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THE IGNORANCE PROJECT

Ignorance Survey: Germany

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The Ignorance Surveys seek to understand what the public all over the world knows about basic global facts and macro-trends. By identifying relevant knowledge-gaps Gapminder shall develop tools and materials using updated statistical evidence to tackle ignorance. The goal is to fight devastating ignorance with a fact-based worldview everyone can understand.

The Ignorance Surveys have already been conducted in Sweden, Norway, UK and USA. Now Germany has joined the research through the participation of a leading German media group, **Der Spiegel**.

This report shows the answers from selected questions conducted in Germany in percentage of the total respondents. The correct alternative is marked in green, and below each question is the data source. The survey was conducted by TNS Forschung between 8th and 12th August 2014. Read more about the methodology on the last page of this report.

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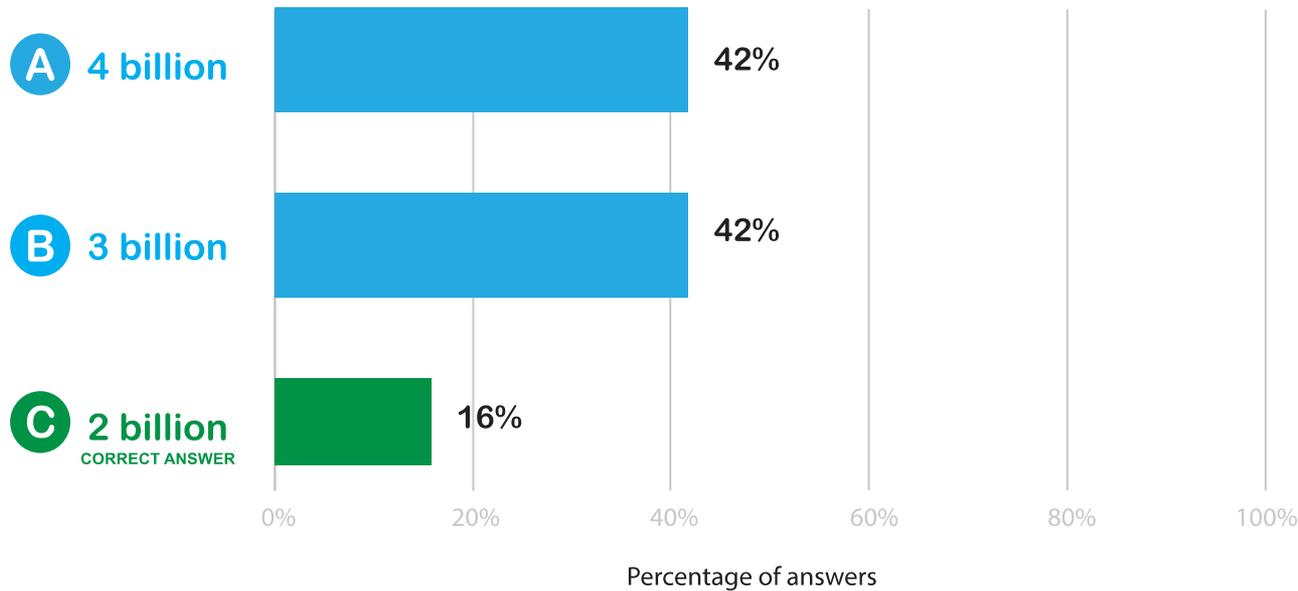
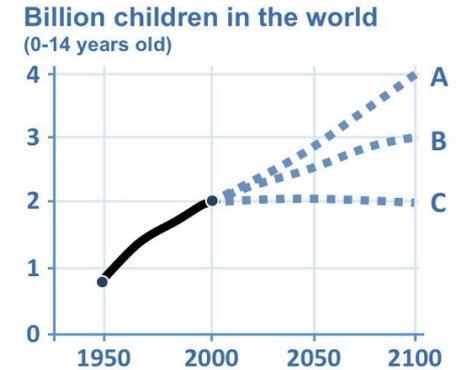


Questions

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2. There are 7 billion people in the world today. Of the maps below, which one do you think shows best where they live in the Americas, Europe, Africa and Asia?
3. What percentage of adults in the world today are literate – can read and write?
4. On average, in the world as a whole today, men aged 25-34 have spent 8 years in school. How many years on average have women in the same age group spent in school?
5. What percentage of the world's one-year old children is vaccinated against measles?
6. In 1965 the number of babies born per woman in the world, on average, was 5. What do you think the number is today?
7. In 1990 nine percent of children died before the age of five in the world as a whole. Which line do you think shows the trend in child mortality since then?
8. How do you think the yearly number of deaths due to natural disasters changed in the world since 1970?

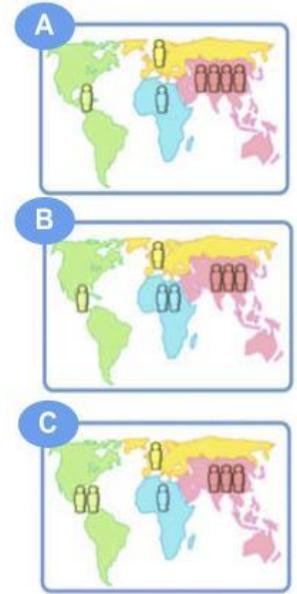
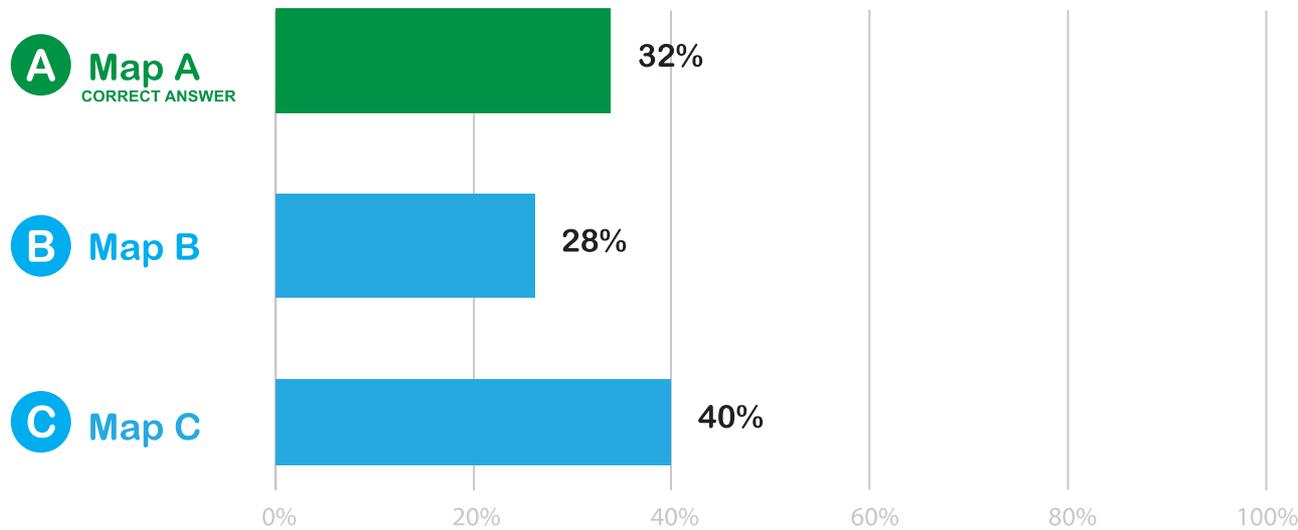


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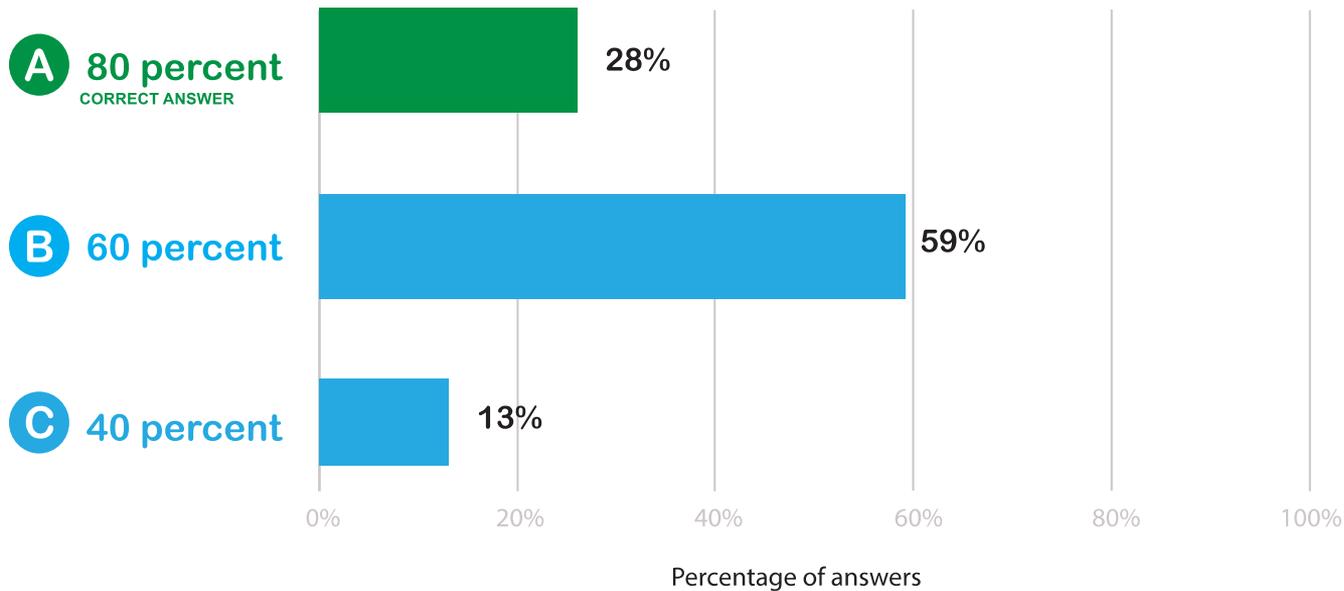


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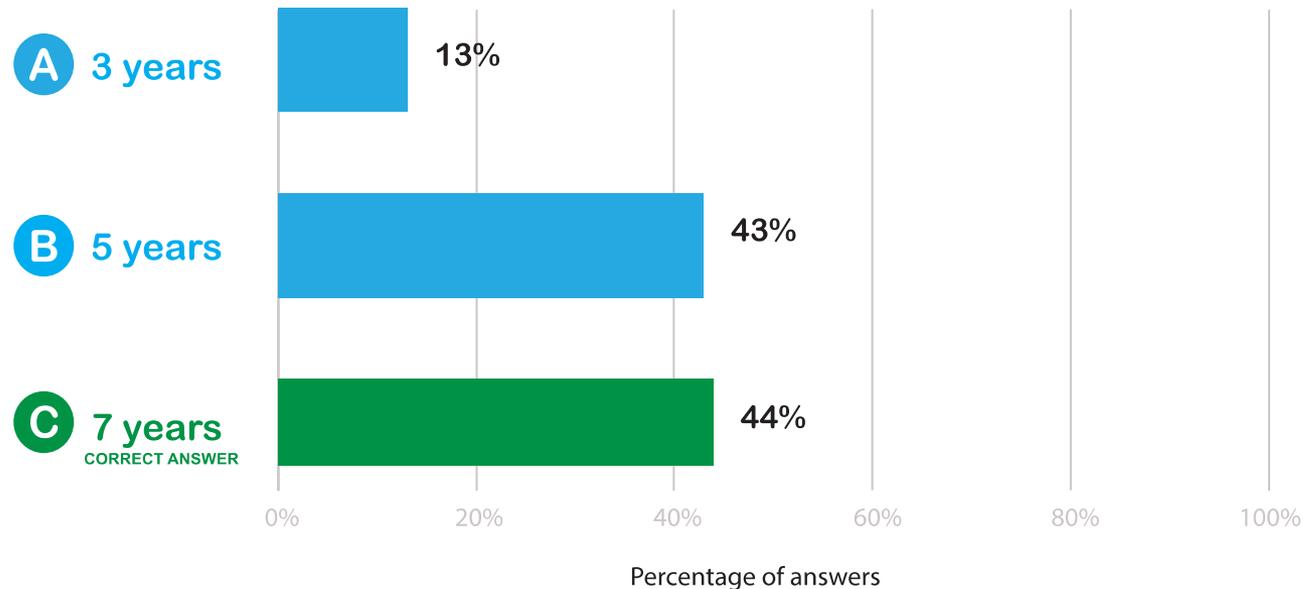


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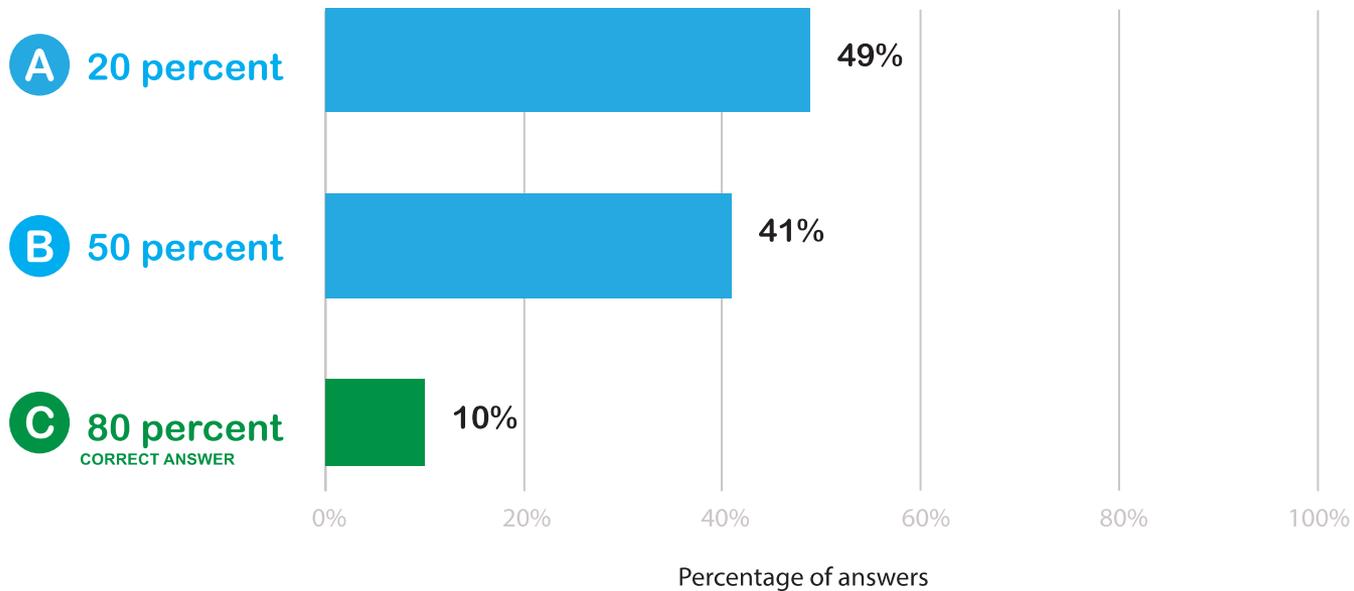


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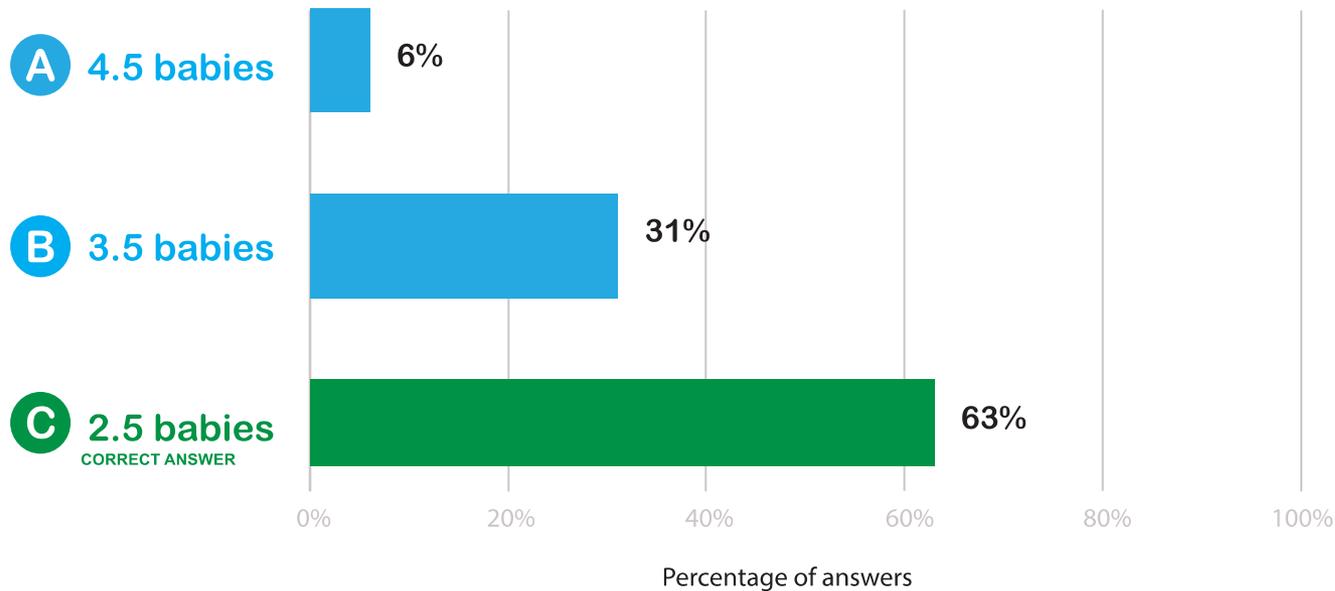
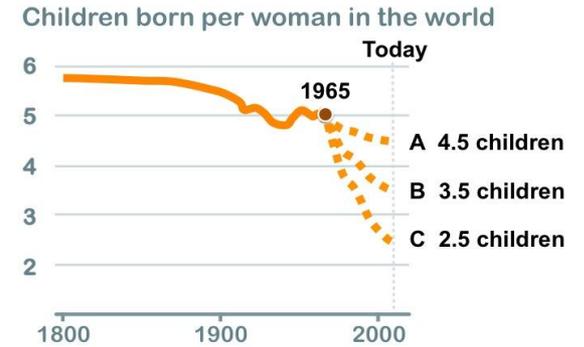


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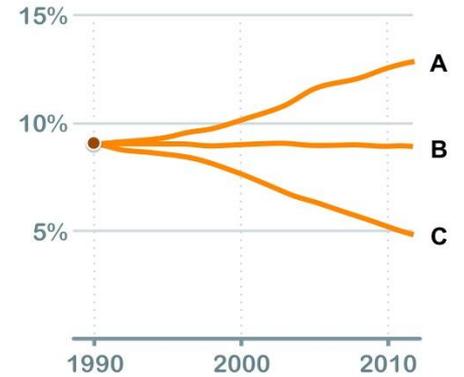
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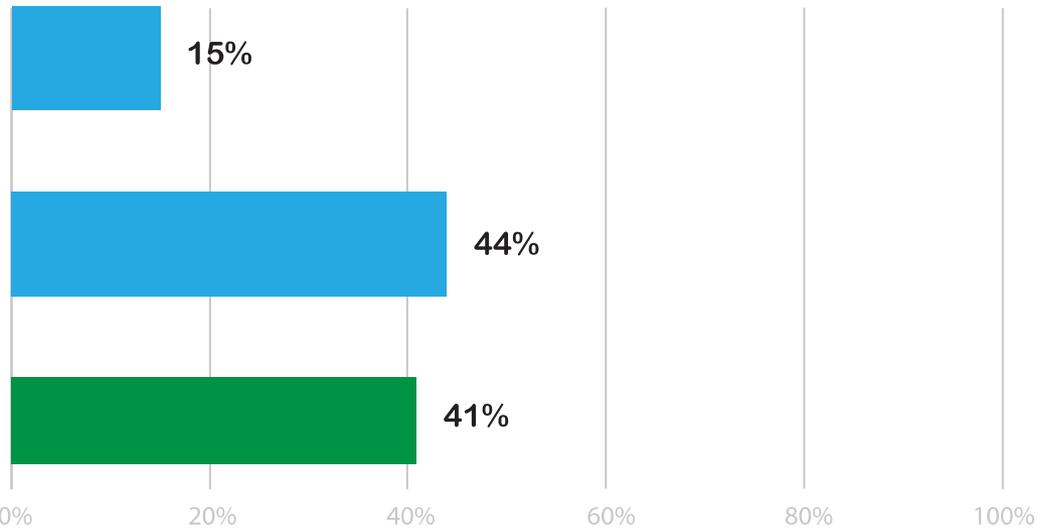


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Percentage of children dying before age 5 in the world



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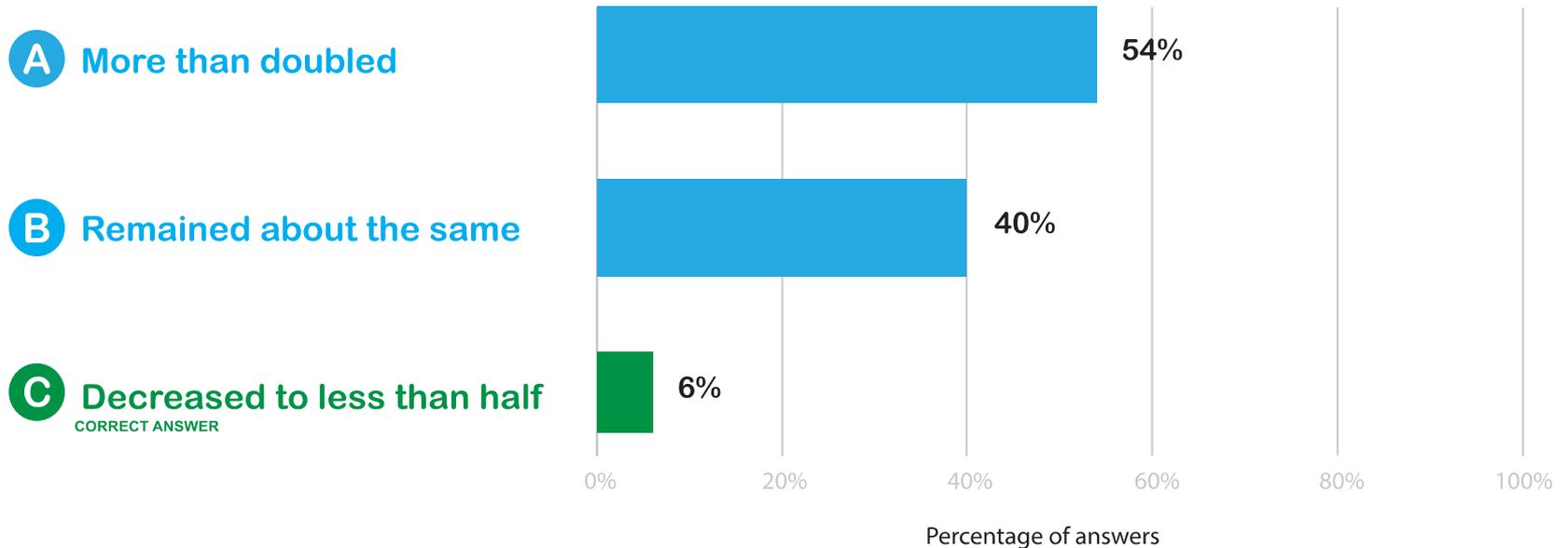
B Line B

C Line C
CORRECT ANSWER

Percentage of answers



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Survey Design

Universe: Population in Germany above 18 years old

Sample selection: Quoted sample

Survey method: Computerized Online Survey (CAWI)

Sample size: 1088 respondents

Survey period: 8th to 12th August 2014

Institute: TNS Forschung