

Scholz triggers snap election in Germany

Chancellor Olaf Scholz has called for a confidence vote which will trigger a Federal election on February 23

SOCIAL DEMOCRATS *SPD*

Olaf Scholz:

Hoping for new centre-left coalition

15.7%



LATEST POLLS

Threshold of 5% to win seats

CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS *CDU*

Friedrich Merz:

Conservative favourite to be new Chancellor
32.5%



GREENS

Only environmental party in Europe to have served in government

12.6%

SAHRA WAGENKNECHT ALLIANCE BSW

5.9%

LINKE

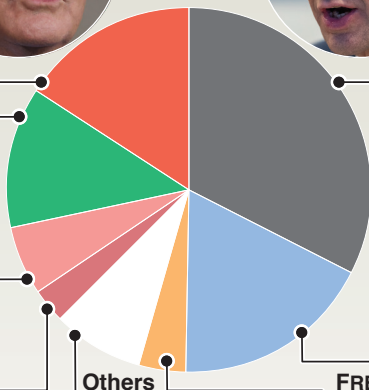
Former East German Communists

3.2%

BUNDESTAG BREAKDOWN

First-past-the-post constituency seats

299



Others

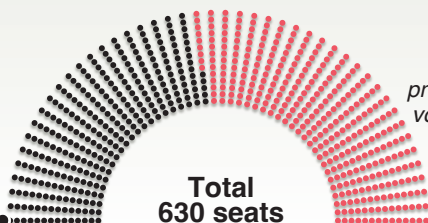
ALTERNATIVE FOR GERMANY *AfD*
Far-right populists

18%

FREE DEMOCRATS *FDP*

Pro-market former coalition member

4%



Seats allocated by proportion of national vote. For each party, constituency seats deducted from total to maintain proportions

KEY ISSUES

UKRAINE

CDU, CSU, Greens, FDP: Help against Russian invasion
SPD: Cautious, favours diplomacy
AfD, BSW: End military aid, improve relations with Russia

ECONOMY

CDU: Open to moderate reform of debt brake on public spending
SPD: €100bn off-budget fund to encourage private investment
AfD: Leave EU, reintroduce Deutsche Mark

MIGRATION

CDU: Limits on family reunification and naturalization of refugees
Greens: Simplify family reunification, improve integration
AfD: Close borders, end family reunification for asylum seekers

ENERGY

CDU: Expand renewables, restore nuclear power
SPD, Greens: State subsidies to expand renewables, lower costs
AfD: End renewables subsidies, return to nuclear power and coal