

# Chancellor Gerhard Schröder Calls for a Vote of Confidence (2005)

## Abstract

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Opposition to Chancellor Gerhard Schröder's Agenda 2010 reform program within the ranks of his own party, the SPD, and its electoral defeats in several state elections prompted Schröder to call a second vote of confidence in the Bundestag on July 1, 2005. While he had used the vote of confidence in 2001 to demonstrate his government's clear mandate to critics of the deployment of Bundeswehr soldiers in Afghanistan, his intention this time was to lose the vote of confidence and thus force new elections. This video clip shows the moment in Schröder's speech in the Bundestag when he calls for a vote of confidence. New elections were held in September 2005, in which the CDU/CSU emerged as the strongest party. A grand coalition between the CDU/CSU and SPD followed.

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