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## GERMAN LAWMAKERS CAN'T AGREE WHETHER TO SEEK BAN ON FAR-RIGHT AFD

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*Many mainstream leaders worry a pre-election debate on banning Alternative for Germany will only boost the party ahead of a national election.*

Will it help or hurt the far right?

German parliamentarians are set to debate a hotly contested proposal on banning the far-right Alternative for Germany (AfD), but theres little consensus, even among the partys critics, on whether its a good idea to be having such a discussion just weeks ahead of a national election.

Its important for the population to know that the German Bundestag is grappling with this and is clearly stating where the dangers to democracy come from, said Carmen Wegge, a lawmaker from the center-left Social Democratic Party (SPD) and one of the sponsors of the proposal.

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