

***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.

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