

F.R.G. -- The Political Situation

The government of the F.R.G. is a three-party, centre-right coalition of two Christian unions -- Chancellor Helmut Kohl's Christian Democratic Union and Theo Waigel's all-Bavarian Christian Social Union -- and the Liberal Democratic Party of Foreign Affairs Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher.

The coalition came to power in 1982 when the Liberal Democrats broke their alliance with Social Democratic partners. The coalition was re-elected in 1987 and, despite several electoral defeats in the states and districts, has regained control of the domestic and foreign policy agenda since November 1989 by stressing German unification.

The F.R.G. agenda is dominated by unification. Monetary, economic and social union with the German Democratic Republic (G.D.R.) came into force on July 2; political union will take place on October 3.