

ZA –Archiv Nummer 0901

**Probleme der Anwesenheit
amerikanischer Truppen in
Deutschland
1956**

A. What do you think is the most important problem facing West Germany today? (XX-3)

Col. 9 (See Xaire for punch positions)

Foreign Relations:

European integration
West German remilitarization
Peace
Reunification

Internal Affairs:

a. Economic

Standard of living, economic conditions
Employment
Housing
Taxes
Others:

b. Political

Governmental problems
Communism
Other internal problems

No opinion/No answer

1. Have you perhaps heard or read that negotiations have recently been held between the Federal Republic and the Western Powers on a German contribution to the stationing costs of the NATO forces in West Germany?

Col. 10

1 - Yes
2 - No

IF "NO":

INFORMATION: Representatives of the Western Powers and the Federal Republic have in recent months repeatedly discussed the amount of a German contribution to the stationing costs of the NATO forces in West Germany

2. Why do you think the Western Powers demand a contribution to the stationing costs from the Federal Republic for the maintenance of their troops in West Germany?

NO CODES

3. Are the stationing costs the Federal Republic pays to the Western Powers, in your opinion, to be considered as a contribution to the joint defense effort of the West, or as a continuation of the former occupation costs?

Col. 11

- 1 - Contribution to joint Western defense effort
- 2 - Continuation of former occupation costs
- X - No opinion

4. Do you perhaps know who at the present carries the main burden for the maintenance of the West Germany based armed forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, also called NATO?

Col. 12

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No

IF "YES":

- 4a. Who carries the main burden for the maintenance of these armed forces?

NO CODES

IF "NO":

- 4b. Who, at the present, do you think carries the main burden for the maintenance of these armed forces: The individual home country, the Federal Republic, or all the West European nations united in this defense community?

Col. 13

- 1 - Individual home country
- 2 - Federal Republic
- 3 - All NATO members
- X - No opinion

5. Taking everything into consideration, should the American Forces leave West Germany now or should they stay on? (#983)

Col. 14

- 1 - Leave
- 2 - Stay on
- X - No opinion

IF "Leave":

- 5a. Why should the American Forces, in your opinion, leave Germany?
NO CODES

IF "Stay on" or "No opinion":

5b. Supposing the American Forces stay on in Germany, should they be decreased in number or not? (#982)

IF "Not decreased": Should they be increased in number or should they remain stationary?

Col. 15

- 1 - Decreased
- 2 - Not decreased - remain stationary
- 3 - Not decreased - increased
- X - No opinion

IF "Decreased":

5ba. What are your reasons for recommending a decrease in the American Forces in Germany?

NO CODES

ALL

6. Considering everything, does the presence of American troops in West Germany, in your opinion, mean more advantages or more disadvantages for us? (#982)

Col. 16

- 1 - More advantages
- 2 - More disadvantages
- 3 - Neither/nor
- 4 - Both advantages and disadvantages
- X - No opinion

IF "More advantages," "More disadvantages," or "Both advantages and disadvantages":

6a. Of what advantages (disadvantages) are you thinking?

NO CODES

7. Can you tell me whether or not any social contacts or relations exist between the German population and the American soldiers? (#982)

Col. 17

- 1 - Yes
- 2 - No
- X - Don't know

IF "Yes":

7a. What are you thinking of?

NO CODES

IF "Yes":

7b. How would you consider the nature of these relations: As very good, good, fair, bad, or very bad? (#982)

Col. 18

- 1 - Very good
- 2 - Good
- 3 - Fair
- 4 - Bad
- 5 - Very bad
- X - No opinion

8. Just imagine your daughter, sister, or some other close female, would want to marry an American soldier, would you be opposed to it, or wouldn't you? (Very much opposed to it, opposed to it, or hardly opposed to it?)

Col. 19

- 1 - Very much opposed to it
- 2 - Opposed to it
- 3 - Hardly opposed to it
- 4 - Not opposed to it
- X - No opinion

IF "Very much opposed to it", "Opposed to it," or "Hardly opposed to it":

8a. For what reasons would you be opposed to it?

NO CODES

9. According to everything you have seen or heard, how do you find the behavior of the American soldiers - is it generally good or bad? (#982)

Col. 20

- 1 - Good
- 2 - Fair
- 3 - Bad
- X - No opinion

10. And how do you find the outward appearance and dress of the American soldiers: Good, so-so, or poor?

Col. 21

- 1 - Good
- 2 - So-so
- 3 - Poor
- X - No opinion

11. Do you have the impression that the relations between the American soldiers and the German civilian population have improved or worsened during the past few months?

Col. 22

- 1 - Improved
- 2 - Worsened
- 3 - Remained unchanged
- X - No opinion

IF "Improved" or "Worsened":

- 11a. In what respect have relations (improved) (worsened)?

NO CODES

As you may know, some American soldiers and officers have been joined by their families here in West Germany.

12. Do you feel it's better if the families of American soldiers come to live in Germany, or do you think it is better if they stay behind in the U.S.?

Col. 23

- 1 - Come to live in West Germany
- 2 - Stay behind in the U.S.
- X - No opinion

13. From all you have heard or read about it: Is there anything to be criticized about the way the American soldiers' families here in West Germany live?

NO CODES

14. Do you personally favor contacts between German and American families, or do you think it better if each group sticks pretty much to itself? (#956)

Col. 24

- 1 - Favor
2 - Sticks to itself
X - No opinion

IF "Sticks to itself":

14a. What are your reasons for thinking this is better?

NO CODES

15. As you may know, many housing projects are being built for American families living in Germany. Do you approve of this or don't you approve? (#956)

Col. 25

- 1 - Approve
2 - Disapprove
3 - Indifferent
X - No opinion

IF "Approve":

15a. What are your reasons for approving?

NO CODES

IF "Disapprove":

15b. What are your reasons for disapproving?

NO CODES

16. As you may know, soldiers of different nationalities are stationed in West Germany. Would you please tell me on the basis of all you've heard, read, or seen, how you judge the behavior of these soldiers: Is it good, fair, or bad? (CARD)

	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Bad</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Col. 26 - British	1	2	3	4
- French	6	7	8	9
Col. 27 - Americans	1	2	3	4
- Belgians	6	7	8	9
Col. 28 - Canadians	1	2	3	4
- Moroccans	6	7	8	9

17. As what do you regard the American soldiers in West Germany: Chiefly as occupation troops or chiefly as a protection for European and West German security?

Col. 29

- 1 -- As occupation troops
- 2 - As a protection
- 3 - Both - on an equal basis
- X - No opinion

Recently there has been frequent public discussion of the "occupation babies", that is, children fathered by members of foreign troops stationed in Germany.

18. How many "occupation babies" are there, in your opinion, in West Germany?

NO CODES

19. In many cases the father, that is, the foreign soldier, does not support his child. Who should pay for the maintenance of the child in the first place in such cases: The individual foreign government, the West German government, or the mother of the child? (And who should support the child in the second place?)

Col. 30

	<u>First Place</u>	<u>Second Place</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
Foreign government	1	2	X
West German government	3	4	X
Mother of the child	5	6	X
No opinion/no answer			

20. What prestige do the mothers of these children enjoy with you - very high prestige, high prestige, mediocre prestige, low prestige, or very low prestige?

Col. 31

- 1 - Very high prestige
- 2 - High prestige
- 3 - Mediocre prestige
- 4 - Low prestige
- 5 - Very low prestige
- X - No opinion

21. Who is more to blame in connection with these children - the mother or the father?

Col. 32

- 1 - Mother
- 2 - Father
- 3 - Both equally
- 4 - Neither
- X - No opinion

22. As you may know, the Americans requisitioned apartments and houses after the war in West Germany. Can you perhaps tell me whether or not the Americans still hold such requisitioned property today?

Col. 33

- 1 - Yes, hold requisitioned property
- 2 - No, don't hold requisitioned property
- X - No opinion

IF "Yes, hold requisitioned property":

- 22a. Can you perhaps tell me how many of the originally requisitioned houses and apartments the Americans still have for their own use today - all of them, most of them or only a few of them?

Col. 34

- 1 - All of them
- 2 - Most of them
- 3 - Only a few of them
- X - Don't know

IF "Yes, hold requisitioned property":

- 22b. In your opinion, for how long should the Americans be allowed to live in these homes?

Col. 35

- 1 - For an indefinite period
- 2 - They should leave as soon as possible
- 3 - They should get out immediately
- X - No opinion

23. Do you have the impression that the American Army seriously tries to derequisition as many requisitioned houses as possible, or doesn't it try? (#956)

Col. 36

- 1 - Yes, tries
- 2 - No, doesn't try
- X - No opinion

IF "No, doesn't try":

- 23a. Why doesn't the American Army try to derequisition houses, apartments and property?

NO CODES

24. And have you personally gotten to know American soldiers since the war ended? (Got to know them well or only superficially?) (#982)

Col. 37

- 1 - Yes, well
- 2 - Yes, superficially
- 3 - No, never

25. Approximately how many American soldiers do you guess you see on the average during the week? (#956)

Col. 38

- 1 - 11 and more
- 2 - 4-10
- 3 - 1-3
- 4 - None

26. Have you perhaps heard or read of any recent brawls, attacks or similar incidents in which American soldiers were involved - or haven't you heard of such things?

Col. 39

- 1 - Yes, heard of it
- 2 - No, not heard of it
- X - Don't know

IF "Yes, heard of it":

- 26a. Can you perhaps tell me in a few words what sort of an incident it was you heard of?

IF "Yes, heard of it":

- 26b. Do you believe that these incidents serve to impair the prestige the Americans enjoy in Germany, or not? (Impair prestige most seriously, much, somewhat or only insignificantly?)

Col. 40

- 1 - Most seriously
- 2 - Much
- 3 - Somewhat
- 4 - Insignificantly
- 5 - Not at all
- X - No opinion

27. Do you have any suggestions as to what the American Forces could do so that the American soldiers and the German population will get along better with each other? (956)

NO CODES

28. And what could the German population do so that the American soldiers and the German population will get along better with each other? (#956)

NO CODES

NOTE: DIVO #994 - Use only Card I. Card II contains open-end questions for which we do not have codes

VITAL STATISTICS AND OPEN-END CODES

A. What is your profession?

Col. 41

- 1 - Independent
- 2 - Dependent
- 3 -
- 4 - Employed
- 5 - Unemployed
- 6 - Non labor force
- 7 -
- 8 - The interviewee is the head of a family
- 9 - The interviewee is not the head of a family
- R - No opinion

B. The profession of the head of the family (If not the interviewee himself)
Give details:

Col. 42

C. Do you have any activities or official assignments? Any of these? (CARD)

Col. 44

- 1 - As a representative of a community, town council, representative of a district
- 2 - In an organization for refugees
- 3 - In a professional or economical association, what?
- 4 - As a representative of a district
- 5 - As a working manager
- 6 - In a trade union
- 7 - In a party
- 8 - In a youth organization
- 9 - In a student association
- 0 - In an economical organization
- X - In an association, what association?
- Y - None of these ---> Ask Ba

Ba. Do you do an activity similar to those? What?

Col. 45

- 1 - Yes, What?
- 2 - No

C. How often do you attend meeting lectures where economical or political questions are discussed?

Col. 48

- 1 - Often
- 2 - Once in awhile
- 3 - Seldom
- 4 - Never

D. Are you a member of an association, a trade union or a party?

Col. 46

- 1 - Member - association - what?
- 2 - Member - club - what?
- 3 - Member - trade union - what
- 4 - Member - party - what
- 5 - Yes, another association
- X - No, I am not a member

E. What political party do you like best?

Col. 49

- 1 - SPD
- 2 - CDU/CSU
- 3 - FDP
- 4 - DP
- 5 - DRP
- 6 - BHE
- 7 - KPD
- 8 - FVP
- 9 - BdD
- 0 - Other party
- X - No
- Y - No opinion

→ Ask Ea.

Ea. Supposing an election would be held tomorrow, which party would you vote for?

Code E Col. 50

- Y - Would not vote
- X - No opinion

F. How old are you?

Col. 51

- 1 - Up to 19 years old
- 2 - 20 to 24 years
- 3 - 25 to 29 years
- 4 - 30 to 34 years
- 5 - 35 to 39 years
- 6 - 40 to 44 years
- 7 - 45 to 49 years
- 8 - 50 to 54 years
- 9 - 55 to 59 years
- 0 - 60 to 64 years
- X - More than 65 years
- Y - No opinion

G. How much is your and your family's total income a month? (SHOW CARDS)

Col. 52

- 1 - Up to 149 DM
- 2 - 150 to 299 DM
- 3 - 300 to 399 DM
- 4 - 400 to 499 DM
- 5 - 500 to 599 DM
- 6 - 600 to 699 DM
- 7 - 700 to 799 DM
- 8 - 800 to 899 DM
- 9 - 900 to 999 DM
- 0 - More than 1000 DM

H. Residence

Col. 53

- 1 - Deported or have lived abroad since the 1st of September 1939
- 2 - Emmigrated from Berlin, the East-Zone or the Saar district
- 3 - Other population
- 4 - Foreigner

I. Religion

Col. 53

- 8 - Catholic
- 9 - Protestant
- 0 - Other religion
- Y - No religion

K. Education

Col. 54

- 1 - Elementary school
- 2 - High school without "Abitur"
- 3 - Abitur
- 4 - University (without graduation)
- 5 - University with graduation

M. Marital status

Col. 54

- 6 - Single
- 7 - Married
- 8 - Widow (er)
- 9 - Divorced
- 0 - Have separated

N. Only to men

Were you a soldier in World War I (II)

Col. 55

- 1 - Yes, World War I
 - 2 - Yes, World War II
 - 3 - Yes, both of them
 - 4 - No
- ➔ Ask Na

Na. Have you fought against the Americans or were you on other fronts?

Col. 55

- 5 - Against the Americans
- 6 - On other fronts
- 7 - At home
- X - No opinion

Only for the Interviewer :

I. Sex

Col. 56

- 1 - Male
- 2 - Female

II Social Class

Col. 56

- 3 - A - class
- 4 - B-class
- 5 - C-class
- 6 - D-class
- 7 - Two classes D1
- 8 - Two classes D2

III How difficult was it to make the interview:

Col. 56

- 9 - Not at all difficult
- 0 -
- X -
- Y - Very difficult

IV The interview was made on:

Col. 57

- 1 - 1st visit - made at once
- 2 - 1st visit - but visits
- 3 - 2nd visit
- 4 - 3rd visit
- 5 - 4th visit
- 6 - visit

V Population

Col. 58

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|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 - Up to 999 inhabitants | 6 - 25000 to 49999 |
| 2 - 1000 to 1999 inhabitants | 7 - 50000 to 99999 |
| 3 - 2000 to 4999 | 8 - 100000 to 249999 |
| 4 - 5000 to 9999 | 9 - More than 250000 inhabitants |
| 5 - 10000 to 24999 | |

Only for the Interviewer:

VI Region

Col. 59

- 1 - Schleswig-Holstein
- 2 - Hamburg
- 3 - Niedersachsen
- 4 - Bremen
- 5 - Nordrhein-Westfalen
- 6 - Hessen
- 7 - Rheinland-Pfalz
- 8 - Nordwürttemberg-Baden
- 8 Y - Sudbaden
- 8 X - Sudwürttemberg-Hohenzollern
- 9 - Bayern
- 0 - Berlin

Date:

The interview was completed:

Col. 60-62

The interviewer's code number:

The interviewer's -

Sex - Col. 63

- X - Male
- Y - Female
- R - No answer

The interviewer's -

Age - Col. 63

- 1 - Up to 19 years
- 2 - Up to 29 years
- 3 - Up to 39
- 4 - Up to 49
- 5 - Up to 59
- 6 - More than 60 years