

# “1,341,587 Social Democratic Voters” (March 8, 1890)

## Abstract

The Social Democratic Party’s breakthrough in the Reichstag elections of February 20, 1890, is trumpeted in this facsimile of the front page of the party’s leading newspaper, *Der Sozialdemokrat*, on March 8, 1890. By that point, it was known that the SPD had won 20 Reichstag seats in the main elections and an additional 17 seats in the run-off ballots held in the intervening weeks. For the first time in its history, the SPD had garnered more votes—over 1.3 million—than any other party. The central figures hold a banner that reads: “Despite everything, the world is ours!” The title of the poem at the bottom, “The First Act,” conveys the same message: this victory is only “the first act” leading to still greater socialist triumphs in the future.

## Source



Source: Title page of the newspaper “Der Sozialdemokrat” from March 8, 1890.

bpk-Bildagentur, image number 30013107. For rights inquiries, please contact Art Resource at [requests@artres.com](mailto:requests@artres.com) (North America) or [bpk-Bildagentur@kontakt@bpk-bildagentur.de](mailto:bpk-Bildagentur@kontakt@bpk-bildagentur.de) (for all other countries).

© bpk / Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin

Recommended Citation: “1,341,587 Social Democratic Voters” (March 8, 1890), published in: German History in Documents and Images,

---

<<https://germanhistorydocs.org/en/forging-an-empire-bismarckian-germany-1866-1890/ghdi:imagine-1459>> [May 06, 2024].