



“Merkel hopes for 12  
million immigrants”

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# Content of the fake news

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- In March 2017, the site Wochenblick.at published this news.
- The news was published shortly before the federal elections in 2017.
- Content: A **secret** document is said to show that Germany **hopes** to receive 12 million immigrants by 2060.
- Fact: There is a **publicly available** document with a Demographic balance from the Ministry of the Interior. In it, the following forecast occurs: if 300,000 immigrants come to Germany every year until 2060, the population level in 2060 would be the same as it is today. There is **no talk of hope**.

# Target group & Impact

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- Everyone, but especially for the right-wing voters in Germany.
- Problem: It seems that the federal government of Germany wants a people exchange and welcome large-scale immigration.
- Impact: Confusion and Anger among people, Influence elections