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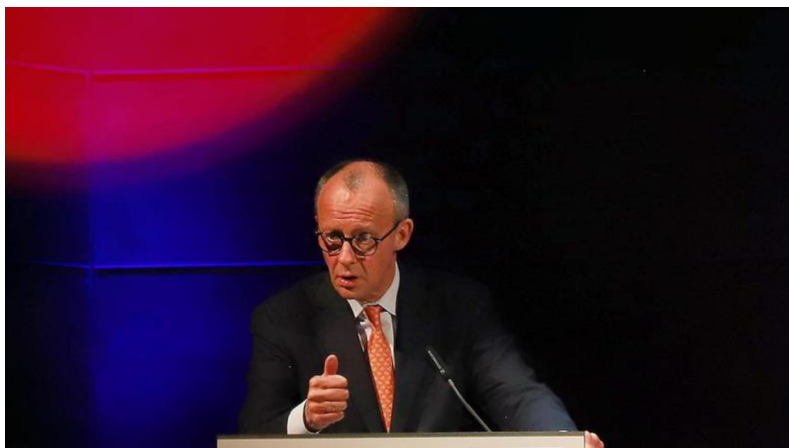
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# Germans should work more – Merz

The chancellor, who has increasingly been channeling public funds into the country's militarization, has criticized his compatriots' labor ethic



German Chancellor Friedrich Merz © Global Look Press / IMAGO / dts Nachrichtenagentur

Germans should put in more work to revive the country's moribund economy, Chancellor Friedrich Merz has stated.

Merz, who once chaired the supervisory board of BlackRock in Germany, has also acknowledged the country's *"strategic mistake"* of abandoning nuclear power and cutting itself off from cheap Russian oil and gas, which have forced up energy prices and sent the economy into a two-year recession.

In a speech on Wednesday, the chancellor lamented that *"labor costs in our country are simply too high,"* while the *"productivity of our economy is not high enough."*

He urged Germans to commit to *"greater economic output... through more work."*

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*“With work-life balance and a four-day week, the prosperity our country enjoys today cannot be maintained in the future - and that’s why we have to work more,”* Merz insisted.



Last August, the chancellor stated that the *“welfare state as we have it today can no longer be financed with what we can economically afford.”* He noted that welfare spending hit a record €47 billion (\$55 billion) in 2024, and continued to rise.

That same month, Merz acknowledged that the German economy had slid into a *“structural crisis,”* with large sectors *“no longer truly competitive.”*

In spite of these adverse economic trends, Merz prioritized the militarization of the country, citing a perceived Russia threat. Moscow has repeatedly dismissed claims that it harbors aggressive intentions toward its Western neighbors as *“nonsense.”*

In May, the chancellor pledged to transform the German military into the *“strongest conventional army in Europe.”*

To this end, the German government has changed its budget rules to permit long-term defense spending beyond the €100-billion fund.

Last October, Politico, citing internal government documents, claimed that Berlin was planning to shell out some €377 billion (\$440 billion) for a comprehensive rearmament program, which is expected to stretch beyond the 2026 budget.

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**Miguel** 1/16/2026 at 4:32 PM 3

Do the germans get the feeling they have al been conned ?  
 Then again the germans only have themselves to blame in voting Black Rock Merz in and allow ice queen fond of lying to carry on dictating the germans future

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**D R** 1/16/2026 at 5:52 PM 0

Germans didn't vote for Blackrock representative Merz, even the Bundestag wouldn't elect him, so they had to do an extra round...

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**Kaela Creighton** 1/16/2026 at 5:46 PM 0

That's what happens when you finally reach being decent to the population. There go all their labor rights to keep them down so that they can't fight for dignity. The US could be the paradise it promises, too. Instead, we get a bunch of psychological tricks that the disabled are like, oh goody. We're parasites here, not people who came here on the first ships. They fight over having to give us our basic needs. But he has a family?! And I have a belly, too. This is where I say abusively back; you shouldn't have had kids you can't afford, try working two jobs like me. Life isn't fair. Now I'm a homewrecker. What? It gets to the point that I'm like, I think I'm homicidal. No, I wouldn't kill anyone, but I should be lobotomized. Everyone knows I want to shoot up the school. We must prevent crime (earning money). People who are abuse are hurt and just need a little cutting in the brain. It makes them less stressful for their families. Napalm, nothing is wrong in our lives. We have «inactivity» in our brains from being lazy. That's what the lesions are from. Unless you are brain dead, your brain is never in a state of inactivity. We have silent massacres and envy Hitler. Normal countries have like a 20 IQ difference with us. I can only imagine how many of us are going to have dementia from these edits. Millions of years of evolution and social understandings



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us are going to have dementia from these edits. Millions of years of evolution and social understandings, dead in less than 30 seconds. Now give them all your money. That even makes it more difficult to talk to us. Germany should tell us to eff off and get therapy for being monomaniacs. Hook up with Russia. Everyone can be prosperous with the right leaders and mass education. «Heaven Knows,» The Pretty Reckless.


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 **Boki** 1/16/2026 at 5:44 PM

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How is that? Everyone for decades claimed that Germans are one of the most hardworking people! In my country always say why you do not work like Germans to be successful! 🤔

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 **85766** 1/16/2026 at 5:44 PM

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Secessio plebis?

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 **Monsieur de la Pérouse** 1/16/2026 at 5:40 PM

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Work more, but where? Factories are closing, large companies lay thousands of people off, and Germans are aware that working more just means paying more taxes.

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 **Mario** 1/16/2026 at 4:34 PM

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Germans gradually waking up to the fact that working more only means getting less. The German people are on the edge of losing it with their government.

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 **Mike** 1/16/2026 at 5:36 PM ↕

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Mario, Germans are too soft at this point, zMz will give them their instructions, remind them whose boss, they will do as lords order 👍

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 **Yemoot Toomey** 1/16/2026 at 4:39 PM

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This man is a bonified lunatic!! It would be more responsible NOT to give their hard earned money away to chase personal vendettas with Russia. Germans are better than this man representing & embarrassing them.

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 **Mike** 1/16/2026 at 5:29 PM  0

Yemoot- remember the Germans tolerate this guy, he is still in office. Who is really to blame here.



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 **NJPG Dragon** 1/16/2026 at 4:53 PM 0

So German wives will be in factories <sup>24/7</sup> building tanks and bombers for their husbands again?

Good luck!

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 **Anonydun "Hanonymouse" 82fgoog** 1/16/2026 at 5:25 PM  0

Russia will never say no to donations of high quality scrap metal left on the steppes.

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 **Neil Karol** 1/16/2026 at 5:26 PM  0

So they can support the illegal scam bags that they let into the country...

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 **Ari** 1/16/2026 at 5:24 PM 2


Send some more billions to the parasites in Ukraine and cut benefits for the Germans, it'll fix the problem. 🤪

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 **John J** 1/16/2026 at 4:26 PM 5

Blackrock can't make super profits if the people make a living wage. EU is doomed like the US. You will be slaves to the Cabal. The Wealthy Cabal will buy up your pensions, insurance companies, hospitals, housing, energy infrastructure, grocery stores and everything of value. Then fire workers, cut benefits and salaries. How with this happen? They will bribe and own all of your politicians, like the US. Have a nice day.

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 **paul figaro** 1/16/2026 at 4:36 PM  -1

MAGA looks forward to the coming economic collapse in both our lands..  
That's when the far right inherits the smoking ruins, and the commies and foreigners will have either

left, or become part of the smouldering ruins.

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**Y** Yemoot Toomey 1/16/2026 at 4:50 PM ↕

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Capitalism.

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**M** Mike 1/16/2026 at 5:24 PM ↕

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John j- got gold and silver? 😎

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**S** Sandy Coleman 1/16/2026 at 4:12 PM

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MERZ has 11% approval

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**V** Victor 1/16/2026 at 4:19 PM ↕

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Guess he purchased 10%:)

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**A** Anonydun "Hanonymouse" 82fgoog 1/16/2026 at 5:23 PM ↕

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When dead Austrian mustache guy has a higher approval than the current Chancellor, you know that the Chancellor is pretty terrible.

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**F** 1/16/2026 at 4:55 PM

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Work more, Hansels and Gretels!  
You German/Europe slaves need to be more productive!  
Lots of Mohammeds and Fatimahs depend on you.

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**M** Mike 1/16/2026 at 5:22 PM ↕

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I wonder if the Germans know where merz s home is? Pay him a nice friendly social visit 😊

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**B** Big Megina 1/16/2026 at 4:11 PM

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