

The German Federal Parliament ("*Bundestag*") has now been monitoring the intelligence-related activities of the German Federal Government ("*Bundesregierung*") for a number of decades. Nevertheless, it was not until the year 2009 that the Grand Coalition at the time decided to explicitly anchor parliamentary control in this area in the German Constitution. Article 45d of the German Constitution (GG) now stipulates the appointment of a "Parliamentary Control Panel". It also states that a federal law should regulate the full particulars of this arrangement. The concise wording of this article in particular meant that its legal meaning was controversial right from the start.

This investigation explores the different legal evaluations, presents the legal situation before and after the implementation of the new article of the German Constitution and ultimately answers the question as to whether and to what extent article 45d GG can be deemed to have successfully redefined the control relationship between the Bundestag and Bundesregierung in the field of intelligence-related activity.

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