

Spiegel Cover Warning of the Rise of the NPD (1966)

Abstract

One troubling development during the period of the Grand Coalition in the late 1960s was the rise of the National Democratic Party of Germany (*Nationaldemokratische Partei Deutschlands* or NPD). The NPD had formed in 1964, uniting several conservative and right-wing fringe groups. Beginning in 1966, the party gained votes in several state-wide elections: 7.9% in Hesse in 1966, 8.9 percent in Bremen in 1967, and 9.8% in Baden-Württemberg in 1967. By featuring a swastika, this *Spiegel* magazine cover from 1966 dramatizes public concerns about the right-wing party's rise. The cover reads: "NPD. Danger from the right?" (With the question being printed in *Fraktur* typeface, which was widely used in Nazi Germany.) In the 1969 federal election, however, the NPD was unable to reach the required 5% threshold and thus failed to secure a seat in the Bundestag.

Source



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