



**Former Mayor of Hamburg**

Dr. Klaus von Dohnanyi (born 23 June 1928 in Hamburg) is a German politician and a member of the Social Democratic Party (SPD). Dr. von Dohnanyi is the son of Hans von Dohnanyi and Christine Bonhoeffer, and thus a nephew of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. After studying law at the universities of Munich, Columbia, Stanford and Yale, he started his career working at the Max-Planck-Institute for Civil Law. He then moved to Ford Motor Company, the car manufacturer, working for the company in both Detroit and Cologne where he was head of the Planning Division. From 1960 to 1967 von Dohnanyi was a Managing Partner of the Institute for Market Research and Management Consulting in Munich.

In 1969 he was elected to the German Federal Parliament (the Bundestag) from the state of Rheinland-Pfalz and served as Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Economics, Federal Minister of Education and Science and Secretary of State in the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic until 1981. That year he was elected Governor of his home State of Hamburg, and thus prime minister of Hamburg, one of the federal States of Germany. He served two terms as First Mayor, from 24 June 1981 until 8 June 1988.

After the fall of the Berlin Wall and with German unification, Klaus von Dohnanyi became involved with the restructuring programme in East Germany, and from 1993 to 1996 was a special adviser on Market Economy and State to the Board of the Treuhandanstalt and BvS, its successor company, responsible for privatising state-owned companies in the former East Germany.

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