Large majority against expanding sanctions  
US economic sanctions against Russia are not right.  

Sanctions expanded mainly because of US economic interests?  
Do you believe the USA, which justifies the new sanctions based on Russia’s alleged interference in the American presidential election campaign?  

83% of Germans believe it isn’t right that the USA wants to expand economic sanctions to the extent that companies from Germany and other European countries that are active on the American market will risk penalties in future if they are involved in natural gas projects with Russia.  

Over three-quarters of Germans (77%) are of the view that the USA is pursuing primarily economic interests by expanding the sanctions. Only a minority (10%) believes the USA’s claim that it is expanding the sanctions because of Russian interference in the American presidential election campaign.  

* Nationwide survey conducted from 7 to 11 July 2017. 1,002 citizens in the Federal Republic of Germany aged 18 or over chosen by systematic random selection.  
The figures in the graphs are percentages.
Politicians in Germany and Austria have criticized the planned expansion of sanctions, which could also affect European companies. A large majority (86%) believes the criticism is justified.

Only 6% of people in Germany believe that Germany and Europe should import less Russian natural gas and more LNG from the USA instead. A clear majority of 78% takes the opposite view.

When it comes to the future supply of natural gas, the most important things for citizens in Germany are affordability and reliable availability for consumers and industry. Over 80% say this is the priority. Exactly half the population says it is also important that natural gas is brought to Europe from many different supply countries and via various different transport routes.

It is particularly important to a third (32%) of those asked that natural gas is transported to Europe via the most direct route, and almost a quarter (24%) say it is important that transit countries have revenues from transport.

According to public opinion in Germany, Norway is seen as a particularly reliable natural gas supplier (62%), 46% see Canada as a reliable supplier, and 34% Russia. Other countries are only considered reliable suppliers by a minority of the population.