

GERMANY'S POLITICAL SHAKE-UP

The CDU and SPD – members of the ruling grand coalition in Berlin – have lost voters to the left (the Greens) and right (AfD) on issues ranging from the environment to migration.

This B|Visual displays Germany's political fragmentation through vote share differences following recent state-level elections.

In 2016, **Saxony-Anhalt** experienced – in the midst of the so-called **Syrian refugee crisis** – the first wave of support away from the CDU towards the AfD. The far-right **AfD** acquired a staggering **25 percent** of the vote.

The Greens have more than doubled their support nationally, and are currently polling at **22 percent**, after winning just 8.9 percent of the vote in the 2017 federal elections.

The **SPD** has lost ground in **14 of 16** federal state election cycles since 2011. Similarly, the **CDU** has experienced losses in **11 of 16** federal states in the same time.

