

Country: Sweden

Years: 1945

Head of government: Prime Minister Per Albin Hansson

Ideology: left

Description: HoG identifies ideology as left. CHISOLS identifies party as the Swedish Social Democratic Worker's Party (*Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti – SAP/SDA*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democrats' (*Socialdemokraterna*) ideology as leftist. DPI identifies the Social Democratic Party's ideology as leftist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-left" (-.982) in 1970. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the SDA's ideology as leftist, writing "Social Democrats (*Socialdemokraterna*). The Social Democrats is currently the most widely used rubric for the party also referenced as the Social Democratic Labor Party (*Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti—SdAP*) or the Social Democratic Party... party has a "pragmatic" socialist outlook. During more than four decades of virtually uninterrupted power from 1932, it refrained from nationalizing major industries but gradually increased government economic planning and control over the business sector."

Years: 1946 - 1968

Head of government: Prime Minister Tage Fritiof Erlander

Ideology: left

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Years: 1969 - 1975

Head of government: Prime Minister Olof Palme

Ideology: left

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Years: 1976 - 1977

Head of government: Prime Minister Thorbjörn Fälldin

Ideology: center

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as the Center Party (*Centerpartiet – CP*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identify the Center Party's (*Centerpartiet*) ideology as centrist. DPI identifies the Center Party's ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-right" (.79) in 1976. Political Handbook of the World (2015) writes "Center Party (*Centerpartiet*)... Since adopting its present name in 1958, the Center Party, campaigning for decentralization of government and industry and for reduced impact of government on the lives of individuals, has developed nationwide strength, including support from the larger urban centers."

Year: 1978

Head of government: Prime Minister Ola Ullsten

Ideology: center

Description: HoG identifies ideology as left. CHISOLS identifies party as the Liberal People's Party (*Folkpartiet Liberalerna—FpL/FP*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identify the People's Party's (The Liberals) (*Folkpartiet, FP*) ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-right" (.787) in 1976. Political Handbook of the World (2015) describes shifts in the FpL's ideology, writing "In June 1996 the FpL announced its relaunch as a "bourgeois left" party emphasizing the fight against unemployment and ethnic

separation... the FpL [later] moved toward what was described as conservative liberalism, taking tougher positions on crime, school, and discipline and strengthening its antidrugs stance.” DPI identifies the FP’s ideology as rightist. Döring and Manow (2019) identify the FP as rightist, describing the FP as “Liberal”. Elgán and Scobbie (2015) identify the FP’s ideology as centrist, writing “Liberal Party (Folkpartiet Liberalerna, FP)... in 1944... Bertel Ohlin forged as party policy a system that supported the welfare state but allowed businesses and their employees to work freely within a definite framework established by the state and local authorities... the constant thread running through the Liberal Party’s policy since its inception has been a nondogmatic social welfare system within a society free from heavy state control... the party seems destined to be a... party of the middle ground.” Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Ullsten and People’s Party as centrist.

Years: 1979 - 1981

Head of government: Prime Minister Thorbjörn Fälldin

Ideology: center

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as the Center Party (*Centerpartiet – CP*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identify the Center Party’s (*Centerpartiet*) ideology as centrist. DPI identifies the Center Party’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center-right” (.79) in 1979. Political Handbook of the World (2015) writes “Center Party (Centerpartiet)... Since adopting its present name in 1958, the Center Party, campaigning for decentralization of government and industry and for reduced impact of government on the lives of individuals, has developed nationwide strength, including support from the larger urban centers.”

Years: 1982 - 1985

Head of government: Prime Minister Olof Palme

Ideology: left

Description: HoG identifies ideology as left. CHISOLS identifies party as the Swedish Social Democratic Worker’s Party (*Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti – SAP/SDA*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democrats’ (*Socialdemokraterna*) ideology as leftist. DPI identifies the Social Democratic Party’s ideology as leftist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center-left” (-1.368) in 1982 and 1985. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the SDA’s ideology as leftist, writing “Social Democrats (Socialdemokraterna). The Social Democrats is currently the most widely used rubric for the party also referenced as the Social Democratic Labor Party (Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti—SdAP) or the Social

Democratic Party... party has a “pragmatic” socialist outlook. During more than four decades of virtually uninterrupted power from 1932, it refrained from nationalizing major industries but gradually increased government economic planning and control over the business sector.”

Years: 1986 - 1990

Head of government: Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson

Ideology: left

Description: HoG identifies ideology as left. CHISOLS identifies party as the Swedish Social Democratic Worker’s Party (*Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti – SAP/SDA*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democrats’ (*Socialdemokraterna*) ideology as leftist. DPI identifies the Social Democratic Party’s ideology as leftist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center-left” (-1.368) in 1985 and 1988. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the SDA’s ideology as leftist, writing “Social Democrats (*Socialdemokraterna*). The Social Democrats is currently the most widely used rubric for the party also referenced as the Social Democratic Labor Party (*Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti—SdAP*) or the Social Democratic Party... party has a “pragmatic” socialist outlook. During more than four decades of virtually uninterrupted power from 1932, it refrained from nationalizing major industries but gradually increased government economic planning and control over the business sector.”

Years: 1991 - 1993

Head of government: Prime Minister Carl Bildt

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as the Moderate Coalition Party (*Moderata Samlingspartiet—MSP/MUP*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identify the Moderate Unity Party (*Moderate Samlingspartiet*) as rightist. DPI identifies the Moderate Unity Party’s ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Right” (2.006) in 1991. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the MSP’s ideology as rightist, writing “Moderate Party (*Moderate Partiet—MP*)... The party... advocated tax cuts and reduced governmental interference in the economy... In a bid to capture the middle ground of Swedish politics prior to the 2006 election, the party dropped its call for radical tax cuts, instead emphasizing support for public services... Following Reinfeldt’s installation as prime minister, the Moderate-led Alliance embarked on a plan to liberalize the economy through the privatization of state-owned assets and reform of the welfare system, including a reduction in

employers' social security contributions, restrictions on access to unemployment and sick benefits, and efforts to boost employment.”

Years: 1994 - 1995

Head of government: Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson

Ideology: left

Description: HoG identifies ideology as left. CHISOLS identifies party as the Swedish Social Democratic Worker's Party (*Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti – SAP/SDA*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democrats' (*Socialdemokraterna*) ideology as leftist. DPI identifies the Social Democratic Party's ideology as leftist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as “Center-left” (-1.368) in 1994. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the SDA's ideology as leftist, writing “Social Democrats (*Socialdemokraterna*). The Social Democrats is currently the most widely used rubric for the party also referenced as the Social Democratic Labor Party (*Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti—SdAP*) or the Social Democratic Party... party has a “pragmatic” socialist outlook. During more than four decades of virtually uninterrupted power from 1932, it refrained from nationalizing major industries but gradually increased government economic planning and control over the business sector.”

Years: 1996 - 2005

Head of government: Prime Minister Göran Persson

Ideology: left

Description: HoG identifies ideology as left. CHISOLS identifies party as the Swedish Social Democratic Worker's Party (*Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti – SAP/SDA*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democrats' (*Socialdemokraterna*) ideology as leftist. DPI identifies the Social Democratic Party's ideology as leftist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as “Center-left” (-1.368) in 1994 and “Center-left” (-1.376) in 1998 and 2002. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the SDA's ideology as leftist, writing “Social Democrats (*Socialdemokraterna*). The Social Democrats is currently the most widely used rubric for the party also referenced as the Social Democratic Labor Party (*Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti—SdAP*) or the Social Democratic Party... party has a “pragmatic” socialist outlook. During more than four decades of virtually uninterrupted power from 1932, it refrained from nationalizing major industries but gradually increased government economic planning and control over the business sector.”

Years: 2006 - 2013

Head of government: Prime Minister Fredrik Reinfeldt

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as the Moderate Coalition Party (*Moderata Samlingspartiet*—MSP/MUP). Armingeon et al. (2019) identify the Moderate Unity Party (*Moderate Samlingspartiet*) as rightist. DPI identifies the Moderate Unity Party's ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Right" (2.009) in 2006 and 2010. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the MSP's ideology as rightist, writing "Moderate Party (Moderate Partiet—MP)... The party... advocated tax cuts and reduced governmental interference in the economy... In a bid to capture the middle ground of Swedish politics prior to the 2006 election, the party dropped its call for radical tax cuts, instead emphasizing support for public services... Following Reinfeldt's installation as prime minister, the Moderate-led Alliance embarked on a plan to liberalize the economy through the privatization of state-owned assets and reform of the welfare system, including a reduction in employers' social security contributions, restrictions on access to unemployment and sick benefits, and efforts to boost employment."

Years: 2014 - 2020

Head of government: Prime Minister Stefan Löfven

Ideology: left

Description: HoG identifies ideology as left. Varieties of Democracy identifies party affiliation as Social Democrats. The Columbia Encyclopedia (2018) identifies party as the Swedish Social Democratic Worker's Party (*Sveriges Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti* – SAP/SDA). DPI identifies ideology of Sveriges socialdemokratiska arbetareparti as leftist. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democrats' (*Socialdemokraterna*) ideology as leftist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-left" (-1.376) in 2014 and 2018. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the SDA's ideology as leftist, writing "Social Democrats (Socialdemokraterna). The Social Democrats is currently the most widely used rubric for the party also referenced as the Social Democratic Labor Party (Socialdemokratiska Arbetareparti—SdAP) or the Social Democratic Party... party has a "pragmatic" socialist outlook. During more than four decades of virtually uninterrupted power from 1932, it refrained from nationalizing major industries but gradually increased government economic planning and control over the business sector." World Statesmen (2021) corroborates party affiliation as SAP (Swedish Social Democratic Workers' Party) and describes the party as "social-democratic." Perspective Monde (2021) corroborates party affiliation as the Swedish Social Democratic Labor Party and identifies the party as center-left.

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