

TV Highlights

Your English Television Program

September 2017



German Election

Germany goes to the polls to elect a new parliament on 24 September, thereby setting the nation's political course for the next four years. Favorites to win are the Christian Democrats with their chancellor candidate Angela Merkel. Will she really become chancellor for a fourth term? Or will the Social Democrats with Martin Schulz succeed in reviving their initial popularity in the opinion polls? What coalition options will be on the table? Will the Greens hold the balance of power? Will the Free Democrats re-enter parliament? Will the rightwing populist AfD cross the five percent threshold? The 2017 general election promises to be an exciting race. Observers abroad are also keen to discover what the outcome of the poll might mean for Europe's largest economy in international politics. And: How has the poll been impacted by the "refugee crisis?"

From 14:00 GMT/UTC on 24 September, Deutsche Welle's television schedule will be devoted entirely to election coverage. DW will provide results and explain what these mean – in up-to-the-minute and comprehensive reporting – in a rolling news format. In conversations with winners and losers, and in analyses, DW will brief international audiences on the decisive issues affecting the outcome of the election.

The Election on DW (English)

Germany Decides – The Election 2017

SUN 24 September 14:00

Berliner Runde – Leading Candidates Discuss the Election

SUN 24 September 18:15

Winner Portrait – Documentary

Starting SUN 24 September 21:30

Quadriga Special – International Debate from Berlin

Starting MON 25 September 11:30



Chancellor Angela Merkel (CDU)



Chancellor candidate Martin Schulz (SPD)

In the run-up to the general election, DW (Deutsch) provides comprehensive coverage: **DW News** and the program **The Day** follow the chancellor candidates' every move and show how Angela Merkel and Martin Schulz are positioning themselves on the key questions of the moment.

The TV Duel: Merkel – Schulz

The TV duel is a highlight of our overall election coverage. In this program, both chancellor candidates Angela Merkel (CDU) and Martin Schulz (SPD) meet face-to-face for the first and only time in the campaign. Moderating this TV highlight will be presenter-team Maybrit Illner (ZDF) and Peter Kloeppel (RTL) as well as Sandra Maischberger (ARD) and Claus Strunz (ProSieben/Sat.1). The journalists are set to put the Chancellor and her challenger through their paces.

SUN 3 September 18:15

Germany Decides – Europe Looks on

In the talk show **Germany Decides – Europe Looks on** MEPs in the European capital of Brussels discuss the significance of the general election for the European Union and its citizens. Participants come from a variety of EU member states and represent the entire political spectrum of the European Parliament from left to right. Important issues include the controversy surrounding austerity policies following the economic crisis, dealing with the continuing migration crisis, as well as Germany's increasing claim on political leadership within Europe and beyond. The program is presented by Max Hofmann, head of the Deutsche Welle studio in Brussels.

Starting WED 6 September 19:15

DOCFILM ON THE ELECTION

The Duel

For his documentary **The Duel – Merkel vs. Schulz** filmmaker Stephan Lamby observes the campaign of both politicians from early 2017 – on the street, in TV studios, and as they go about their everyday work. The film presents a detailed picture of the differing political styles of the two candidates in the race for the chancellorship – their strengths and their deficits. It explores how the Chancellor makes shrewd use of the international stage and how both candidates are reacting to the current issues of summer 2017. It features extensive interviews with both politicians, and also hears the views of allies, opponents, political scientists and election strategists.

Starting SAT 16 September 19:15

CONFLICT ZONE

The Debate

Conflict Zone is inviting representatives from seven parties to face tough questions in a live debate just days ahead of Germany's national election. This unique event will be moderated by **Conflict Zone's** Tim Sebastian. It will be conducted in English and focus on foreign policy. The panel will include members of all parties likely to win seats in the next Bundestag: CDU, CSU, SPD, The Greens, The Left, FDP and AfD. The main topics of discussion: EU and Brexit, the US under Trump, relations with Russia, relations with Turkey, refugees and migration.

Starting WED 13 September 19:00



Tim Sebastian



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The Reichstag building in Berlin

Democracy Day

A day before the general election, on 23 September, Deutsche Welle will broadcast special series of programs on the subject of democracy. The following issues will be featured:

Autocrats and populists are increasingly undermining freedom of speech and the media worldwide. The digital transformation is also changing the media and offering new ways of encouraging free opinion. DW's programming provides its viewers and users with a reliable response to these political and technological changes, with neutral reporting and credible journalism at the forefront. "We must not take sides, except in support of human rights," says DW Director Peter Limbourg in the [Interview](#).

Starting SUN 24 September 04:00

What makes a democracy? Is it more than just casting a vote every few years? [Global 3000](#) reports, among other things, on the "Almedalen Week" in Sweden. For one week, all political parties represented in parliament meet on Gotland. Participants from all social strata debate current social issues.

Starting SAT 23 September 20:30

All parties are in agreement over one issue: Culture is "active democracy," and great emphasis is placed on it in Germany. How is this nation of culture doing in election year? Is Germany really the world champion of culture, as people here like to think? In a special edition, [Arts.21](#) conducts a "culture check on Germany."

Starting SAT 23 September 21:30

[Euromaxx](#) is also taking a trip to places steeped in history. The magazine travels to the Acropolis in Athens, considered the cradle of democracy, and visits Hambach Castle in the Rhineland, a symbol of democracy in Germany since the Hambach Festival of 1832.

Starting SAT 23 September 22:30

All times given in UTC/GMT | Local Times: Lagos UTC +1 | Cape Town UTC +2 | Nairobi UTC +3 | Delhi UTC +5,5 | Bangkok UTC +7 | Hong Kong UTC +8 | London UTC +1 | Berlin UTC +2 | Moscow UTC +3 | San Francisco UTC -7 | Edmonton UTC -6 | New York UTC -4

DOCFILM ON DEMOCRACY DAY

Gustav Stresemann

The documentary [Gustav Stresemann and the Weimar Republic](#) explores Germany's first experiment in democratically elected government. Beset from the start by economic difficulties, the Weimar Republic was nevertheless vibrant and enjoyed several years of surprising stability before ultimately succumbing to the forces of extremism. Gustav Stresemann (1878–1929) became Reich Chancellor in 1923, when the Weimar Republic was wracked by hyperinflation. This documentary delves into his role.

Starting SAT 23 September 19:15

DOCFILM ON DEMOCRACY DAY

Whistleblower

For the judicial system they are traitors endangering state security, for society often courageous heroes – whistleblowers. Disenchantment, anger and powerlessness are often the reasons why people become whistleblowers. A decision from which there's no going back. It's the moment to prioritize your own conscience above the possible consequences. At the same time, the battle against a system in which former allies become enemies. [Whistleblower](#) – the documentary on DW.

Starting SAT 23 September 16:30

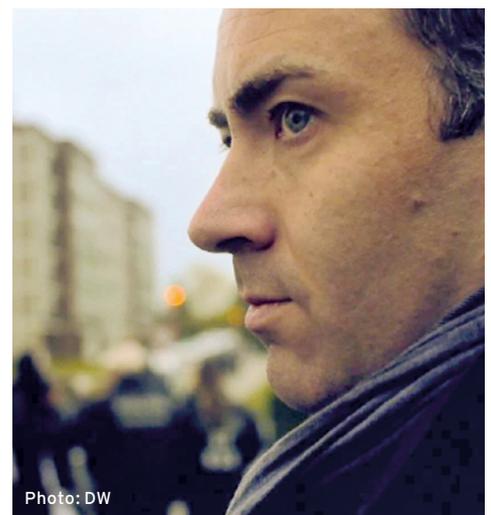


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