

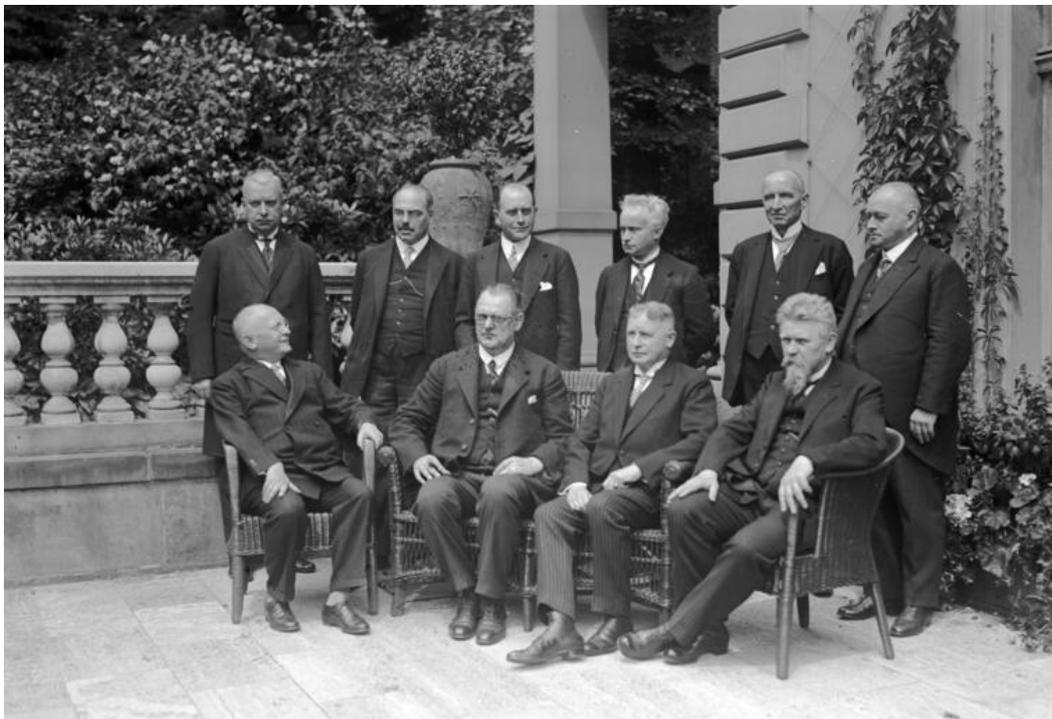
The Second Müller Cabinet after its First Meeting in the Reich Chancellery (June 1928)

Abstract

The second cabinet led by Social Democratic Chancellor Hermann Müller (1876-1931) consisted of a Grand Coalition formed by the SPD, DDP, *Zentrum*, BVP, and DVP as a result of the 1928 elections. It governed from June 28, 1928, until March 27, 1930. This photo shows the cabinet members after their first session in late June 1928. Standing in the back row (left to right): Hermann Dietrich, Rudolf Hilferding, Julius Curtius, Carl Severing, Theodor von Guérard, Georg Schätzel. Seated in front of them (left to right): Erich Koch-Weser, Hermann Müller, Wilhelm Groener, Rudolf Wissell. Foreign minister Gustav Stresemann is not in this photograph.

The second Grand Coalition of the Weimar Republic was also its last; it broke up in 1930 due to the different parties' inability to compromise on domestic policy issues, primarily on matters of social policy. It was also to be the last Weimar government legitimized by a parliamentary majority since its successor cabinet led by Chancellor Brüning as well as all subsequent ones governed by means of emergency decrees authorized by the Reich President. Thus, the Reichstag was weakened significantly in relation to the Reich President, and parliamentarianism was eventually supplanted with an authoritarian, presidential form of government. In fact, Reich President Hindenburg and his advisors had been working towards establishing a government by presidential cabinets for some time.

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