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CRIME, SAFETY & SECURITY IN GERMANY

There is high public support for the police and, in terms of crime, only sexual assaults are significantly higher than the EU average

Significant findings

- High level of sexual crimes, 60% above the EU average
- The scores on other crime indicators are below the EU average.

Rates of crime

- Rates of “common crime” have fallen by 4% since 1999 and are now just below the EU average
- Very low on robberies (0.4%), thefts of cars (0.3%) and theft from cars, and burglaries (under 1%)
- Assaults (with and without force) and “hate crimes” are almost identical to the EU average

Ethics (corruption and consumer fraud)

- Consumer fraud (at 12%) is in line with the EU average
- Corruption rates (0.5%) are way below the EU average

Concerns, precautions taken, police ratings etc.

- Rates of fitting special locks (62% over 45% EU average) are extremely high, while burglar alarms are below the EU average (15%)
- Police - lots of public support – the force is the fourth highest in terms of overall ratings
- Contact with drug-related incidents have doubled since the 2002 Eurobarometer survey (to 7%) but is still below the EU average
- German people are much less concerned about burglary than in 2000 (55% to 22%)

Solving the problems

- Germans are below the EU average (18%, EU average of 25%) in terms of favouring prison sentences
- 50% prefer community service orders, exactly in line with the EU average

From the report: - "The Burden of Crime in the EU, A Comparative Analysis of the European Survey of Crime and Safety (EU ICS) 2005". Robert Manchin, Gallup Europe, coordinated the Consortium and the project was co-financed by the European Commission under FP6.

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