

What Berlin's top 3 parties want from AI

Surprise: ALL Berlin parties are pro-AI. But each of them has its own conditions

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Let's talk about the winners of recent Berlin elections. I have checked all their party programs for one thing: AI.

What Berlin's parties promised on AI

	OPEN-SOURCE AI AND SOFTWARE	AI INSIDE CITY OFFICES	AI AND CAMERAS FOR POLICE	MONEY FOR AI INDUSTRY
Die Linke	✓ yes	⦿ with limits	✗ against	⦿ with limits
CDU	— not stated	✓ yes	✓ yes	✓ yes
AfD	— not stated	— not stated	⦿ with limits	✓ yes
Grüne	✓ yes	⦿ with limits	✗ against	✓ yes
SPD	✓ yes	✓ yes	⦿ with limits	✓ yes
BSW out of parliament	✓ yes	✓ yes	⦿ with limits	⦿ with limits
FDP out of parliament	✓ yes	✓ yes	⦿ with limits	✓ yes

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Die Linke - the left party · left

AfD - Alternative für Deutschland · far right

SPD - Sozialdemokratische Partei · centre-left

FDP - Freie Demokratische Partei · liberals

CDU - Christlich Demokratische Union · centre-right

Grüne - Bündnis 90/Die Grünen · greens, centre-left

BSW - Bündnis Sahra Wagenknecht · left-populist

Source: official party election programmes, summer 2026. Parties in order of the preliminary official result; BSW and FDP did not pass the 5% threshold.

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1. Grüne (pro-eco)

They are in the top 4 parties in parliament and they prefer¹:

- non-American AI from Germany or at least Europe,
- Open Source AI.

This means support for projects like:

- Mistral from France
- Black Forest Labs from Germany,
- Open Source models like Stable Diffusion, which was created at a Munich university.

2. Die Linke (leftists)

They came first in Berlin and they want²:

- AI to be transparent and controllable
- Do not want Berlin police to use Palantir

(Palantir is the American AI surveillance software of Trump ally Peter Thiel, which the Trump administration uses to collect data on migrants³⁴).

3. CDU (center-right)

They came second in Berlin, and they want⁵:

- to use AI to cut bureaucracy, most of all in social housing,
- but it also says directly that it wants more police video surveillance with AI.

4. AfD (far-right)

Came third in Berlin. They want⁶:

- full video surveillance in every "hotspot" area of the city,
- in the same list of security demands it asks for AI "if needed".

5. SPD (center-left)

They came fifth in Berlin and they want⁷:

- to use AI to speed up permits for building houses,
- to make Berlin the number 1 place for AI and DeepTech in Europe,
- no Palantir for Berlin police.

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