

Germany's right-wing AfD party more popular than ever



The right-wing party is only 3.5% behind the country's top conservative CDU/CSU alliance, a new INSA poll shows

Berlin, March 28 (RHC)-- The right-wing Alternative for Germany (AfD) party enjoys record high public support, according to polls conducted by the Institute for New Social Answers (INSA).

The latest poll, released by INSA on Tuesday, indicated 23.5% support for the party, while the top conservative alliance, between the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), polled at 27%. The figure constituted a 1.5% drop since the CDU/CSU achieved victory in Germany's February 23 general election.

"This is the highest value ever measured for the AfD in the INSA opinion trend," the head of INSA, Hermann Binkert, told Bild daily.

The AfD has gained nearly three points in polls since the election and is currently just 3.5% behind the CDU/CSU alliance. The Christian Democrats alone polled at 21%, and their Bavarian sister party fetched a further 7% for the alliance, Binkert noted.

The INSA poll sampled the opinions of some 2,004 respondents, representing various social groups throughout Germany. According to the pollster's estimates, the party's public support could reach as high

as 30.5%. Other parties, however, still maintain higher estimated ceilings, with the CDU/CSU theoretically able to reach up to 42%, while the Social Democratic Party (SPD) could get up to 39.5%, according to INSA's analysts.

The CDU/CSU emerged as the strongest force in last month's parliamentary election with 28.5% of the vote, while failing to get an absolute majority. The party is currently in coalition talks with the SPD, which suffered a crushing defeat during the election, garnering a record-low 16.4%. Should the two forces reach a coalition, however, they would hold 328 seats in the Bundestag, comfortably surpassing the 316-seat mark to get a majority.

The AfD solidly secured second place during the election, receiving 20.8% of the vote – a twofold rise from the 10.4% they got in 2021. Despite the result, the party remains ostracized by the other major political forces, which refuse to cooperate with it, and is commonly labeled 'far-right' by officials and media alike.

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