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Only the beginning? German far-right's breakthrough shakes Europe to its core

Not enough to win outright but enough to shake Germany and Europe to their core: the far-right Alterniv für Deutschland trouncing the ruling

conservatives in the impoverished former East German region of Saxony-Anhalt. We'll ask about the consequences of voting for an anti-immigrant, pro-Russian party that wants schools to teach less about the ills of Hitler and more the glory of Bismarck.

Will Sunday's further fuel the momentum of the far-right in places like Sweden which votes next Sunday or here in France where the far-right's the odds on favorite in next spring's presidential election? Here you see the president of Marine Le Pen's party Jordan Bardella who after dropping in on Nigel Farage Reform UK party was invited to speak to Italian business leaders at a weekend forum. A further normalization of parties that once seemed fringe?

As for the mainstream, be it France or Germany, what's it got to offer to win back voters from MAGA and Putin-backed formations? You might ask which of Germany's [Friedrich Merz](#) or the outgoing Emmanuel Macron is on shakier ground?

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