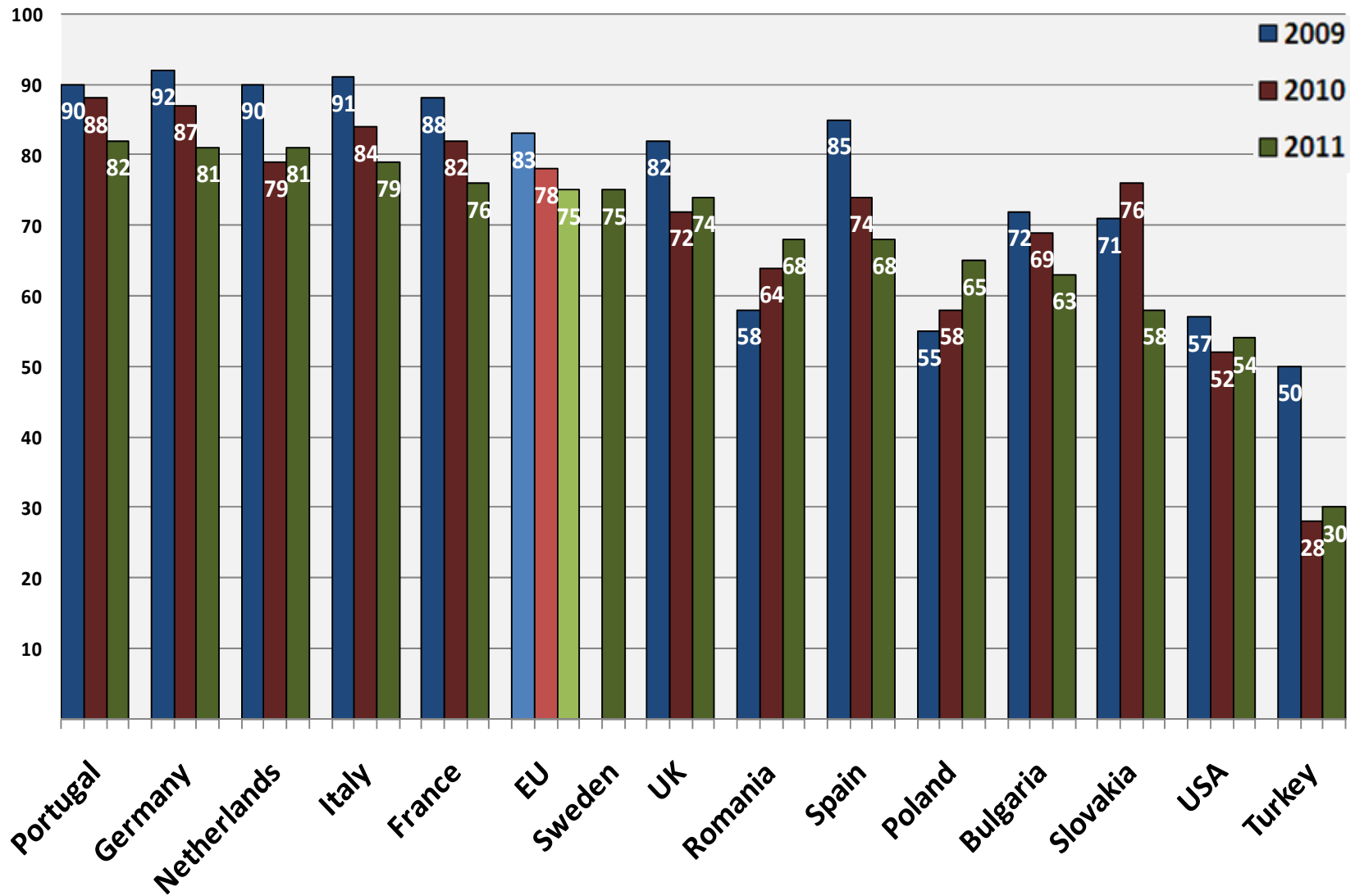
Q3: Do you approve or disapprove of the way the President of the United States Barack Obama is handling international policies?

Strongly Approve of Obama's Handling of International Policies



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Approval of Obama's Handling of International Policies



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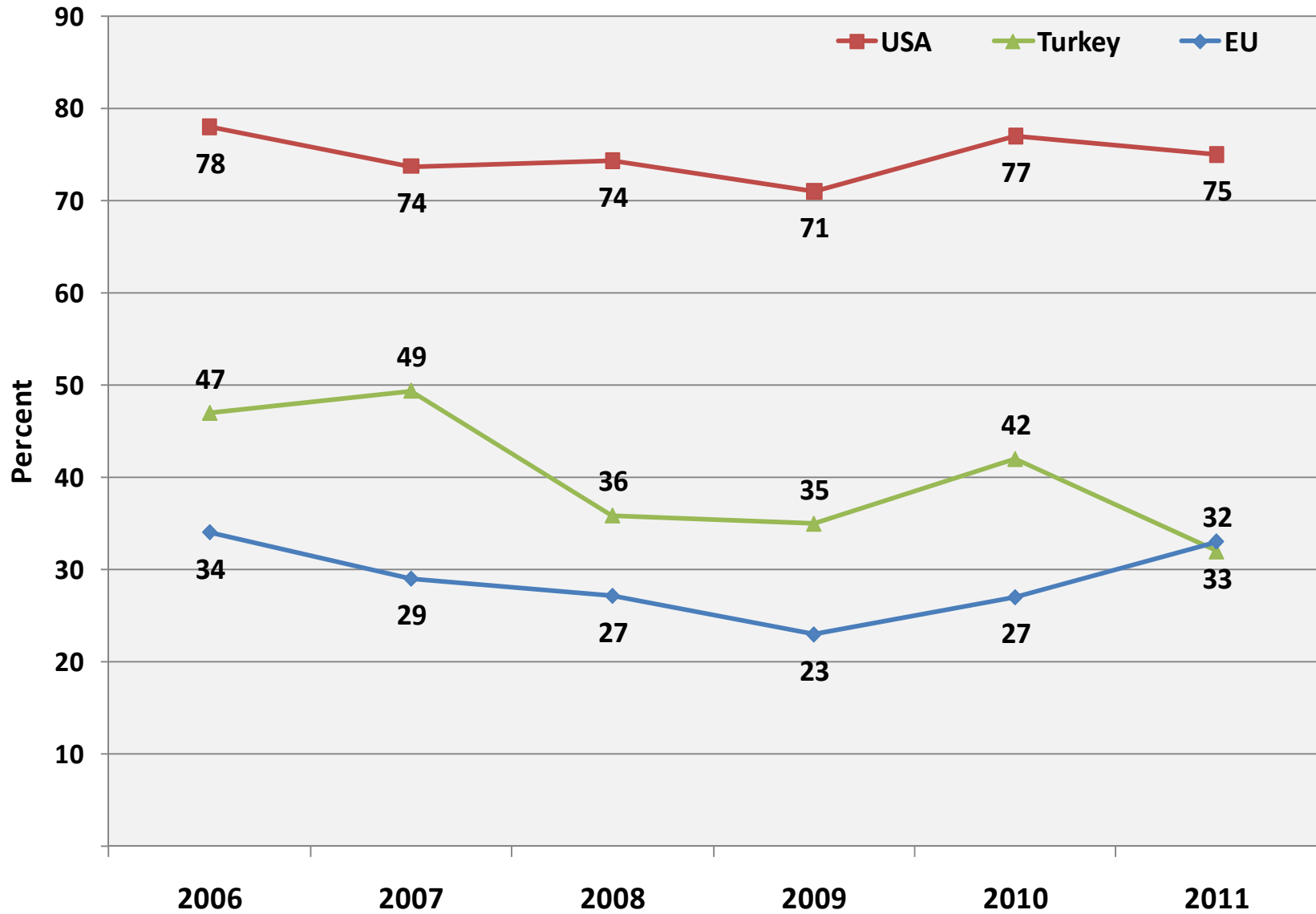
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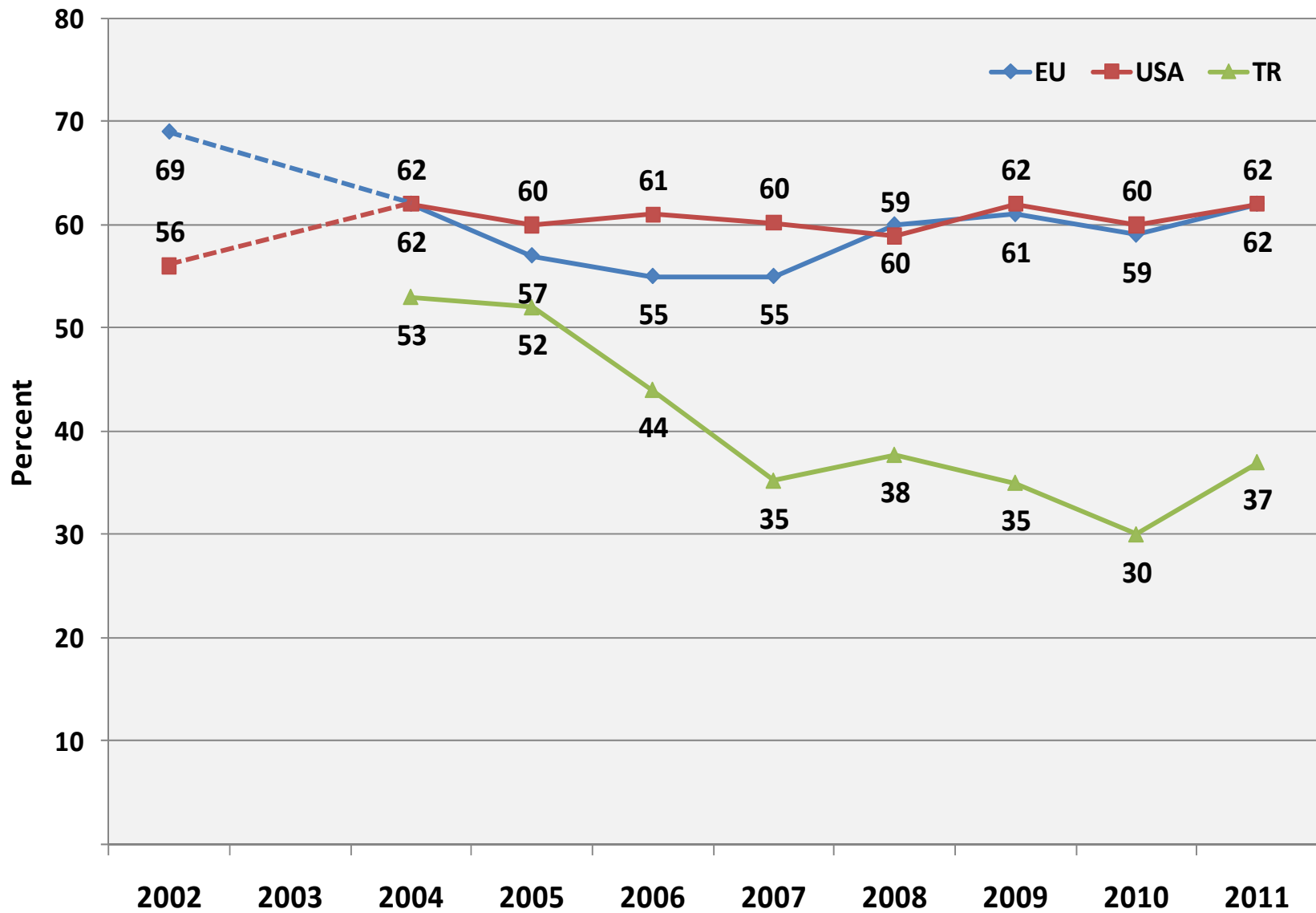
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War is Sometimes Necessary to Obtain Justice



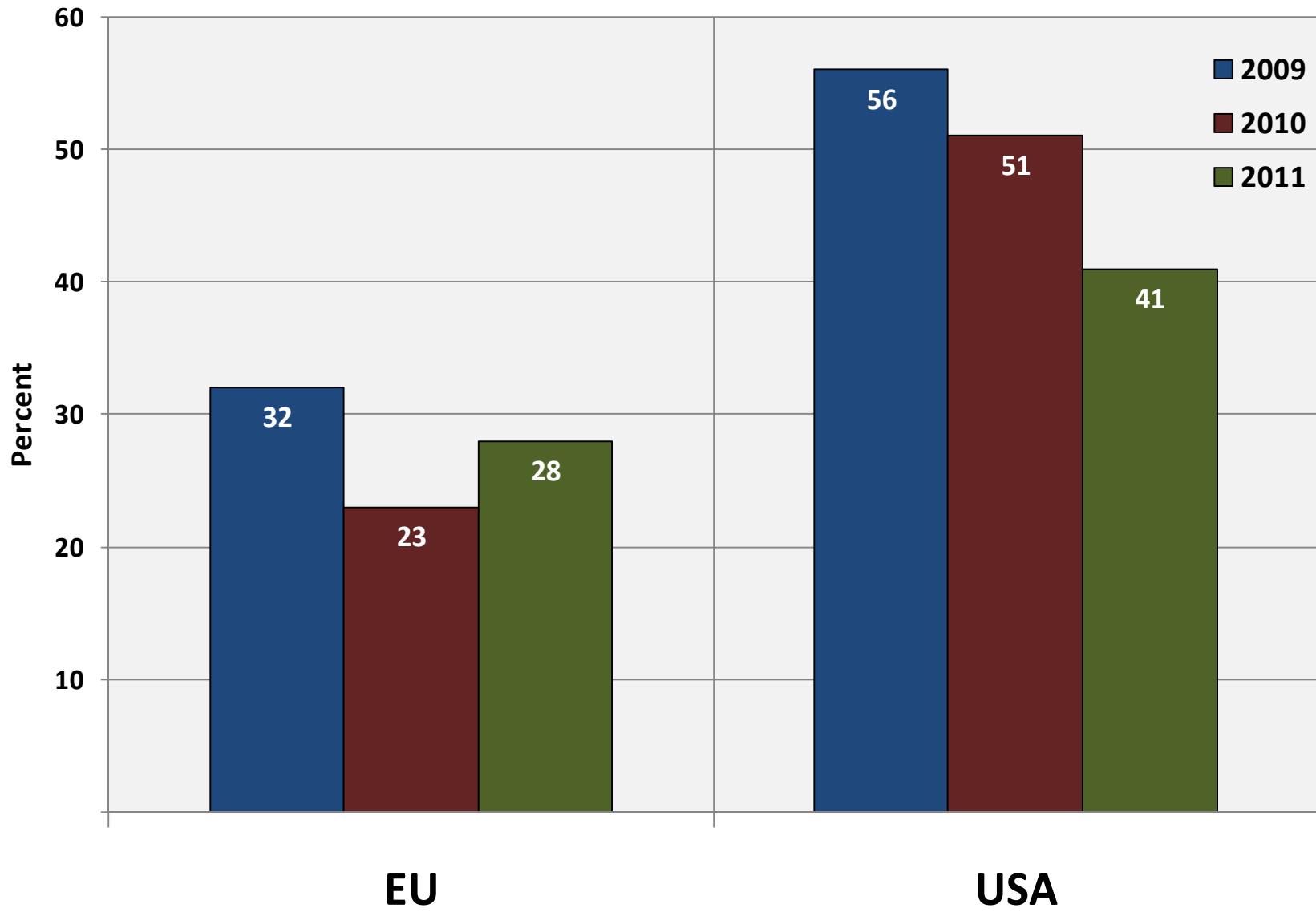
Q34.2: Under some conditions, war is necessary to obtain justice

NATO is Essential for Country's Security



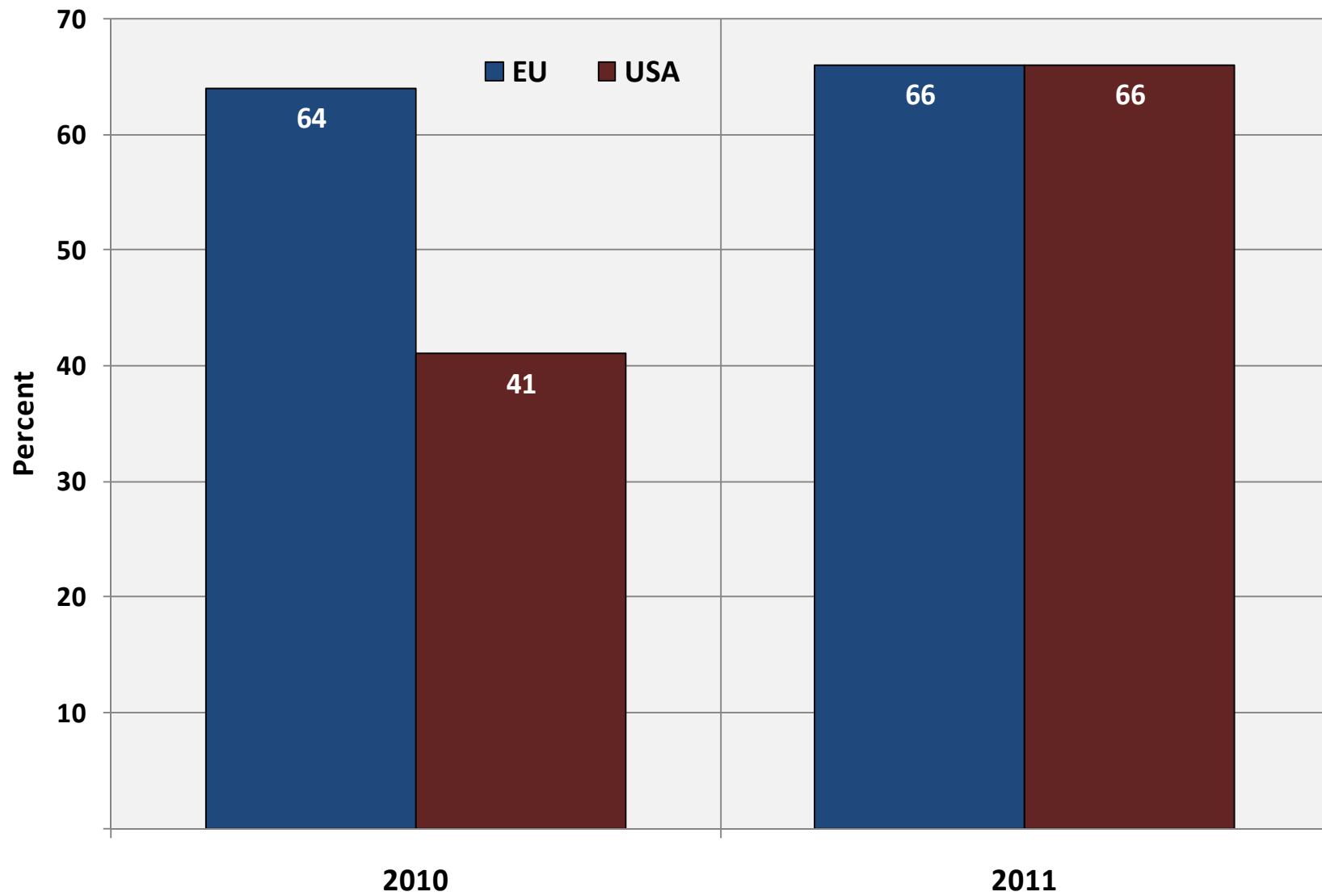
Q10a: Some people say that NATO is still essential to our country's security. Others say it is no longer essential. Which of these views is closer to your own?

Optimistic about Stabilizing Afghanistan



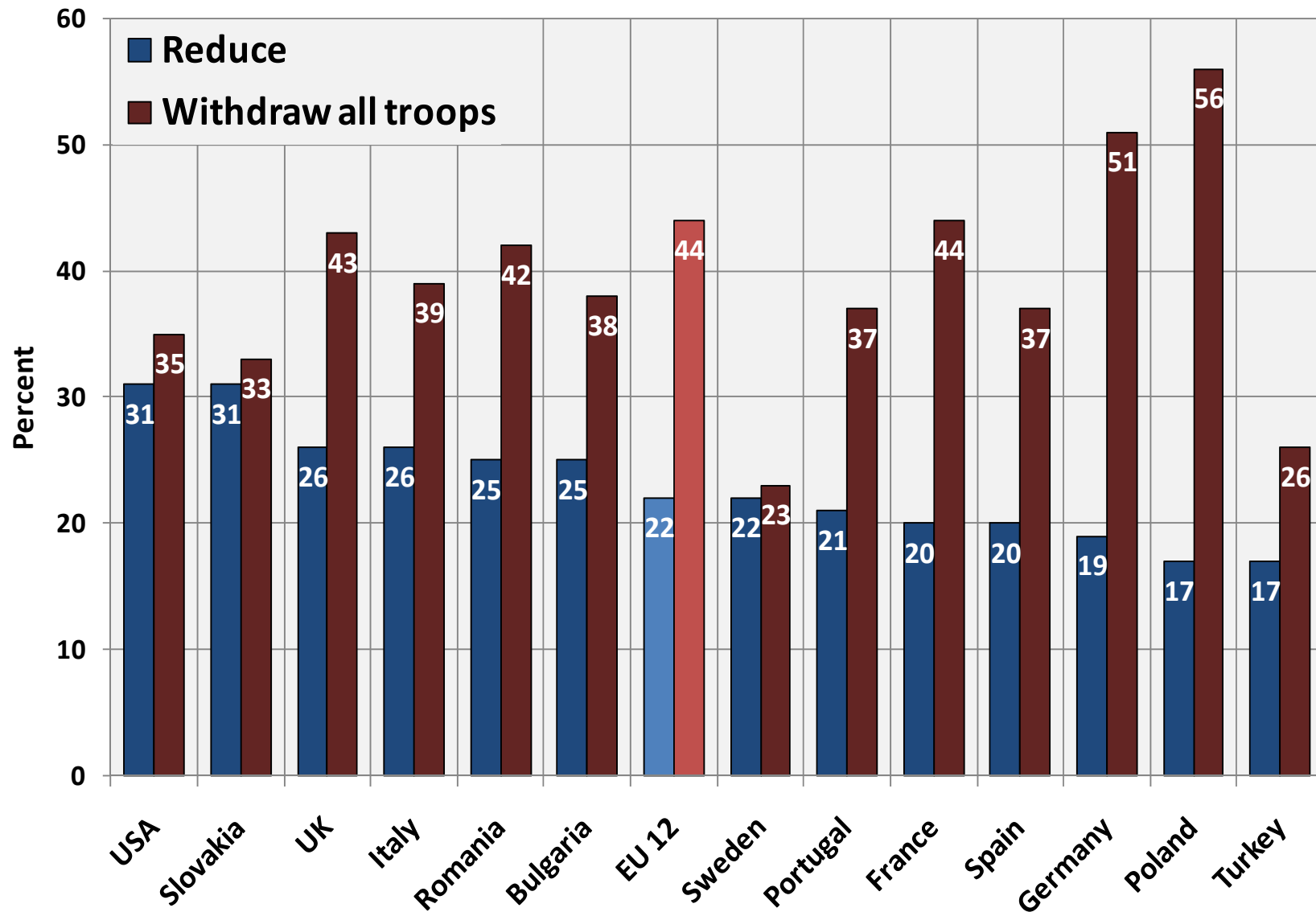
Q13.1: And thinking about the future, do you feel optimistic or pessimistic about the prospects of...Stabilizing the situation in Afghanistan

Reduce or Withdraw Troops from Afghanistan



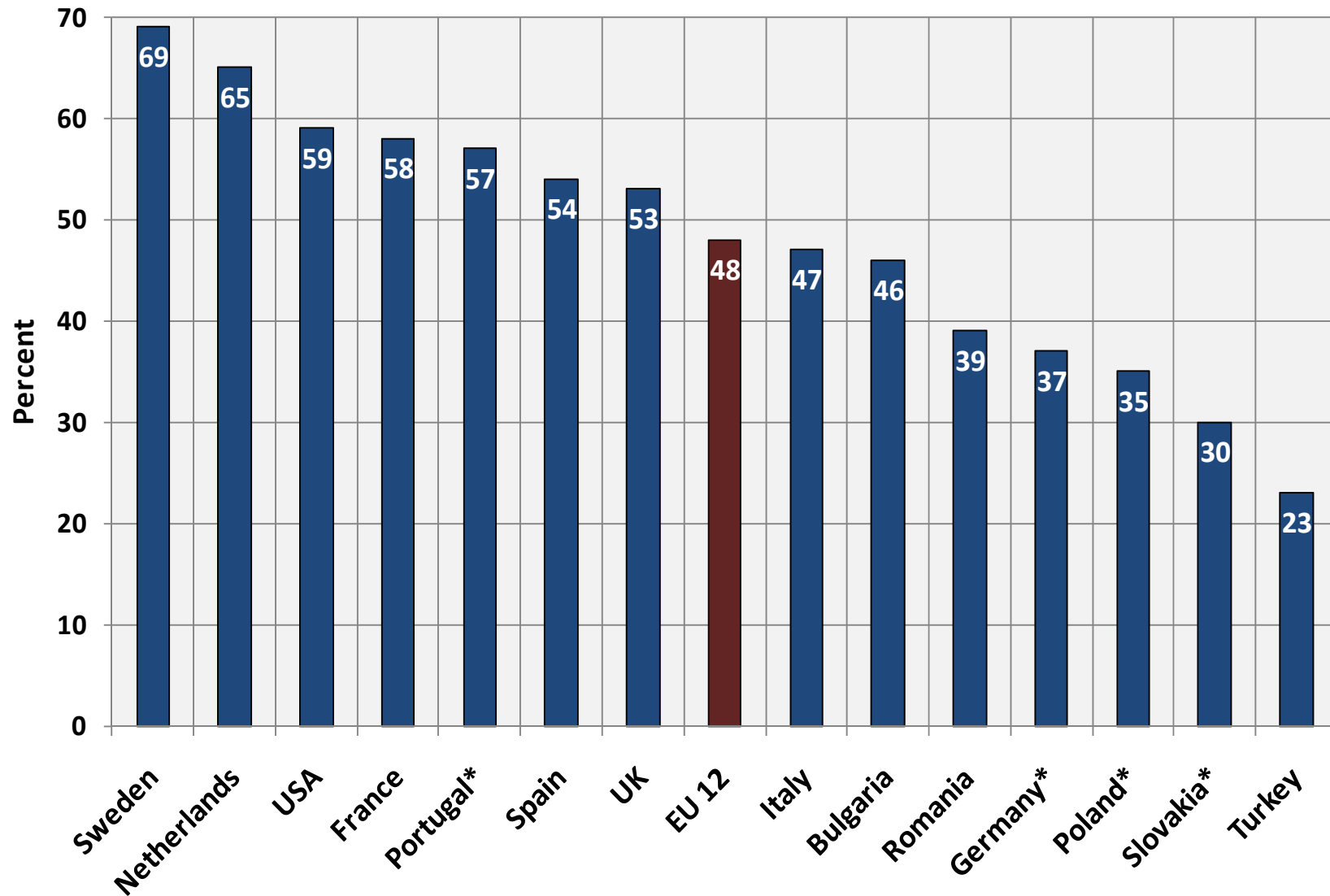
Q14a: As you may know, (COUNTRY) currently has troops stationed in Afghanistan. In your view, should (COUNTRY) increase the number of troops in Afghanistan, keep its troops at its current level, reduce the number of its troops or should it withdraw all troops from Afghanistan?

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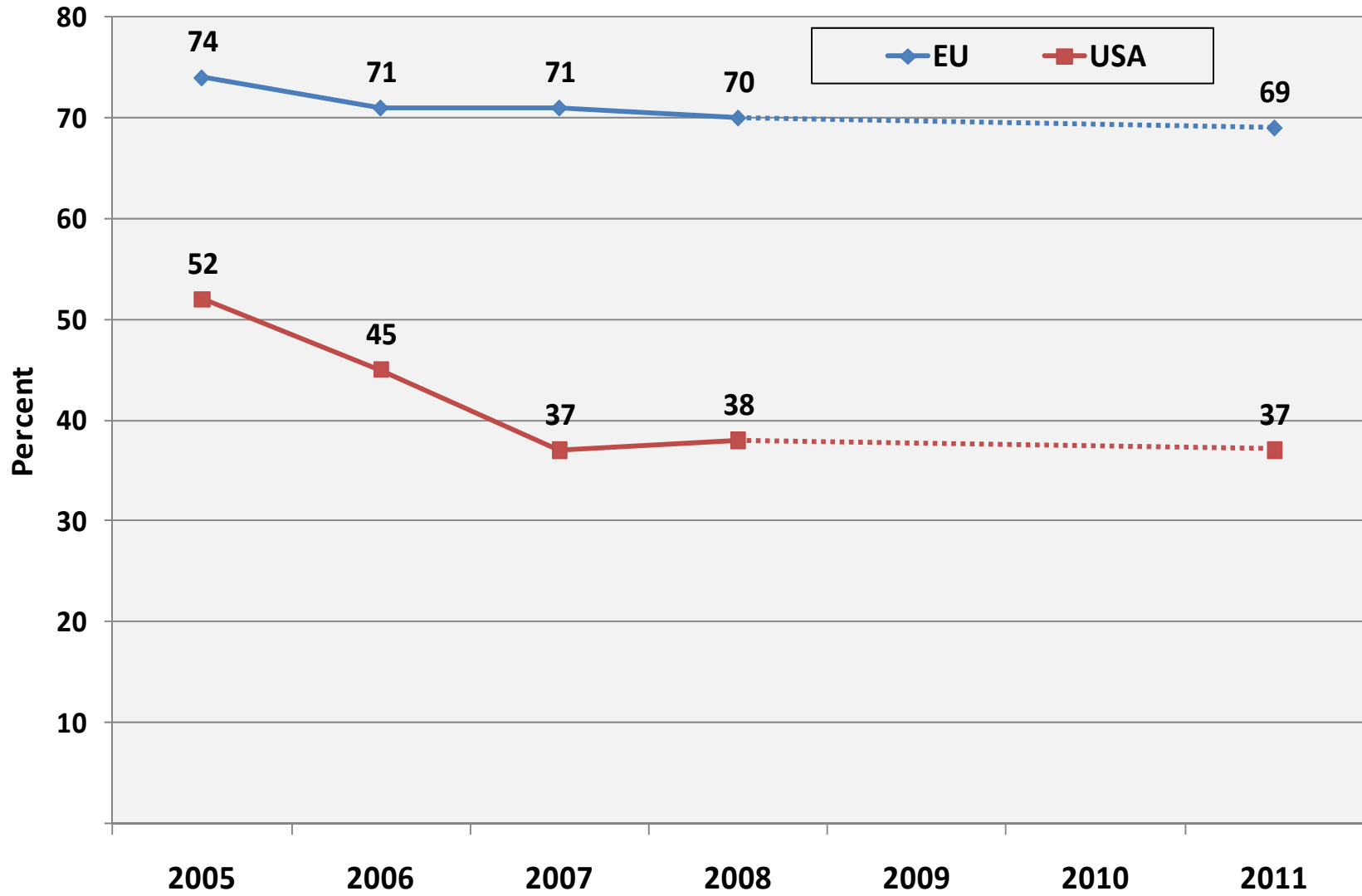
Approval for Libyan Intervention by International Forces



* Aside from their role in NATO, the countries are not involved in military operations in Libya

Q39: As you may know, international forces have been engaged in military action in Libya. To what extent do you approve or disapprove of the military action in Libya by international forces?

It Should be the Role of the U.S./EU to Help Establish Democracy in Other Countries



Q19: Do you think it should or should not be the role of the [EUROPEAN UNION]/ [UNITED STATES] to help establish democracy in other countries?

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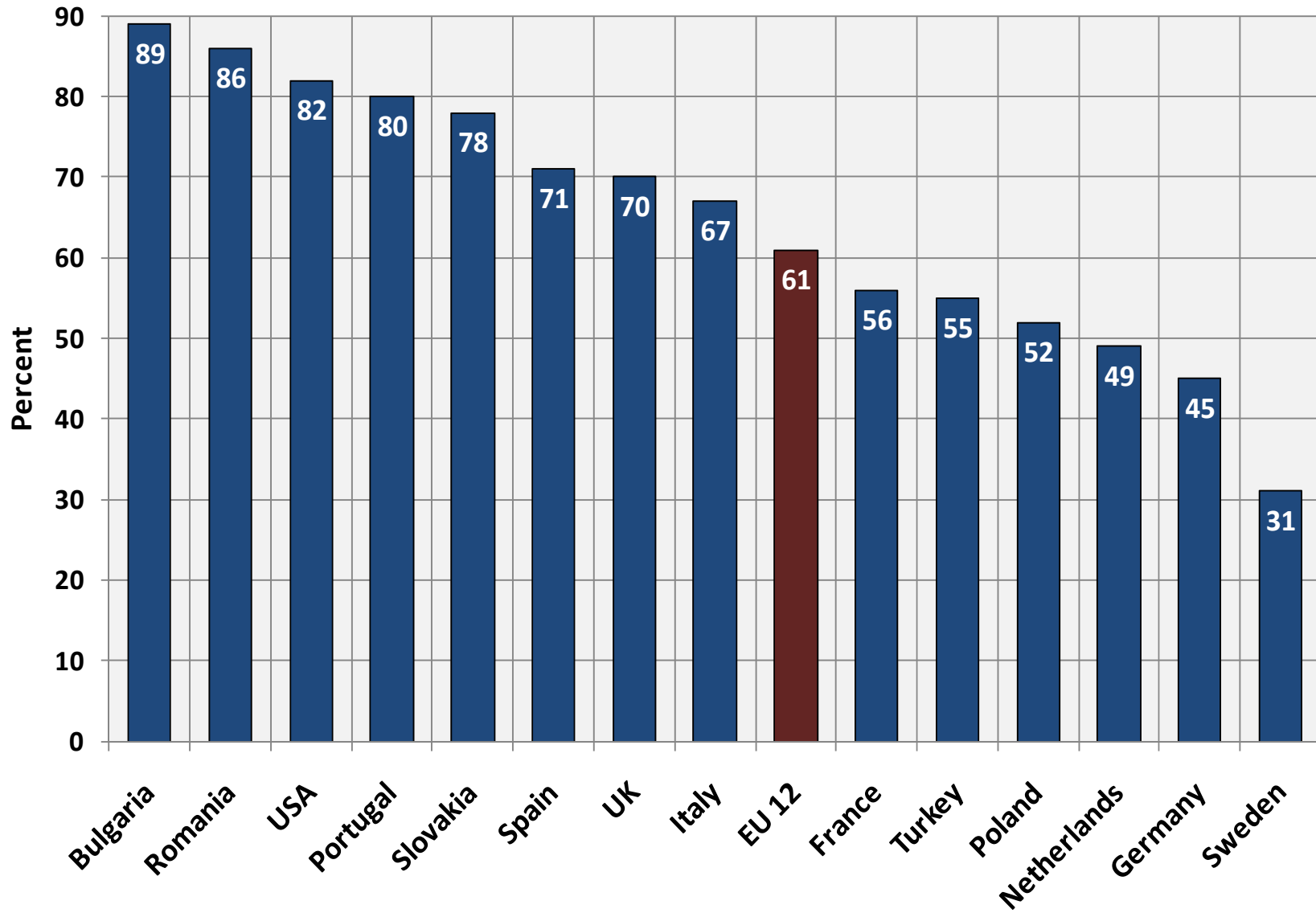
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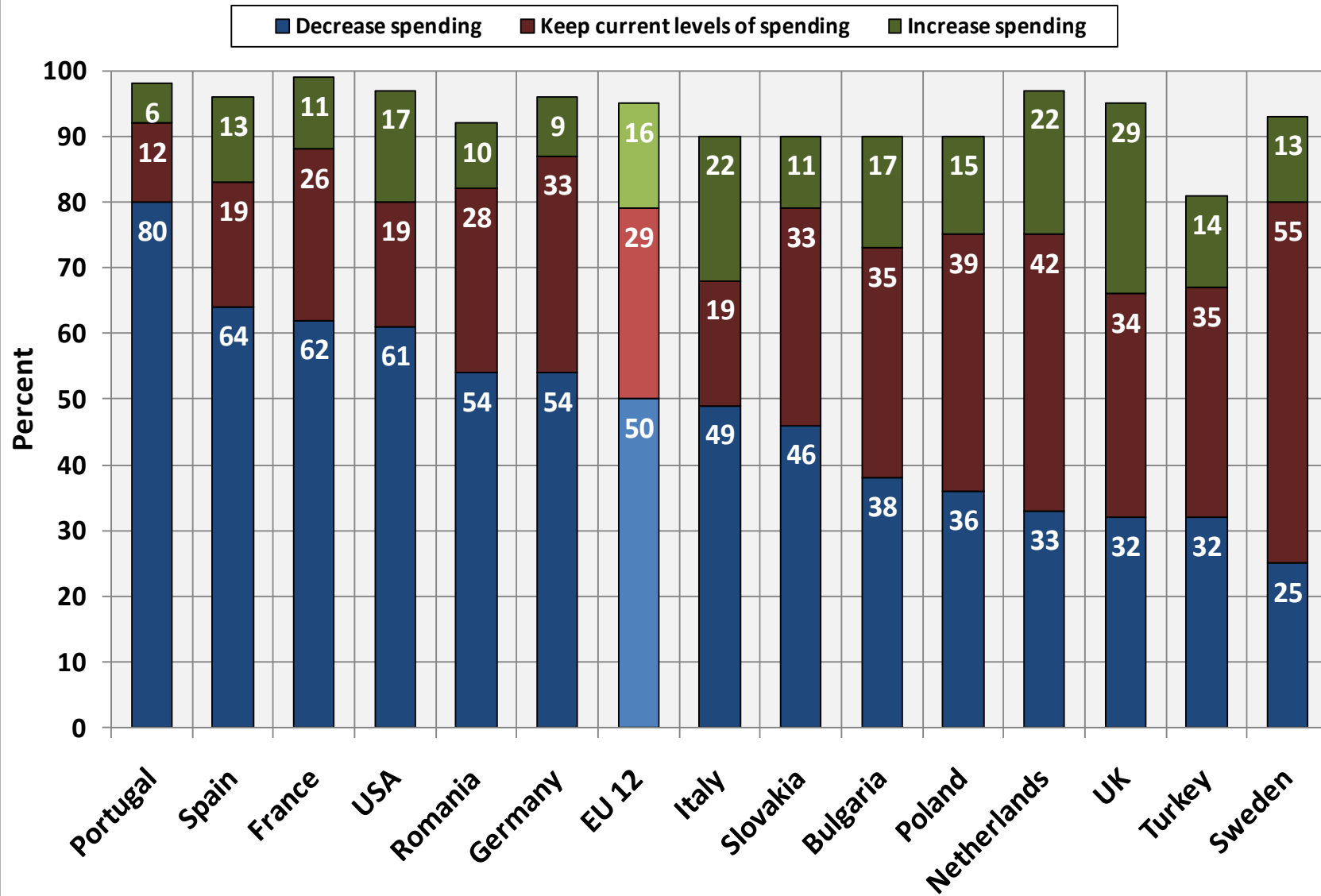
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Personally Affected by Recent Economic Crisis



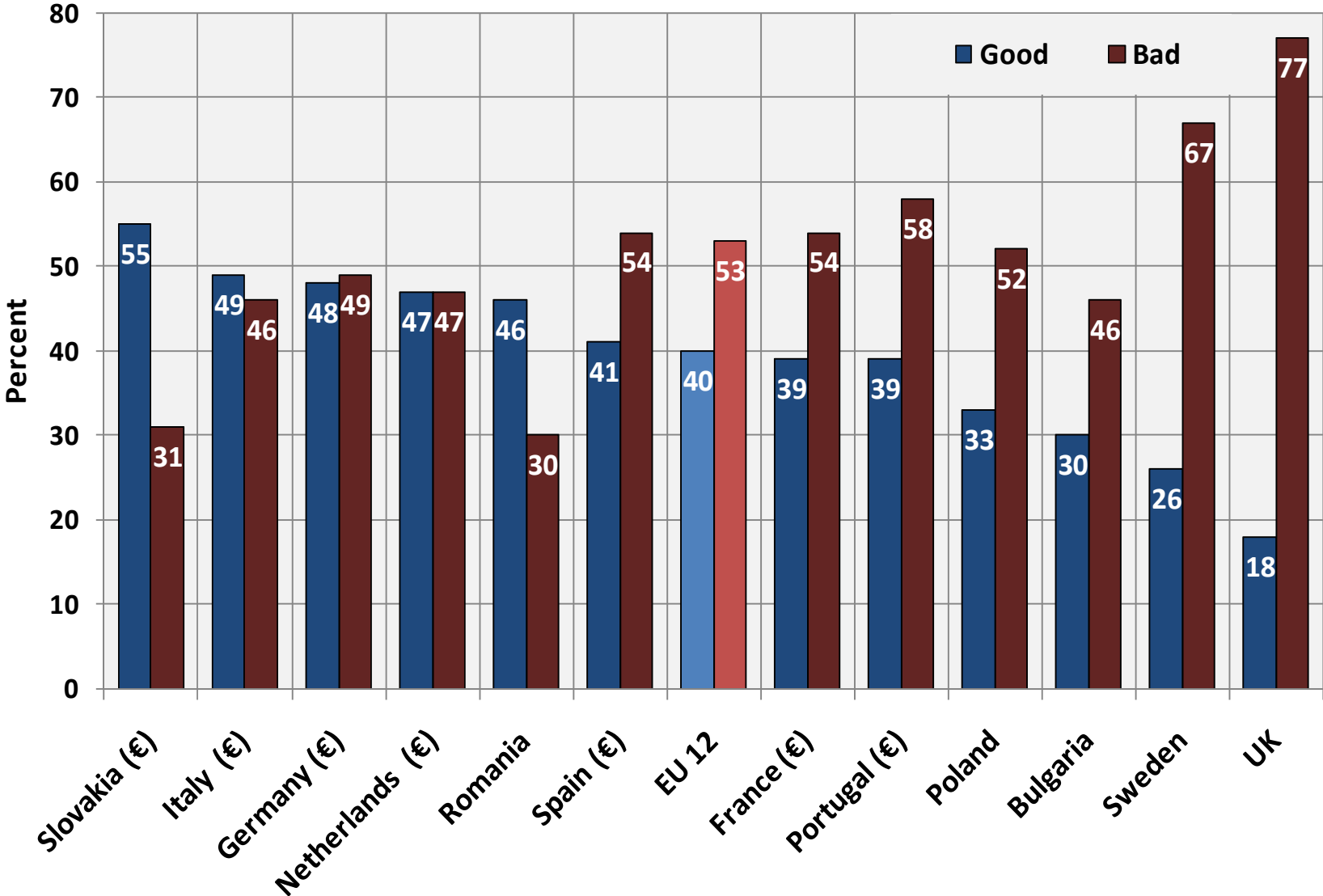
Q33: And regarding the extent to which you or your family has been personally affected by the current economic crisis, would you say that your family's financial situation has been...

What to Do About Government Spending



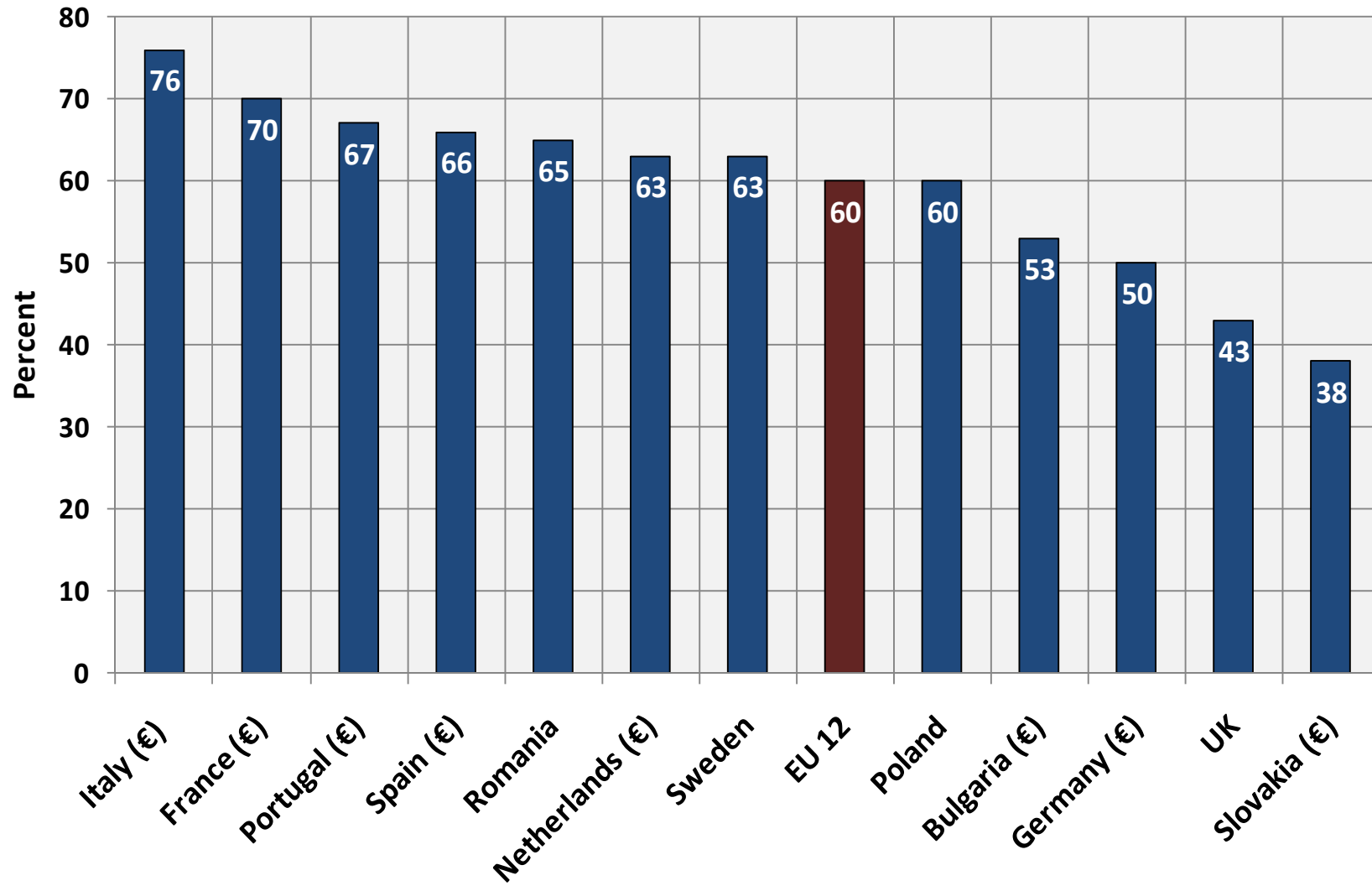
Q11: These days, some governments are cutting spending to reduce their debt. Other governments are maintaining or increasing their spending to stimulate economic growth. What is your view?

The Euro's Effect on the National Economy



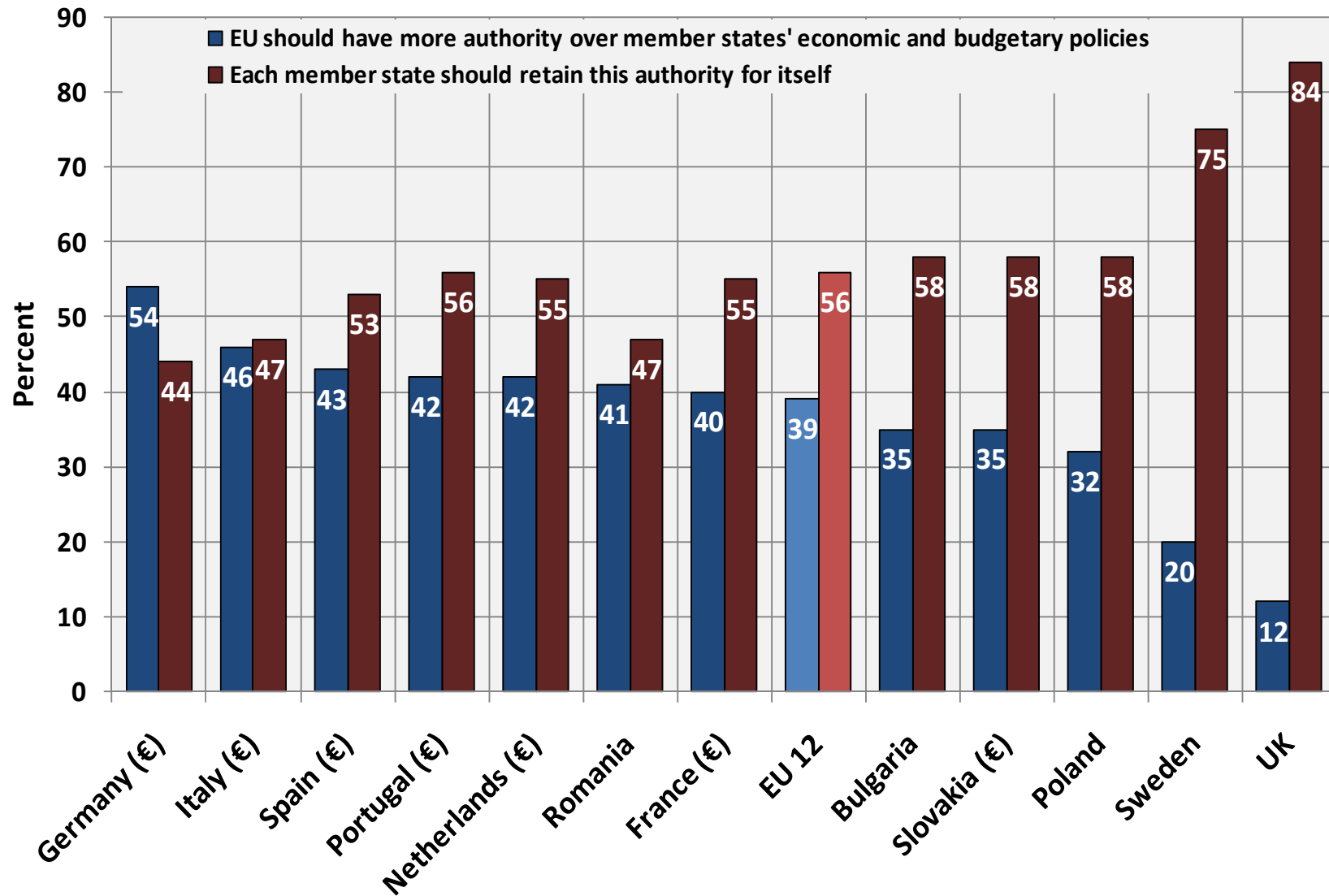
Q30: And how about the euro? Generally speaking, do you think that using the euro in [COUNTRY] [WITHIN THE EUROZONE] has been/[OUTSIDE THE EUROZONE] WOULD BE a good thing or a bad thing for the [COUNTRY] economy?

Support for Contributing to a Special Assistance Fund for Countries with Budgetary Difficulties



Q32: As you may know, the European Union has recently created a fund to assist member states that find themselves in budgetary difficulty. To what extent do you approve or disapprove of [COUNTRY] making a contribution to this fund? Do you...

Sentiments about More EU Economic Oversight of National Finances



Q31: Some people say that because of recent economic difficulties, the EU should have more authority over member states' economic and budgetary policies. Other people say that each member state should retain this authority for itself. Which view is closer to your own?

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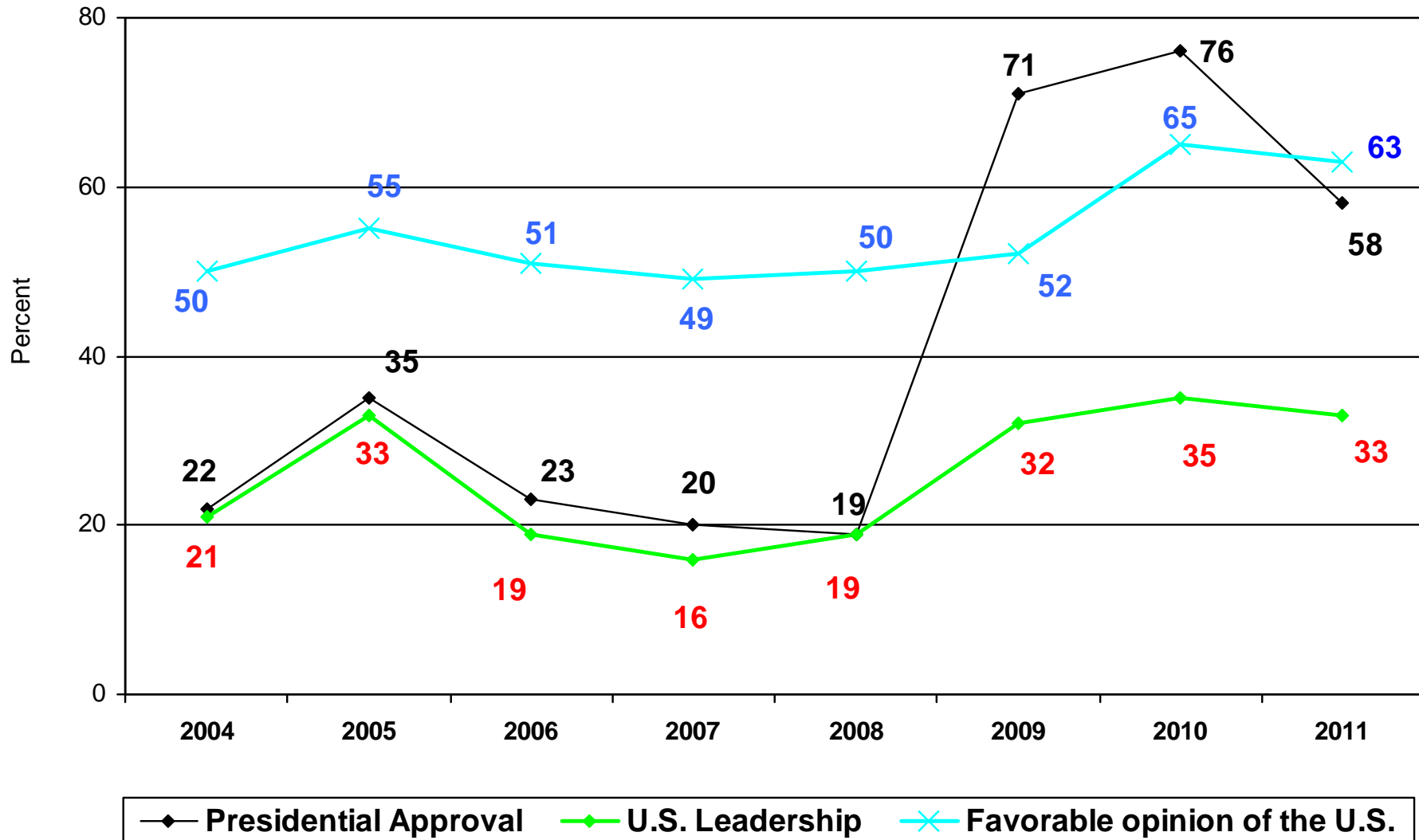
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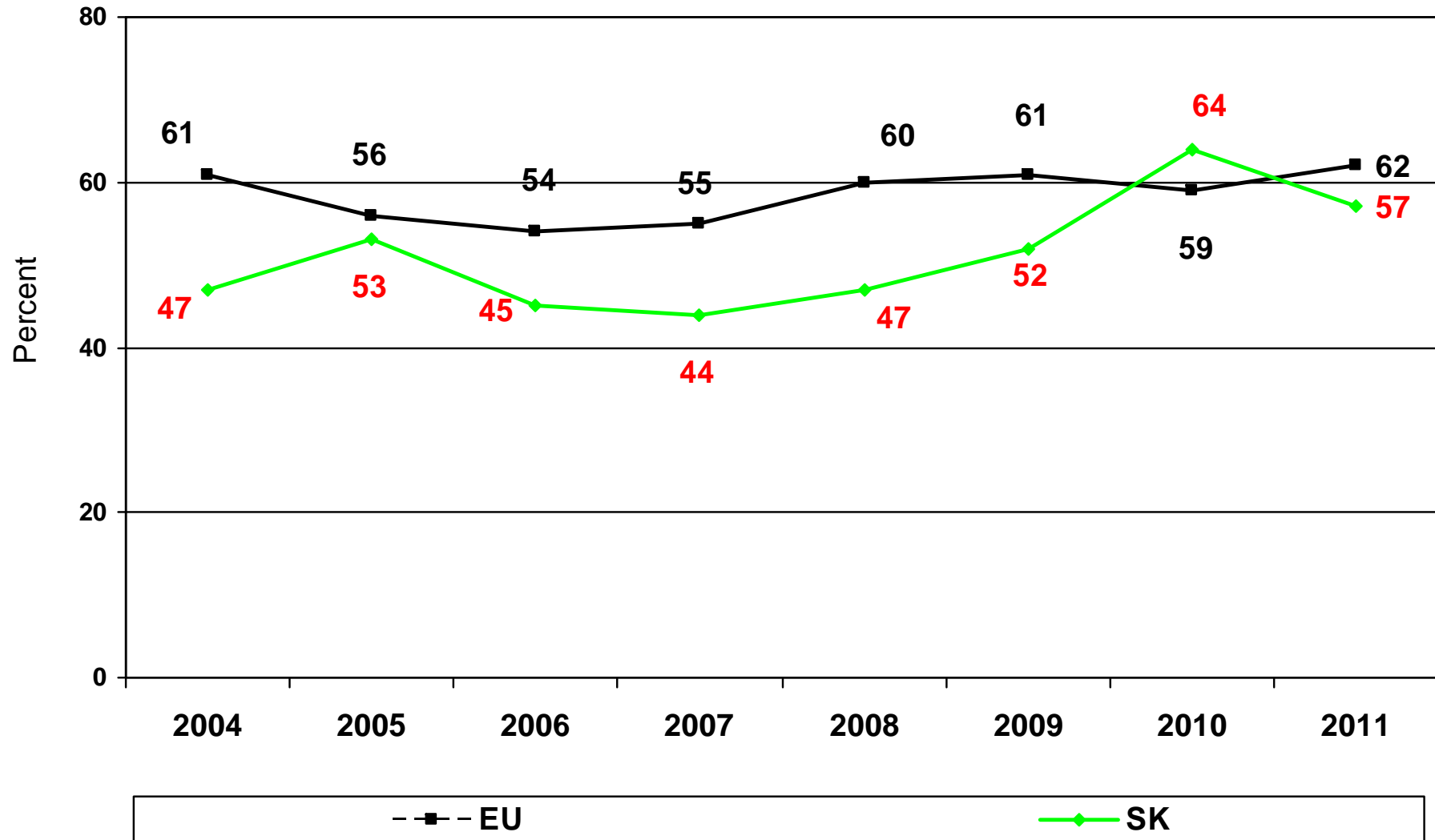
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Slovakia: Opinion on U.S. Leadership, Presidential Approval and Favorability of the U.S.

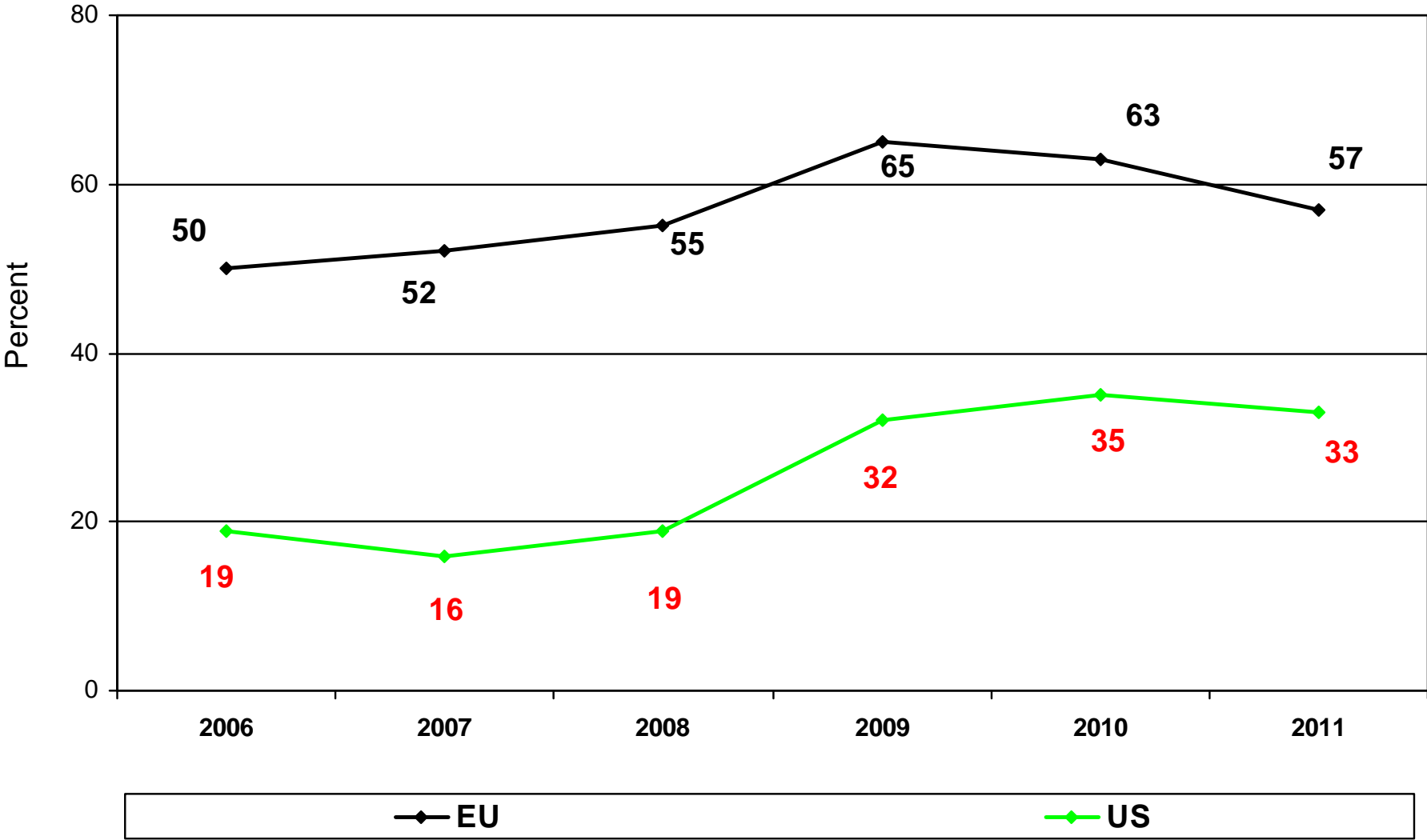


Note: In 2004-2008 favorable opinion was measured on „thermometer“ on scale 0 – 100; later on the 4-point scale.

EU and Slovak views on NATO: NATO is essential

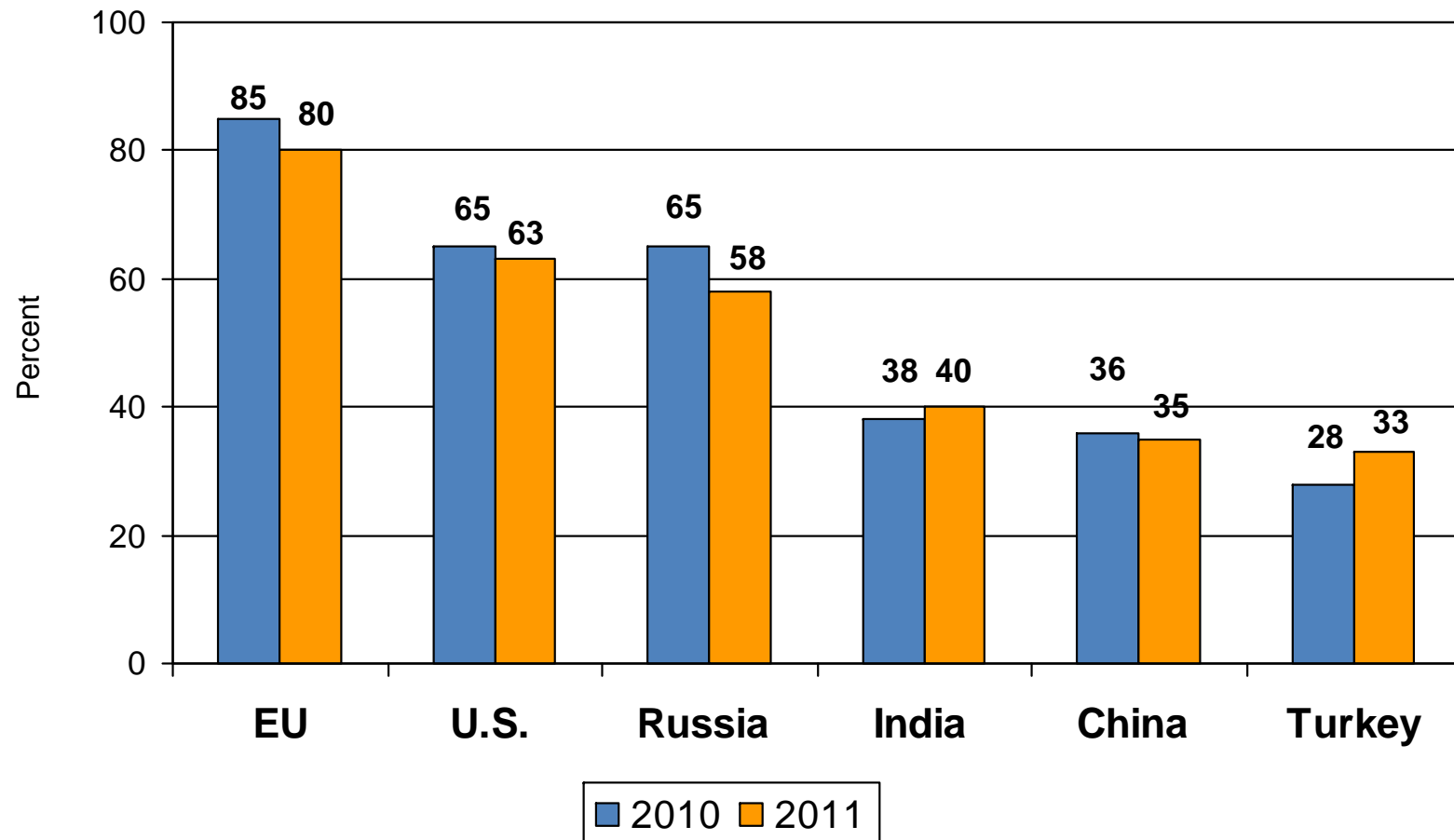


Slovaks in favor of EU and U.S. leadership in world affairs

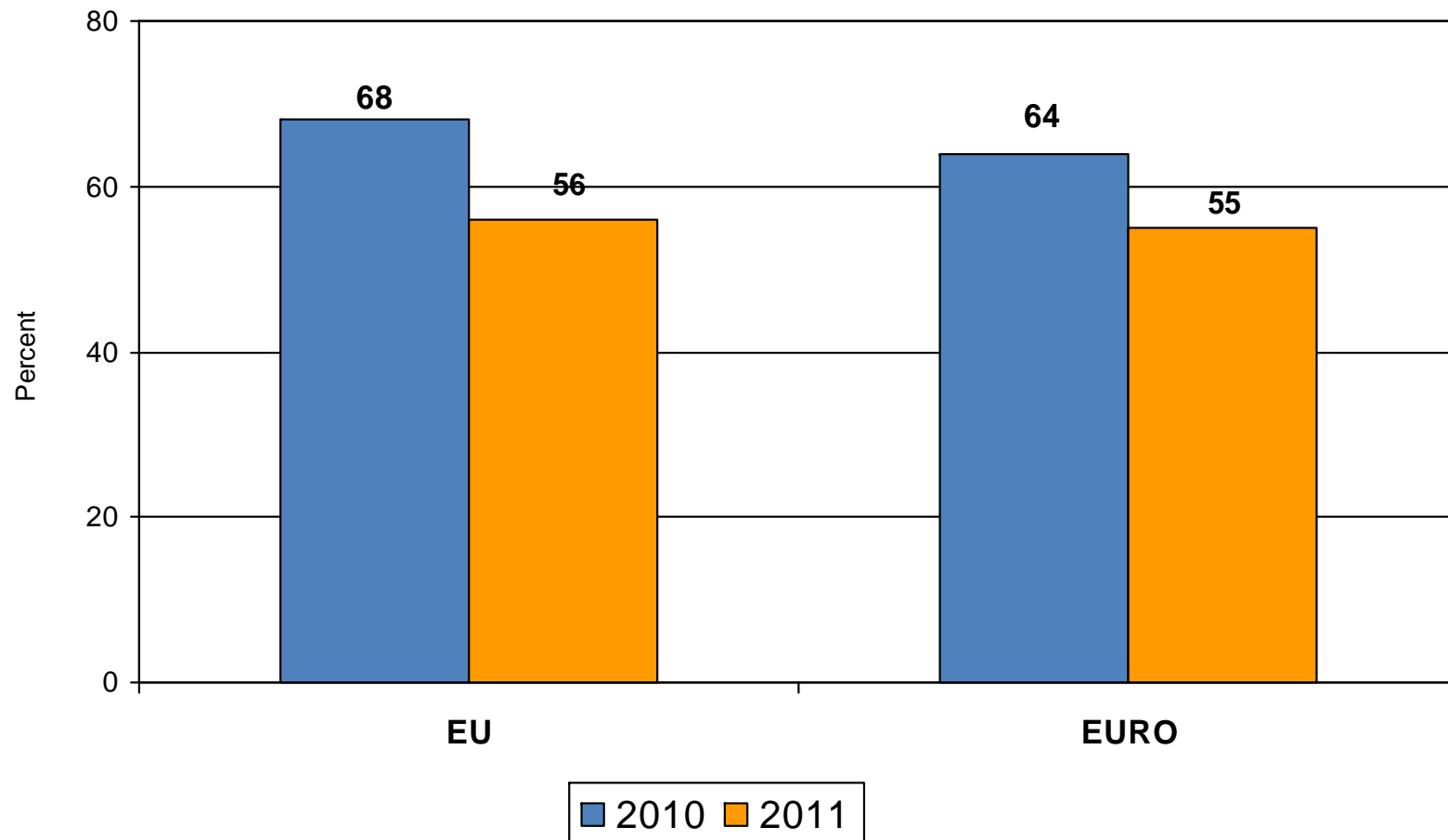


Opinions of Slovaks to others countries

(very + somewhat favorable opinion of ...)



Slovakia: EU and Eurozone membership effects on national economy (responses „good“)



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