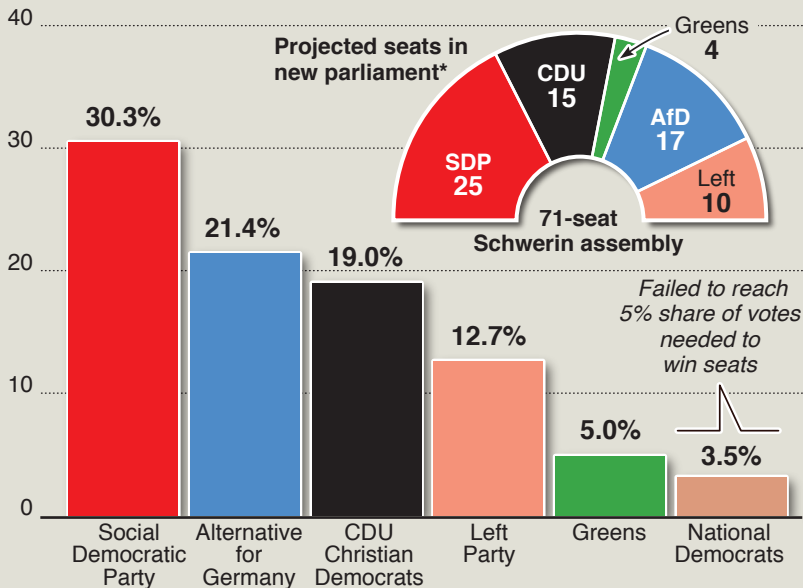


# Stinging backlash for Merkel's CDU

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's ruling CDU party has been beaten into third place by an anti-immigrant and anti-Islam AfD party in elections in the north-eastern German state of Mecklenburg-West Pomerania



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