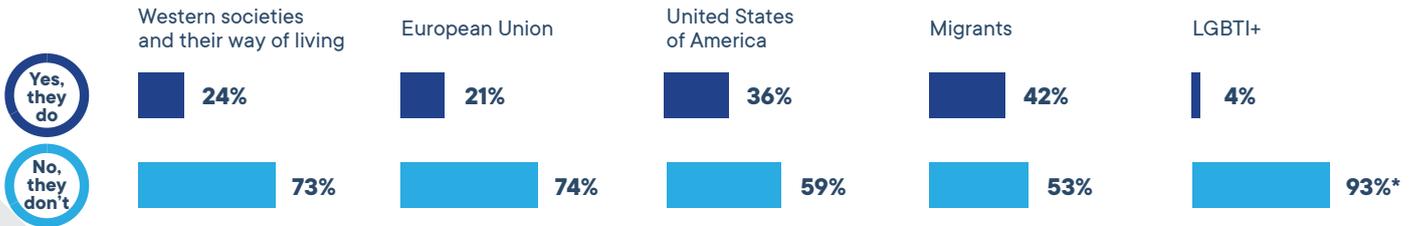


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Whom do Austrians perceive as a threat to their own identity and values?

Do you personally think any of the following groups or countries threaten your identity and values or not?



Asylum seekers are less referred to as 'refugees' in the Austrian political discourse, but primarily as 'economic migrants', with visible impact on public opinion. Four out of ten respondents believe that 'migrants are favoured in our society'.

Media

How free is the media?



Who influences the media according to Austrians?



8 out of 10 Austrians say that standard mainstream media in their country are completely or rather free. In the 2020 World Press Freedom Index Austria ranks 18th but has dropped seven places compared to 2019.

Belief in misinformation and conspiracy theories



The European Union is often used as a scapegoat in the Austrian political discourse. EU bashing is common among tabloid media. No wonder that even 25 years after joining the EU, 4 out of 10 Austrians believe that our country has no say on the European stage.

* missing percentages = "no answer".