
MERKEL'S SUCCESSOR: GERMAN ELECTION CANDIDATES FACE OFF IN CRUNCH TV DEBATE

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Who will succeed Angela Merkel? The candidates to become Germany's next chancellor faced off in a TV debate. Social Democrat Olaf Scholz produced a solid performance to maintain his hold as the front-runner.

Early snap polls suggested that the Social Democrat (SPD) chancellor candidate Olaf Scholz did enough in Sunday evening's three-way TV debate to maintain a slim but solid lead over his rivals in the final straight of the election campaign.

Just moments after the 90-minute "truel" ended on Germany's public broadcasters, an Infratest dimap poll found that 41% of the 1,500 viewers asked found Scholz the most convincing, a long way ahead of the Christian Democratic Union's (CDU) candidate Armin Laschet and the Green party's Annalena Baerbock, on 27% and 25% respectively.

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