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German Election

On 22 September, Germans go to the polls to elect a new parliament and thereby set the political tone for the next four years. Favorites to win the contest are the conservatives with their candidate for the chancellorship Angela Merkel. Will she succeed in securing a third term in office? Or will the Social Democrats make up some ground despite a rather bumpy start to the election campaign with their candidate Peer Steinbrück? How will support for the Green Party, which has been doing well in the polls, affect the final outcome? And will the liberal Free Democrats again hold the balance? The 2013 elections promise to be exciting, and of course the eyes of the world will be focused on Germany and the political direction of Europe's largest economy.

Beginning at **15:30 UTC**, DW television will be providing comprehensive coverage of polling day in a series of special programs; presenting the results as they come in, with analysis and background as well as interviews with both the winners and the losers. What are the key issues for the German electorate? What role do these issues play in the election itself? The Euro crisis has dramatically changed Germany's position within Europe – what impact is this having on the poll?

Election Night on DW

Election 2013 – Germany Decides

SUN 22 September **15:30**

Quadriga Special Edition: German Election 2013

SUN 22 September **18:05 | 20:05**

Journal Special Edition: German Election 2013

SUN 22 September **19:00 | 21:00 | 22:00 | 23:00**
 MON 23 September **00:00 | 01:00 | 02:00 | 04:00 | 06:00**



Chancellor candidate Peer Steinbrück (SPD)



Chancellor Angela Merkel (CDU)

DW will provide comprehensive coverage of the race during the run-up to the big day itself: On the **Journal**, reporters assess the campaign progress of the two main contenders for the chancellor's office, showing where Angela Merkel and Peer Steinbrück stand on the crucial questions of the moment. **People and Politics** takes a look behind the scenes, analyzing the choices facing the German electorate and the significance of the poll for Europe and the world.

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DW is broadcasting the following documentaries as part of its election coverage:

The Outspoken Challenger

Peer Steinbrück is viewed as having strong track record in financial policymaking, as well as being analytical and a witty orator. Following months of speculation, the SPD nominated him as the man most likely to pose a serious threat to Angela Merkel. But the first few months of his candidacy were fraught with publicity blips. He was clumsy in dealings with his advisers, then came the lecture fee affair and ill-considered remarks on the chancellor's salary, his penchant for expensive wine and comments about Italian politicians. Although he's been more cautious since, both Steinbrück and his party continue to languish in the opinion polls. The film **The Outspoken Challenger – Chancellor Candidate Peer Steinbrück** takes a look at both the politician and the private man.

THU 5 Sept. 22:15 | FRI 6 Sept. 06:15 | 13:15 | 17:15 | SAT 7 Sept. 04:15 | 10:15

Power Broker

Angela Merkel has served as German Chancellor since 2005. She tackles the job with a high degree of discipline – in fact, she could be said to function as reliably as a Swiss watch. Merkel's popularity is almost unprecedented. Voters especially admire her for her role in saving the Euro, an episode that showed her ability to keep a cool head in a crisis. But this popularity comes at a high political price, and on a European level she faces possible isolation. At home, the rift between Merkel and her own party, the CDU, is increasing. The documentary **Power Broker – Eight Years as German Chancellor** takes stock of Angela Merkel's time in office.

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Promises, Promises...

What does Angela Merkel want? And Peer Steinbrück? Do voters want the same things? And: Are politicians and their target audience thinking along the same lines? In reality, who is benefiting from what exactly? **Promises, Promises...** tackles all these questions and more. The documentary film views the issues from the point of view of the voter – and assesses how politics tries to do justice to the needs of the electorate.

Reporters take to the streets of Essen and Erfurt to ask the question: “What do you want from the two candidates?” The journalists identify what people view as the most pressing issues facing their country. And who are they most likely to trust with the realization of their demands?

Together with three families keen to get answers, the program takes an informative and entertaining look at some of the concrete proposals presented by the contenders. What are the campaign promises, what is the true substance of these pledges, and how plausible are the solutions?

Michael Spreng, former election campaign adviser to Jürgen Rüttgers and Edmund Stoiber, and Frank Stauss, an adviser in more than 20 SPD campaigns for the likes of Gerhard Schröder and Frank-Walter Steinmeier, pick over the candidates' marketing strategy in the race on the chancellor's office.

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