North German Confederation

- **Facts**
  - Prussia had control of 4 million people more
  - Hesse-Cassel, Nassau, Hanover, City of Frankfurt, Schleswig-Holstein
    - Only Baden, Bavaria and Wuttemberg indepedent
    - Leaders deposed except Saxony
  - Bismarck's strategy
    - Unite moderate conservatives and liberals
- **Prussia control**
  - Foreign policy
  - Decision of war and peace
- **Parliament / Reichstag**
  - Universal male suffrage
  - Dominated by Bismarck
    - Federal Chancellor
  - No control over military spending
    - 90% annual budget
- **Indemnity bill**
  - Retroactively legalised raising taxes without parliamentary approval
    - Only 7 Prussian Diet members voted against
  - September1866

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