The Rightist tilt in Germany's Politics

Why in news?

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- The Christian Democratic Union (CDU) of Chancellor Angela Merkel has polled the most votes in German national elections.
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- However, the biggest event was the entry of the rightist AfD into the politics mainstream.
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What are the highlights of this election?

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- While the CDU has emerged as the single largest party its vote share reduced considerably.
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- As the most popular leader of the single largest party, Ms. Merkel would most likely get a 4^{th} straight term.
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- The rightist 'Alternative for Germany-AfD' polled about 13% votes, increasing its vote share by 8%.
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- It is touted to become the first rightist party to enter Bundestag (Germany Parliament) since 2^{nd} world war.
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- AfD has also becomes the third largest party in the German parliament next only to CDU & SPD - (Social Democrats).
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- As CDU & SDP have been allies for the past two elections, AfD is expected to dominate the opposition space.
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What is the agenda of AfD?

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- It was founded in 2012 as a reaction to the Eurozone policies.
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- It has a strong presence among Euro sceptics and neo-Nazis.
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- Islamophobia and anti-immigration stance is the ideological nucleus around which its current politics is centred.
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- The rise of the AfD had previously forced Ms.Merkel to soften her position on open borders.
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- AfD’s attitude towards Indian immigrants has largely been positive as they aren’t perceived as a threat to the German Social Fabric.
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