

Question: Can you explain at least three important events in your country which you think other people in the world should know?

Event 1 WWII

So the first event that need to be mentioned is the second world war. I think this event, or better series of events, has the biggest influence on German culture as we see it today.

Nowadays most Germans don't have a national identity than it is common in other countries. Outside of sport it is seen critical to show the German flag in public. The reasons are obvious.

Yes there is a new right and yes they are growing but I would say this is till true for most of the population.

To add something positive I would say most Germans are quite open to minorities so it was learned out of the history.

Event 2 Berlin Wall

The second event I chose is the fall of the Berlin wall in 1989. This event unioned both parts of Germany.

The event is long ago but the effects can be seen today. There is still a real and a felt difference between the people in east and west Germany.

There are not many companies in the east, the wage is lower and in general there is less perspective for the people in the east of the country.

On reason for that was that after the reunion the there weren't many successful companies in the east and the good companies were sold the west Germany by the "Treuhand".

One consequence is that the political right is rising in the east and the people are less happy with the government there.

Élysée Treaty

I would say if Germany would be a human the best friend would be France.

On reason is the Élysée Treaty which institutionalized the friendship between Germany and France.

As consequence there are strong economic partnerships with France but also the people feel closer.

Many Germans students learn french in school and chose to go there for half a year.

Also France is a popular destination for tourism from Germany. As kid I was there a lot too.

So these were my three events. What are you thinking about them?

