
KARL-THEODOR ZU GUTTENBERG



German Minister of Defense (2009-2011)

Mr. zu Guttenberg served as Minister of Economics and Technology and then as Minister of Defense in the cabinet of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. As youngest Defense Minister in German history, he led the most significant structural reform of the German armed forces since the Bundeswehr's founding. During his time in office he was Germany's most popular politician.

Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg was a CSU Bundestag Member during 2002-2011 and served as spokesman on the Foreign Affairs Committee. Mr. zu Guttenberg was also a Manager of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and Secretary General of Germany's co-governing CSU party.

He is a Distinguished Statesman at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington DC and serves as Senior Advisor to the European Commission leadership on global Internet freedom. He sits on a variety of international corporate and not-for-profit boards.

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