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Germany's Response to Refugee Crisis


Introduction

The refugee crisis that started in 2015 raised a major concern for many Europe's countries of which Germany under Angela Merkel was proactively involved. This article seeks to understand the German experience in the context of the crisis together with analyzing the measures put in place, and their effectiveness.



The Policy Decision

Germany's response was more liberal which was in the form of an open-door policy as a result of humanitarianism and in effort to maintain and practice on European values of the solidarity. The importance of this decision is well illustrated by the slogan 'Wir schaffen das', or 'We can do this,' uttered by Chancellor Merkel when announcing Germany's willingness to accept a large number of refugees.





Political and Social Reactions

As this, Germany's approach elicited appreciation as well as controversies. While humanitarian approaches were welcomed and embraced by many, there were voices expressing concerns such as threat to security, financial implications and even problems facing social order. The increase of immigrants' phobia and political response demonstrated that the crisis is not only massive, but also multifaceted.

Conclusion

The response that was given by Germany to refugee crisis can be explained by the balance of humanitarian interests and pragmatic considerations. In this regard the case shows the strengths and weaknesses of the country in terms of offering asylum and integration but leaves one with a feeling that the situation could had been managed better with more balanced crisis preparedness and planning.

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