

Who is who in German federal election



CDU/CSU

Christian Democrats. Centre-right alliance of **Angela Merkel's CDU** and Bavarian **Christian Social Union (CSU)** faces serious challenge from right for first time in post-war history



SPD

Social Democrats (SPD). Support for centre-left party surged when former European Parliament president **Martin Schulz** launched his campaign, but it now trails badly



DIE LINKE.

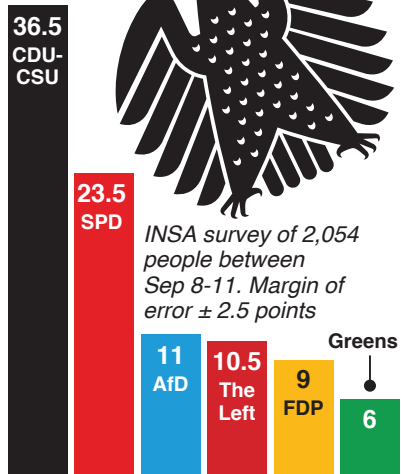
The Left (Linke). Party with roots in communist East Germany – led by polarising figure **Sahra Wagenknecht** and co-chairman **Dietmar Bartsh** – is least likely to be part of governing coalition



BÜNDNIS 90 DIE GRÜNEN

Greens (Grüne). Support has dropped to single digits this year but co-chairs **Katrin Göring-Eckardt** and **Cem Özdemir** could be kingmakers in coalition with Merkel's CDU

PREDICTED SHARE OF BUNDESTAG SEATS (%)



Freie Demokraten FDP

Liberal Free Democratic party (FDP). Junior coalition partner in Merkel's second term. Could return to parliament – and possibly government – under new leader **Christian Lindner**



Alternative für Deutschland

Alternative for Germany (AfD). Despite infighting, remains on course to be first far-right party to enter Bundestag since World War II. Lead candidates are **Alice Weidel** and **Alexander Gauland**