

# Nostalgia for the GDR (2009)

## Abstract

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This report by the news channel Deutsche Welle captures voices 20 years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, primarily on economic and social developments in the new federal states. Many interviewees openly mourn their socially secure lives in the GDR and summarize that they were inadequately prepared for the consequences of unification, especially the loss of many jobs. Former civil rights activists also talk about the hardships of the capitalist market economy and disappointments in the period since unification, but emphasize that a life in democracy and freedom is preferable to the one they knew under the SED dictatorship.

## Source

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Source: Politik Direkt | Ostalgie - viele Ostdeutsche trauern der DDR nach. DW Deutsch, July 13, 2009.  
[https://youtu.be/l9AMxO8gZSg?si=\\_8GSqJF\\_FtRz7-ab](https://youtu.be/l9AMxO8gZSg?si=_8GSqJF_FtRz7-ab)

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