

amcham asks



▽ *What aspect of transatlantic relations works best?*

▲ Youth exchange. I've met so many young Germans who've spent some time in the US (e.g., as participants in Rotary exchange programs), and they were really excited about their time there.

▽ *Where is change needed?*

▲ German and US politics should be better coordinated. We share the same values and to a large extent we have the same historical roots. Drawing on our common values, we should be able to work together efficiently. The high financial deficit of the US economy is especially of concern to me – as are the deficits of many European countries. Hopefully the Americans and the Europeans will intensify their fight against high deficits in a coordinated way.

▽ *What was the last book you read?*

▲ "Timeline" by Michael Crichton: An exciting thriller combining technical details and action as well as addressing quantum physics and time travel.

▽ *What is your favorite German or American food or dish?*

▲ Filet steak Rossini: Filet of beef panfried in butter, topped with a slice of whole foie gras, garnished with slices of black truffle and finished with a Madeira sauce.

▽ *Who, living or dead, do you admire most?*

▲ Wassily Kandinsky (my favorite painter), Johann Sebastian Bach (my favorite composer), Louis Armstrong (my favorite jazz musician), Otto von Bismarck, Martin Luther, Konrad Adenauer, Ronald Reagan, Helmut Kohl ... there are many.

▽ *What is your favorite place in the United States and in Germany?*

▲ My favorite place in the US is New York. Whenever I am there, a visit to the MoMa, Guggenheim and/or the Metropolitan museums is a must. The cultural scene is outstanding, and I really like the atmosphere of the city.

In Germany, my favorite place is the island of Sylt, especially the little village Keitum. It's the perfect place to relax and enjoy the North Sea.



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