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### **Germany: European Economic Problem Part X?**

Is this but one the many problems that Germany will face resulting from EU instability? It seems likely due to the economic turmoil that has run amok in Greece, Spain, Italy, and other countries in Europe. It is unfortunate that this is occurring due to the nature of other problems that Germany has had to face in the past month under the leadership of Angel Merkel, the German Chancellor.

Helmut Kohl denies the fact that he said anything poor about Dr. Merkel and her leadership (Irish Times). It could be detrimental to the German society and the progress that needs to be made in order to achieve a more stable economic situation if this sort of controversy continues. Merkel now faces the claim “that amid disclosures ... her former mentor Helmut Kohl had accused her of ‘ruining’ the Europe he had helped to create and of pursuing single currency policies which he called ‘very dangerous’” (The Independent (London)). This appears to be a political move that is expending the capital, economically and politically, too hastily.

Stated quite eloquently by *The Daily Telegraph*, “Ms Merkel is relying on support from opposition Social Democrats to push the deal through the Bundestag, but this is politically dangerous and may threaten her grip on power if Germany has to put yet more money behind the summit pledges, as appears likely.” The financial environment in Europe has taken a steady trend of becoming more volatile every day, it appears.

To make matters worse, in an already bad situation, Germany is at the least, ‘mingling’ with Saudi Arabian military officials. *The Independent (London)* quoted Volker R  he as he bluntly analyzed the situation as Germany positioned herself, “The weapons deal has to be stopped. Germany should not find itself on the wrong side of history again.” The sale of 200 Leopard Tanks has definitely brought many Germans back to a time when Germany was a more militaristic state, and that thought appears to set uneasy in some of their minds.

Three days prior to the article written by *The Independent (London)*, in an article written by *The New York Times* shows that, “German opposition parties were unable to muster a majority to oppose the reported multibillion-dollar deal to sell 200 German-made tanks to Saudi Arabia.” To make matters worse, Angela Merkel, “has refused to confirm or deny that a deal is in place, citing legal requirements to keep all the council's decisions secret” (The New York Times). This has proven to be a quite, and trite, troublesome situation that has allow many to see confusion within the German political ranks.

The economic problem is seen to be a series of problem after problem. A mathematician would view this as an equation defined by the variable X. Too many different scenarios could occur laving much uncertainty for the public and, in fact, Europe.

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