Merz under pressure after election blow

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz has called a local election defeat for his party, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU), a "disaster" but vowed to remain in office



Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania

CDU falls short of 5% threshold to enter state parliament. Far-right AfD party wins most votes



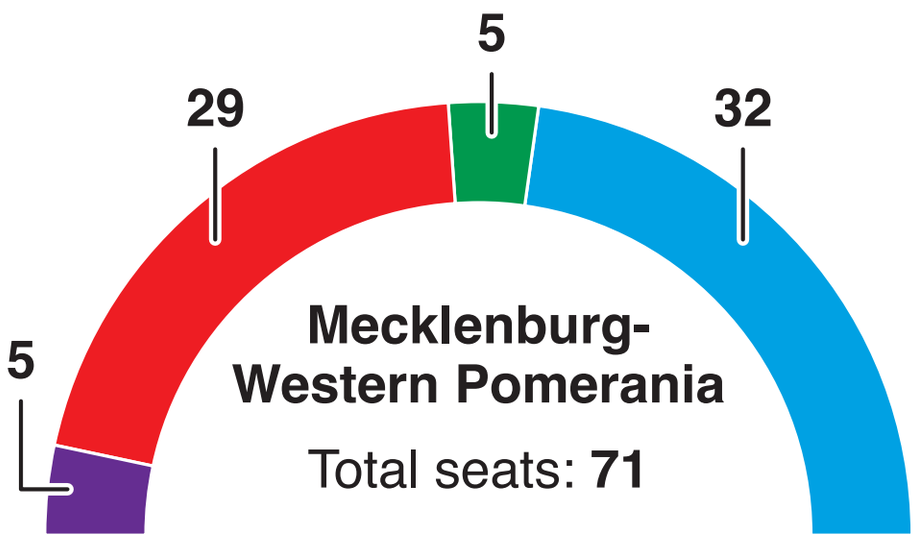
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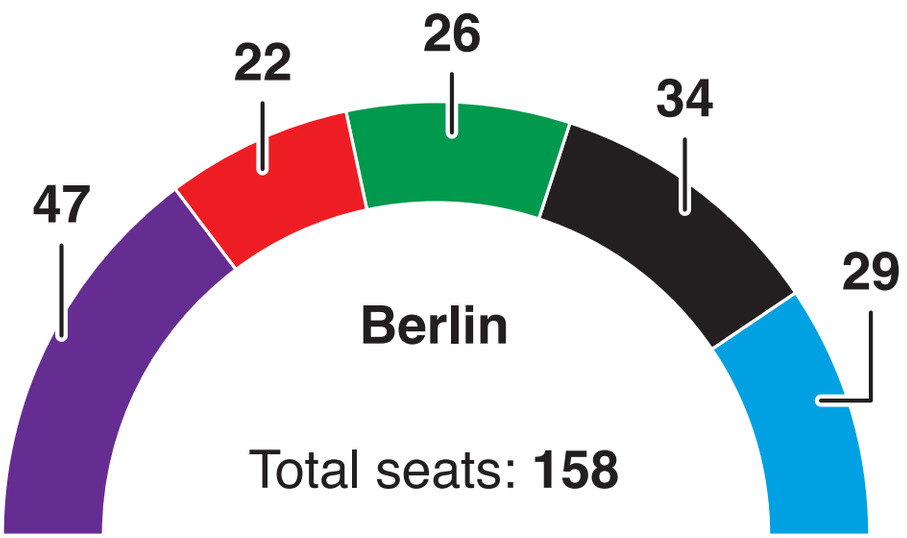
CDU defeated by Die Linke (The Left). Result means previous CDU-SPD coalition no longer has a majority

SEATS IN STATE PARLIAMENT

(based on preliminary results)

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Left | SPD Social Democrats | Greens | CDU Christian Democrats | AfD Alternative for Germany

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