

Country: Iceland

Years: 1945 - 1946

Head of government: Prime Minister Ólafur Thors

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Encyclopedia Britannica (2018) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "right" (2.166) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization".

Years: 1947 - 1948

Head of government: Prime Minister Stefán Jóhann Stefánsson

Ideology: left

Description: Contrary to V-Dem, World Statesmen (2019) and Rulers (2019) identify head of government as Ólafur Thors instead of Stefán Jóhann Stefánsson on December 31 1949. HoG does not identify ideology. The *New York Times* (1947) identifies party as Alþýðuflokkurinn (Social Democratic Party). DPI identifies ideology of Alþýðuflokkurinn as left. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-left" (-.958) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democratic Party's ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the SDP's ideology as leftist, writing "the Social Democratic Party—SDP (Alþýðuflokkurinn)... long advocated state ownership of large enterprises; [and] increased social welfare benefits".

Year: 1949

Head of government: Prime Minister Ólafur Thors

Ideology: right

Description: Contrary to V-Dem, World Statesmen (2019) and Rulers (2019) identify head of government as Ólafur Thors instead of Stefán Jóhann Stefánsson on December 31 1949. Encyclopedia Britannica (2018) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Right" (2.166) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019)

identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization".

Years: 1950 - 1952

Head of government: Prime Minister Steingrímur Steinþórsson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Nuechterlein (1959: 144) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center" (.029) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist. The Political Handbook of the World (2009) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist, writing "the centrist PP".

Years: 1953 - 1955

Head of government: Prime Minister Ólafur Thors

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Encyclopedia Britannica (2018) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "right" (2.166) in 1971. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization".

Years: 1956 - 1957

Head of government: Prime Minister Hermann Jónasson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. The *New York Times* (1956) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center" (.029) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist. The Political

Handbook of the World (2009) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist, writing "the centrist PP".

Year: 1958

Head of government: Prime Minister Emil Jónsson

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. The *San Francisco Chronicle* (1986) identifies party as Alþýðuflokkurinn (Social Democratic Party). DPI identifies ideology of Alþýðuflokkurinn as left. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-left" (-.958) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democratic Party's ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the SDP's ideology as leftist, writing "the Social Democratic Party—SDP (Alþýðuflokkurinn)... long advocated state ownership of large enterprises; [and] increased social welfare benefits".

Years: 1959 - 1962

Head of government: Prime Minister Ólafur Thors

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Encyclopedia Britannica (2018) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "right" (2.166) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization".

Years: 1962 - 1969

Head of government: Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *The Columbia Encyclopedia* (2018) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "right" (2.166) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a

union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization”.

Year: 1970

Head of government: Prime Minister Jóhann Hafstein

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Middel (2018: 14) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “right” (2.166) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party’s ideology as rightist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the Independence Party’s ideology as rightist, writing “Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization”.

Years: 1971 - 1973

Head of government: Prime Minister Ólafur Jóhannesson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. The *Washington Post* (1971) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.029) in 1971. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party’s ideology as centrist. The Political Handbook of the World (2009) identifies the Progressive Party’s ideology as centrist, writing “the centrist PP”.

Years: 1974 - 1977

Head of government: Prime Minister Geir Hallgrímsson

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. The *New York Times* (1983) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “right” (2.166) in 1974. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party’s ideology as rightist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the Independence Party’s ideology as rightist, writing “Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization”.

Year: 1978

Head of government: Prime Minister Ólafur Jóhannesson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *The Washington Post* (1971) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center" (.029) in 1978. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist. *The Political Handbook of the World* (2009) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist, writing "the centrist PP".

Years: 1979

Head of government: Prime Minister Benedikt Gröndal

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *The Irish Times* (1978) identifies party as Alþýðuflokkurinn (Social Democratic Party). DPI identifies ideology of Alþýðuflokkurinn as left. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center-left" (-.958) in 1979. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Social Democratic Party's ideology as leftist. *Political Handbook of the World* (2015) identifies the SDP's ideology as leftist, writing "the Social Democratic Party—SDP (Alþýðuflokkurinn)... long advocated state ownership of large enterprises; [and] increased social welfare benefits".

Years: 1980 - 1982

Head of government: Prime Minister Gunnar Thoroddsen

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 629) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "right" (2.166) in 1979. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist. *Political Handbook of the World* (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization".

Years: 1983 - 1986

Head of government: Prime Minister Steingrímur Hermannsson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 630) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center" (.029) in 1983. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist. The *Political Handbook of the World* (2009) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist, writing "the centrist PP".

Years: 1987

Head of government: Prime Minister Þorsteinn Pálsson

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 630) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "right" (2.166) in 1987. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist. *Political Handbook of the World* (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization".

Years: 1988 - 1990

Head of government: Prime Minister Steingrímur Hermannsson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 630) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center" (.029) in 1987. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist. The *Political Handbook of the World* (2009) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist, writing "the centrist PP".

Years: 1991 - 2003

Head of government: Prime Minister Davíð Oddsson

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 630) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts

identify head of government party's ideology as "Right" (2.166) in 1991, 1995, 1999 and 2003. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist. *Political Handbook of the World* (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn). Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization".

Years: 2004 - 2005

Head of government: Prime Minister Halldór Ásgrímsson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 630) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center" (.029) in 2003.

Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist. The *Political Handbook of the World* (2009) identifies the Progressive Party's ideology as centrist, writing "the centrist PP".

Years: 2006 - 2008

Head of government: Prime Minister Geir Haarde

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 632) identifies party as Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn (Independence Party). DPI identifies ideology of Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn as right. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Right" (2.166) in 2003 and 2007.

Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist.

Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the Independence Party's ideology as rightist, writing "Independence Party—IP (Sjálfstæðisflokkurinn).

Formed in 1929 by a union of conservative and liberal groups, the IP... stands for a liberal economic policy... [and] economic stabilization".

Years: 2009 - 2012

Head of government: Prime Minister Jóhanna Sigurðardóttir

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 633) identifies party as Samfylkingin (Alliance). The *Country Monitor*

(2009) identifies ideology of Samfylkingin as left: "The result of Iceland's general election on April 25th was a victory for the two left-wing parties that since January have formed a caretaker administration, although it was by a slightly narrower

margin than expected. The Social Democratic Alliance (SDA) and the Left-Green Movement received a combined vote of just less than 50%.” In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center-left” (-.942) in 2009. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Samfylkingin’s ideology as leftist.

Years: 2013 - 2015

Head of government: Prime Minister Sigmundur Davíð Gunnlaugsson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 629) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.029) in 2013.

Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party’s ideology as centrist. The *Political Handbook of the World* (2009) identifies the Progressive Party’s ideology as centrist, writing “the centrist PP”.

Year: 2016

Head of government: Prime Minister Sigurður Ingi Jóhannsson

Ideology: center

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 632) identifies party as Framsóknarflokkurinn (Progressive Party). DPI identifies ideology of Framsóknarflokkurinn as center. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.029) in 2016.

Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Progressive Party’s ideology as centrist. The *Political Handbook of the World* (2009) identifies the Progressive Party’s ideology as centrist, writing “the centrist PP”. *World Statesmen* (2021) and *Perspective Monde* (2021) corroborate party affiliation as FSF and identify the party as centrist.

Year: 2017-2020

Head of government: Prime Minister Katrín Jakobsdóttir

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. *Varieties of Democracy* identifies party affiliation as Left-Green Movement. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 633) identifies party as Vinstrihreyfingin – grænt framboð (Left-Green Movement). Önnudóttir and Ólafur (2018: 102) identifies ideology of Vinstrihreyfingin – grænt framboð as left, “Historically, there have been four main parties in Iceland, the right-wing Independence Party; the Progressive Party, which is a centre party and a former agrarian party; the left-centre Social Democratic

Alliance and the left-socialist Left-Green Movement.” In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.045) in 2017. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies the Left-Greens’ (*Vinstri græn*) ideology as leftist. World Statesmen (2021) corroborates party affiliation as VG and describes the party as “democratic socialist, eco-socialist.” Perspective Monde (2021) corroborates party affiliation as the Left-Green Movement and identifies the party as leftist. DPI identifies the Left-Green Movement’s ideology as leftist.

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