

CIVIC PARTICIPATION

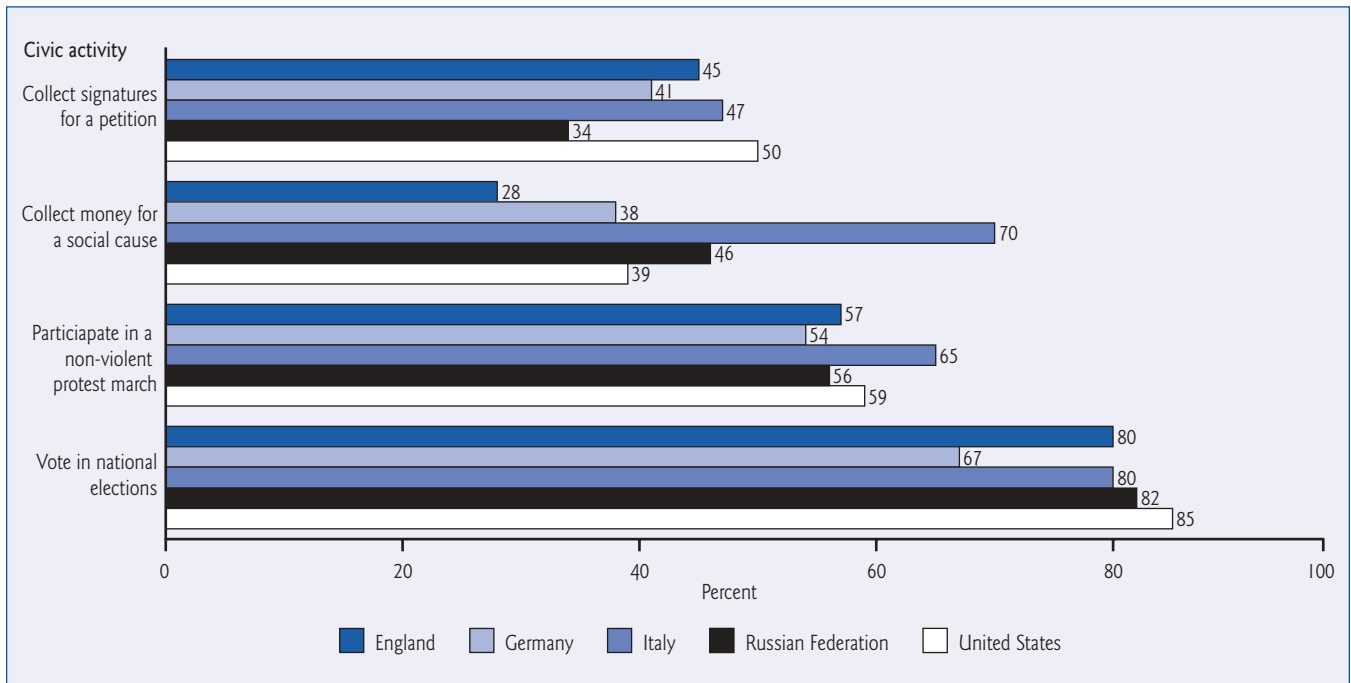
Key Findings: England, Germany, Italy, Russian Federation, United States

Eighty-five percent of U.S. 14-year-olds reported in 1999 that they expect to vote in national elections. A relatively high proportion of 14-year-olds in the other four countries reporting data also expect to vote in national elections. The range was from 67 percent in Germany to 82 percent in the Russian Federation (figure 18).

Nearly three in five U.S. 14-year-olds (59 percent) expect to collect money for a social cause, one half expect to collect signatures for a petition, and 39 percent expect to participate in a non-violent protest march.

In contrast with U.S. 14-year-olds, about one in three (34 percent) Russian 14-year-olds expect to collect signatures for a petition and 28 percent of English 14-year-olds expect to participate in a non-violent protest march. On the other hand, 70 percent of Italian 14-year-olds expect to participate in a non-violent protest march.

Figure 18. Percentage of 14-year-olds who expect to participate in various civic activities, by country: 1999



SOURCE: International Association for the Evaluation of Educational Achievement, *Citizenship and Education in Twenty-eight Countries: Civic Knowledge and Engagement at Age Fourteen*, 2001, Table 6.3.

Civic Participation – Data Tables

Table A-18. Percentage of 14-year-olds who expect to participate in various civic activities, by country: 1999

Country	Collect signatures for a petition	Participate in a non-violent protest march	Collect money for a social cause	Vote in national elections
England	45 (1.0)	28 (1.0)	57 (1.2)	80 (1.0)
Germany	41 (1.3)	38 (1.3)	54 (1.2)	67 (1.1)
Italy	47 (1.0)	70 (1.0)	65 (1.2)	80 (1.1)
Russian Federation	34 (1.0)	46 (1.0)	56 (1.4)	82 (1.0)
United States	50 (1.5)	39 (1.5)	59 (1.5)	85 (1.0)

NOTE: Standard errors are in parentheses.

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