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Good morning,

Thank you to (b)(6) for today's social media trends!

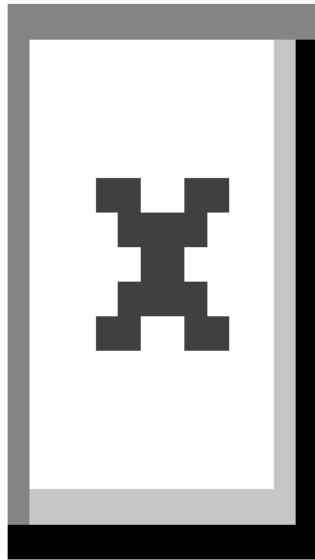
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X (formerly Twitter)

The conversation on X has largely carried over from yesterday, with the following hashtags continuing to trend:

#Merz (45.7k posts)

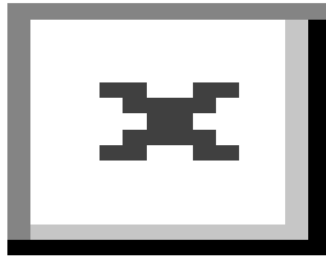
Users question whether CDU chairman's demand to declare a national emergency over irregular migration was but campaign rhetoric, an argument actively pushed by the AfD after his seeming to walk back that demand.

**#Lanz** (8,319 posts)

Continued discussion of the most recent issue of the talk show *Markus Lanz* on 08/27/2024.

#Wölfin (she-wolf)

Thread of users [warning](#) against the AfD, but occasionally reverting to conspiracy theory in order to do so and implying that they might have orchestrated recent incidents of immigrant violence for electoral gain, set off by a [user](#) with the account name "Die Woelfin."



Instagram

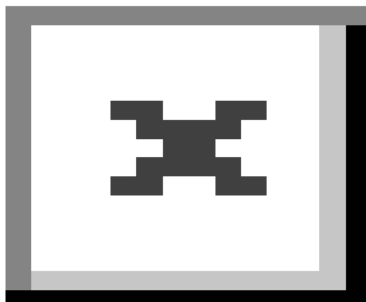
The **Russian Embassy to Germany** has [posted](#) a statement by Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov in support of Telegram founder Pavel Durov, whose arrest in Paris on 08/24 he framed as emblematic of France's overall problematic position on freedom of speech.

The **PRC's Embassy to Germany** has posted no new content.

German Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** posted a video in which he reiterated his demand to curb irregular immigration, but without infringing on Basic Law.

YouTube

A [video](#) on multinational companies such as Nestlé and Coca Cola's questionable role in the international water trade by educational channel Simplicissimus has been watched over 700k times within 24 hours of its upload.



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