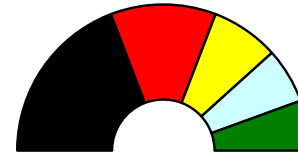


VI German Election 2009: Summary

- The German Parliamentary election took place on September 27, 2009, resulting in a victory for Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats alliance (CDU/CSU). They are to form a new centre-right alliance with the Liberal Free Democrats (FDP), with 48.4% of the vote.
- The Social Democrats (SPD) received their worst parliamentary election result in 60 years and will be in opposition for the first time in 11 years.
- Turnout was 71.2%, lower than the previous election in 2005, which stood at 77.7 %.
- For the first time, all of the three 'small' parties, the FDP, the Left and the Greens have obtained double-figure results, with the two largest parties losing 12.6% of the vote, although most of this was lost by the SPD.

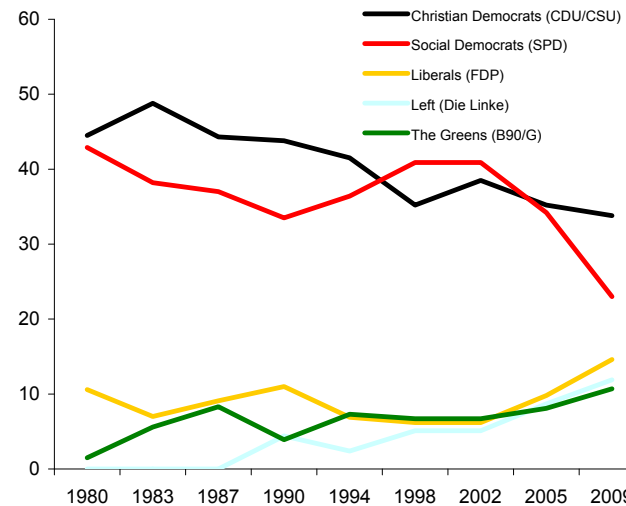
Distribution of seats in the Bundestag, 2009



Party	Change in share of the vote since 2005	Seats in the Bundestag	
		2005	2009
CDU/CSU	-1.4	226	239
SPD	-11.2	222	146
FDP	4.8	61	93
Left (Die Linke)	3.2	54	76
The Greens	2.6	51	68
German Pirate Party	2.0	0	0
National Democratic Party	-0.1	0	0
Animal Welfare Party	0.3	0	0
The Republicans	-0.1	0	0
Other	0.3	0	0
Total		614	622

Source: German Federal Statistics Office

Total percentage of the vote gained by party in Bundestag elections, 1980-2009



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