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## AfD overtakes CDU/CSU in Poll for the first time



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Germany's far-right party, Alternative for Germany (AfD), has surpassed the conservative CDU/CSU bloc in a major national poll for the first time, according to results published by Ipsos on April 9. The poll, conducted last weekend, shows AfD gaining three percentage points since March, reaching 25 percent support among potential voters.

In contrast, the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) and its Bavarian sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU), experienced a significant drop of five percentage points, falling to 24 percent.

This marks the bloc's lowest rating in three years, attributed to a loss of trust following a policy shift on debt management during coalition negotiations.

The Social Democratic Party (SPD) held steady at 15 percent, maintaining its position in the poll.

Ipsos also highlighted public dissatisfaction with the performance of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's outgoing coalition government.

The findings come as the CDU/CSU has agreed to form a new federal government with the SPD, signaling a critical moment in Germany's political landscape. This shift in voter sentiment could significantly impact the upcoming political discourse in the country.

This poll underscores the growing influence of the AfD and its potential to reshape the nation's political dynamics. As Germany grapples with a period of political realignment, the results reflect the uncertainty and shifting priorities of voters in the face of government performance and policy changes