

What Is Germany's Role in the World? Interview with David Ignatius (2015)

Abstract

In this 2015 interview *Washington Post* journalist David Ignatius discusses his view of Germany's role in the world. The interviewer picks up on the characterization of Germany as a "reluctant hegemon" (*The Economist*) and asks about its leadership role. Ignatius explains the reasons for the German reluctance to lead both in a European and a global context. He states that a resurgent aggressive nationalism in Russia, Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 as well as claims on Eastern Ukraine have emerged as one of the major challenges for Germany, a country widely perceived as a "symbol of the liberal international order." He expresses his hope that Chancellor Angela Merkel can play a decisive role in preventing a further escalation of this conflict.

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