

# Schulz poll boost for German socialists

Martin Schulz's nomination as Germany's Social Democrat candidate has boosted the party's approval rating above 30% for the first time since 2012, narrowing the gap to Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives



**CDU/CSU**

**Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and Christian Social Union (CSU).** Leader: **Angela Merkel**



**SPD**

**Social Democratic Party (SPD)**  
Former European Parliament president  
**Martin Schulz**



**Alternative für Deutschland**

**Alternative for Germany (AfD)**  
Right-wing and anti-immigration party  
**Frauke Petry**



**DIE LINKE.**

**The Left**  
Co-leaders: **Sahra Wagenknecht** and **Dietmar Bartsch**



**BÜNDNIS 90 DIE GRÜNEN**

**Greens**  
Co-leaders: **Katrin Goering-Eckardt** and **Cem Ozdemir**



**Freie Demokraten FDP**

**Free Democratic Party (FDP)**  
**Christian Lindner**

*Forsa Institute survey of 2,501 people between Jan 30 and Feb 3. Margin of error  $\pm 2.5$  points*

**34**  
CDU-CSU

**31**  
SPD

**10**  
AfD

**8**  
The Left

**8**  
Greens

**5**  
FDP

**4**  
Others