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Germany – raise one finger
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Some background...

- Germany is the fifth largest country in Europe, covering an area of 357,022 square kilometers
- only Ukraine, France, Spain and Sweden are larger
- Germany shares borders with nine other countries: Denmark, Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands
- approx. 82 mio. inhabitants
Germany was once a cluster of small kingdoms, duchies and principalities which were unified as the German Reich (Deutsches Reich) in 1871. Later it became the Weimar Republic, and the Third Reich (National Socialism) ...
Separation

- In 1949 Germany was divided into Soviet supported East Germany (German Democratic Republic) and the democratic West Germany (Federal Republic of Germany)
Reunification

• Wall fell due to peaceful revolution on November 9, 1989

• official reunification on October 3, 1990

https://p.dw.com/p/3SSA5
Länder today

- since reunification, there are now 16 Länder or federal states

- including three city states: Berlin, Hamburg and Bremen

- most populous Bundesland is North Rhine-Westphalia with a population of about 17,947,000 inhabitants

- the least populous is Bremen with a population of 681,000 inhabitants

- however, in terms of population density, Berlin is on top with about 4,090 people per km²
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