

Dem Deutschen Volke

**BUNDESTAG**

# Reichstag




# Functions

- ✓ Legislative process
- ✓ Decide on federal budget
- ✓ Election of the Chancellor





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**Bundestag is the most  
important body of the  
legislative branch  
in German**

# ELECTIONS

The elections are hold every 4 years.

All candidtes must be at least 18 years old

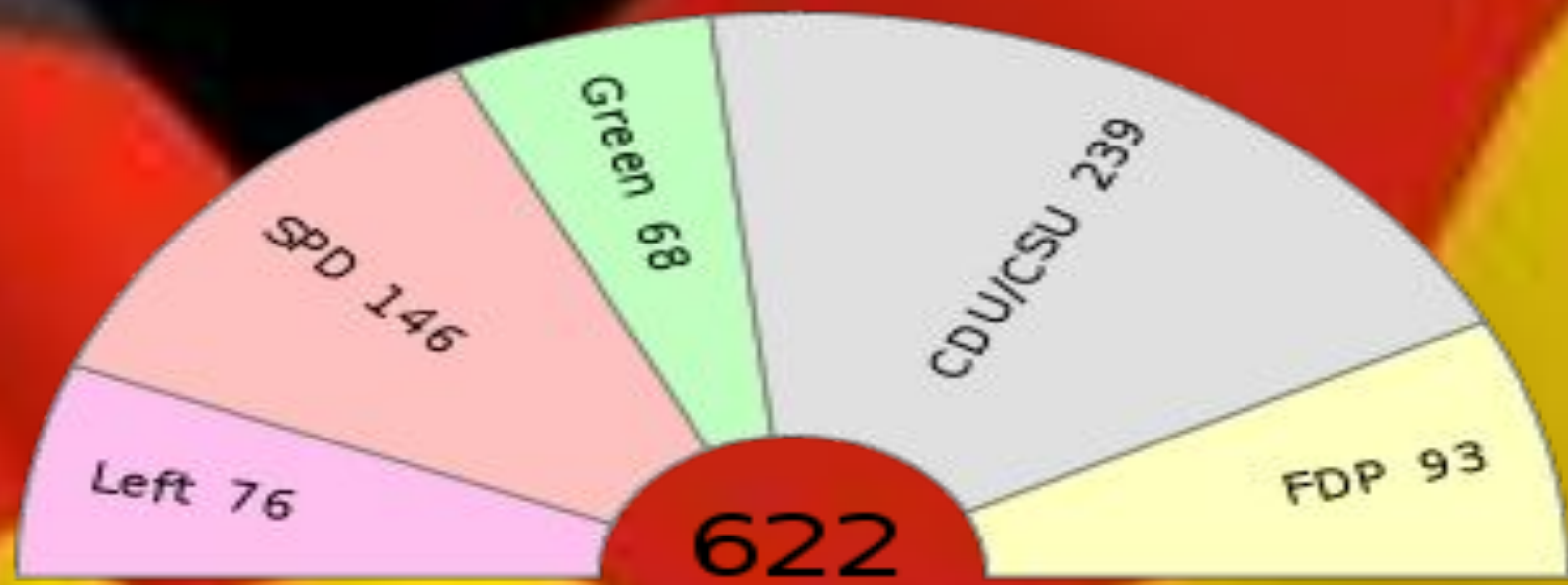
# **Half of the Members of the Bundestag**

**are elected directly from 299 constituencies , the other half on the parties' Land lists .**



**The 598 seats are distributed  
among the parties that  
have gained more than  
5% of the second votes or  
at least 3 direct mandates**

| Parties  | Constituency |      |       |       |     | Party list |      |       |       |     | Total seats |     |      |
|--|--------------|------|-------|-------|-----|------------|------|-------|-------|-----|-------------|-----|------|
|  | Votes        | %    | +/-   | Seats | +/- | Votes      | %    | +/-   | Seats | +/- | Seats       | +/- | %    |
| <a href="#">Christian Democratic Union</a> <sup>[A]</sup>        | 13,852,743   | 32.0 | -0.6  | 173   | +67 | 11,824,794 | 27.3 | -0.5  | 21    | -53 | 194         | +14 | 31.2 |
| <a href="#">Christian Social Union of Bavaria</a> <sup>[A]</sup> | 3,190,950    | 7.4  | -0.9  | 45    | +1  | 2,830,210  | 6.5  | -0.9  | 0     | -2  | 45          | -1  | 7.2  |
| <a href="#">Social Democratic Party</a>                          | 12,077,437   | 27.9 | -10.5 | 64    | -81 | 9,988,843  | 23.0 | -11.2 | 82    | +5  | 146         | -76 | 23.5 |



**Parliamentary groups**

**are formed by political parties  
represented in the  
chamber which have gained  
more than 5% of the total votes**

# Executive bodies

The Bundestag's executive bodies include the Council of Elders and the Presidium.

# Committees

Most of the legislative work in the Bundestag is the product of standing committees, which exist largely unchanged throughout one legislative period.