

# German stability tested in regional votes

Germany's political landscape faces upheaval, with opinion polls expecting the far-right AfD to win the most votes in up to 3 of the nation's 16 federal states in unprecedented result

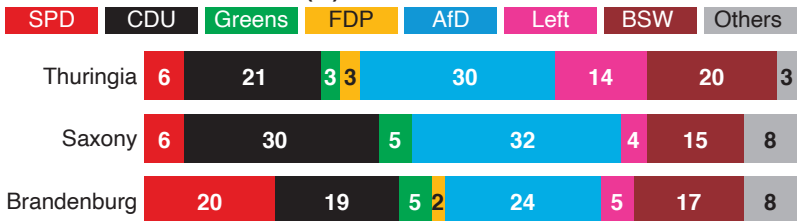
◀ **Bjoern Hoecke**: Leader of **Alternative for Germany (AfD)** in **Thuringia**, has repeatedly used banned Nazi rhetoric at his rallies



■ **AfD** could come first in all three states holding elections – **Thuringia**, **Saxony** (Sep 1) and **Brandenburg** (Sep 22)

■ Another populist party – **Sahra Wagenknecht Alliance (BSW)**, socially conservative and economically left – also performing strongly in polls

## PROJECTED VOTE SHARE (%)\*



\*INSA surveys of 1,000 adults in each state between Aug 19-23 (Thuringia and Saxony), and Jul 27-Aug 5 (Brandenburg)