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What do Heidi Klum, soccer player Lukas Podolski, and Bettina Wulff, the former wife of ex-Federal President Christian Wulff, have in common with Harry and Anna? The answer is tattoos! And they are not alone. Over 10% of the German population has at least one tattoo. Bettina Wulff also proudly displayed a tattoo on her upper arm in 2010. Although conservative minds may have cringed at the sight of a tattoo on Germany's "first lady," tattoos are becoming more socially acceptable in Germany.

This is partly due to the international tattoo convention, which has been held in Frankfurt since 1992 and is one of the largest of its kind in Germany. Hundreds of tattoo artists from all over the world gather here once a year to demonstrate their skills. The best works are awarded prizes at the end of each day. Because the profession of tattoo artist is not protected in Germany, anyone can work in this field. And an award from a tattoo fair boosts credibility. Not only are tattoos popular, but tattoo removal is also booming.