

# How we see each other: German American attributes

In their book *Understanding Cultural Differences: Germans, French and Americans* well-known cultural researcher Edward T. Hall and his wife Mildred Reed Hall considered Americans from the German perspective and vice versa. Though these may be thought of as stereotypes it is nevertheless interesting to see how each group views the other. Please try to sort into the two perspectives and discuss why or why you agree or disagree with these results.

Unmindful of care of property

Vacillating in decision making

Innovative

Need of hand holding

Highly disciplined

Open

Well-educated

Resourceful

Well-organized

Boastful

Meticulous about appointments and deadlines

Undisciplined

Reserved

Fair

Poorly educated

Secretive

Play hardball

Historically and politically naïve

Pushy

Intrusive

Protective

Systematic

Energetic

Hall, Edward T. and Hall, Mildred Reed. *Understanding Cultural Differences: German, French and American* (Maine: Intercultural Press, 1990), 75-76.