

## Helmut Kohl in Dresden (December 19, 1989)

### Abstract

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On December 19, 1989, Federal Chancellor Helmut Kohl visited the city of Dresden to meet with Prime Minister Hans Modrow. During his visit, Kohl delivered a speech on Dresden's *Altmarkt* [Old Market Square], where he was enthusiastically greeted by tens of thousands of East German citizens, who voiced their hope for a speedy reunification with shouts of "Helmut, Helmut." At the same time, the SED-PDS was holding a rally in East Berlin. There, party chairman Gregor Gysi advocated the independence of the German Democratic Republic.

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