A PROJECT OF THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COMPAGNIA DI SAN PAOLO. SUPPORT FOR THE PORTUGUESE SECTION OF THE SURVEY COMES FROM THE LUSO-AMERICAN FOUNDATION.
1. Americans support both active U.S. global engagement and strong EU leadership

X77% of Americans want the US to take an active part in world affairs, representing the highest level of support since the question was first asked in 1947

X43% of Americans think it is very desirable and 37% as somewhat desirable to have a strong European Union in world affairs
2. Americans increasingly see a stronger EU as desirable

When asked whether the United States should remain the only superpower, 42% said yes (down from 52% in 2002), with only a slightly smaller percentage (37%, up from 33% in 2002) opting for the EU to become a superpower like the U.S.

When those respondents, who answered the U.S. should remain the only superpower, were asked if they would still oppose the EU as superpower if it meant the EU would share the costs and risks of global problems, notably, 50% said "no." Thus, a majority of Americans wants to see the EU become a superpower capable of sharing 'global responsibilities with the U.S.

When the 37% who favored the EU as superpower were asked if this would still be the case if the EU sometimes opposed U.S. policies, 83% of them said "yes," suggesting the view is strongly held and unconditional
3. A large majority of Europeans want the EU to become a superpower like the U.S.
4. Both sides of the Atlantic want an EU superpower to serve as a partner to the U.S.

'v 85% of those Europeans who expressed support for the EU as a superpower want a stronger Europe in order to cooperate, rather than compete, with the U.S.

5. Majorities on both sides see U.S. unilateralism as a possible threat

78% of Europeans and, more surprisingly, 67% of Americans list U.S. unilateralism as an extremely important or important threat
6. Germany chooses Europe over the United States

~ Despite the general support shown by Europeans for a superpower role for the EU, follow-on questions indicated that that support may be soft or conditional. The large majority favoring an EU superpower role dropped by half, to 36% if this would imply greater military expenditure.

Germany has now chosen Europe over the US. Support for strong US leadership role went down from 68 to 45% in 2003, 50% of Germans (27% in 2002) felt strong U.S. leadership was undesirable. Asked whether the EU or the U.S. was more important to Germany's vital interests, 81% of German respondents (up from 55% in 2002) said the EU
7. Strong support on both sides of the Atlantic for the United Nations, in principle

8. Most Americans, unlike Europeans, believe bypassing the UN can be justified when vital interests of country are involved. 36% of Americans and 16% of Europeans agree strongly (21% of Americans and 24% of Europeans agree somewhat)