

Country: Gabon

Years: 1960-1966

Head of government: Léon M'ba

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies M'ba's party as BDG. Yates (2018) explains that "after Mba's death... President Bongo dissolved the BDG and other parties on 12 March 1968 and replaced them with a single party, the... PDG." According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, "[by 1960] M'ba was already coming under attack from members of his own party as being too conservative and pro-French... [he] became increasingly paternalistic and authoritarian, stressing both the need for unity and Gabon's dependence on France." Banks, Day, and Muller (1998) state that M'ba "ruled in a conservative yet pragmatic style and supported close political and economic relations with France." Piehler (2013) describes M'ba as "the conservative leader of Gabon" who was "on the opposite end of the political spectrum" from Patrice Lumumba, described as pro-Soviet. Manzano (2017) identifies ideology as rightist. Perspective Monde identifies the BDG and the PDG as "center right." World Statesmen (2019) codes M'ba as BDG, described as "PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative, former BDG, 1968-90 only legal party, est. Mar 1968". PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify BDG's ideology as "Center-left" (-0.569) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify "virtually no visible disagreement" in BDG in 1973.

Years: 1967-1974

Head of government: Omar Bongo

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Bongo as head of government and identifies head of government's party as BDG. Lansford (2017) writes that Bongo reorganized the BDG into the PDG in 1968 and declared Gabon a one-party state, writing "Officially established by President Bongo in 1968, the PDG succeeded the earlier Gabon Democratic Bloc." Ngolet (2000) identifies the PDG as a rightist party, writing, "the PDG's political doctrine... is a conservative ideology (Gaulme 1988:129-61), emphasizing (...) free enterprise, and a market economy, all pursued, supposedly, in a spirit of "Dialogue, Tolerance, Paix," the three key principles of Bongo's political part." Perspective Monde identifies the BDG and the PDG as "center right." World Statesmen (2019) codes Bongo as PDG, described as "PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian,

conservative”. Manzano (2017) identifies ideology for “Albert-Bernard Bongo” as rightist, using Bongo’s birth name. PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify BDG/PDG’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.569) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “virtually no visible disagreement” in BDG/PDG in 1973.

Years: 1975-1989

Head of government: Léon Mébiame

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Cahoon (2018) identifies Mébiame’s affiliation as PDG, coding “16 Apr 1975 - 3 May 1990 Léon Mébiame (b. 1934 - d. 2015) PDG.” Ngolet (2000) identifies the PDG as a rightist party, writing, “the PDG's political doctrine... is a conservative ideology (Gaulme 1988:129-61), emphasizing (...) free enterprise, and a market economy, all pursued, supposedly, in a spirit of "Dialogue, Tolerance, Paix," the three key principles of Bongo's political part.” Perspective Monde identifies the PDG as “center right.” World Statesmen (2019) codes Mébiame as PDG, described as “PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative”. PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.569) in 1973, 1980, and 1985. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “virtually no visible disagreement” in PDG in 1973, 1980, and 1985.

Years: 1990-1993

Head of government: Casimir Oyé-Mba

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Cahoon (2018) identifies Oyé-Mba’s affiliation as non-party, coding “3 May 1990 - 2 Nov 1994 Casimir Oyé-Mba (b. 1942) Non-party.” Perspective Monde identifies Oyé-Mba’s party as the PDG, with a “center right” orientation. World Statesmen (2019) codes Oyé-Mba as PDG, described as “PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative”. PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International.

Years: 1994-1998

Head of government: Paulin Obame-Nguema

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Lansford (2017) identifies Obame-Nguema’s party as PDG, writing that “the president named a PDG confidant, Paulin OBAME-NGUEMA, as interim

prime minister.” Ngolet (2000) identifies the PDG as a rightist party, writing, “the PDG's political doctrine... is a conservative ideology (Gaulme 1988:129-61), emphasizing (...) free enterprise, and a market economy, all pursued, supposedly, in a spirit of "Dialogue, Tolerance, Paix," the three key principles of Bongo's political part.” Perspective Monde identifies the PDG as “center right.” World Statesmen (2019) codes Obame-Nguema as PDG, described as “PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative”. PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG’s ideology as “Center-left” (-1.426) in 1990 and 1996. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “virtually no visible disagreement” in PDG in 1990 and 1996.

Years: 1999-2005

Head of government: Jean-François Ntoutoume Emane

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Cahoon (2018) identifies Emane’s party as PDG, coding “23 Jan 1999 - 20 Jan 2006 Jean-François Ntoutoume-Émane (b. 1939) PDG.” Ngolet (2000) identifies the PDG as a rightist party, writing, “the PDG's political doctrine... is a conservative ideology (Gaulme 1988:129-61), emphasizing (...) free enterprise, and a market economy, all pursued, supposedly, in a spirit of "Dialogue, Tolerance, Paix," the three key principles of Bongo's political part.” Perspective Monde identifies the PDG as “center right.” World Statesmen (2019) codes Emane as PDG, described as “PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative”. PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG’s ideology as “Center-left” (-1.426) in 1996 and “Center-left” (-0.548) in 2001. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “virtually no visible disagreement” in PDG in 1996 and 2001.

Years: 2006-2008

Head of government: Jean Eyeghe Ndong

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Perspective Monde identifies Ndong’s party as the PDG, with a “center right” orientation. World Statesmen (2019) codes Ndong as PDG, described as “PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative”. PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.548) in 2006. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “negligible visible disagreement” in PDG in 2006.

Years: 2009-2011

Head of government: Paul Biyoghé Mba

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Perspective Monde identifies Mba's party as the PDG, with a "center right" orientation. World Statesmen (2019) codes Mba as PDG, described as "PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative". PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG's ideology as "Center-left" (-0.548) in 2006 and "Center" (-0.072) in 2011. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify "negligible visible disagreement" in PDG in 2006 and "virtually no visible disagreement" in PDG in 2011.

Years: 2012-2013

Head of government: Raymond Ndong Sima

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Perspective Monde identifies Sima's party as the PDG, with a "center right" orientation. World Statesmen (2019) codes Sima as PDG, described as "PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative". PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG's ideology as "Center" (-0.072) in 2011. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify "virtually no visible disagreement" in PDG in 2011.

Years: 2014-2015

Head of government: Daniel Ona Ondo

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Lansford (2017) identifies Ondo's party as PDG, writing "Daniel ONA ONDO (PDG) was appointed prime minister on January 24, 2014." Ngolet (2000) identifies the PDG as a rightist party, writing, "the PDG's political doctrine... is a conservative ideology (Gaulme 1988:129-61), emphasizing (...) free enterprise, and a market economy, all pursued, supposedly, in a spirit of "Dialogue, Tolerance, Paix," the three key principles of Bongo's political part." Perspective Monde identifies the PDG as "center right." World Statesmen (2019) codes Ondo as PDG, described as "PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative". PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG's ideology as "Center" (-0.072) in 2011. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify "virtually no visible disagreement" in PDG in 2011.

Years: 2016-2018

Head of government: Franck Emmanuel Issoze-Ngondet

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Perspective Monde identifies Issoze-Ngondet's party as the PDG, with a "center right" orientation. World Statesmen (2019) codes Issoze-Ngondet as PDG, described as "PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative". PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG's ideology as "Center" (-0.072) in 2011 and 2018. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify "virtually no visible disagreement" in PDG in 2011 and "negligible visible disagreement" in PDG in 2018.

Years: 2019

Head of government: Julien Nkoghe Bekale

Ideology: Right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Political Handbook of the World (2018-2019) identifies Bekale as part of the Cabinet in May 2018 and writes, "Note: All cabinet ministers are members of the PDG unless otherwise indicated." Perspective Monde (2020) corroborates Bekale's party affiliation as PDG and identifies the party as center-right. World Statesmen (2020) corroborates party affiliation as PDG (Parti Démocratique Gabonais/Gabonese Democratic Party) and describes the party as "authoritarian" and "conservative". PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PDG's ideology as "Center" (-0.072) in 2018. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify "negligible visible disagreement" in PDG in 2018.

Years: 2020

Head of government: Rose Christiane Ossouka Raponda

Ideology: Right

Description: Varieties of Democracy identifies party affiliation as Gabonese Democratic Bloc/Gabonese Democratic Party (BDG/PDG). Ngolet (2000) identifies the PDG as a rightist party, writing, "the PDG's political doctrine... is a conservative ideology (Gaulme 1988:129-61), emphasizing (...) free enterprise, and a market economy, all pursued, supposedly, in a spirit of "Dialogue, Tolerance, Paix," the three key principles of Bongo's political part." Perspective Monde (2021) corroborates party affiliation as PDG and identifies the party as "center right." World Statesmen (2021) corroborates party affiliation as PDG, described as "PDG... Gabonese Democratic Party, authoritarian, conservative". PDG is a member of the Centrist Democrat International. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts

identify PDG's ideology as "Center" (-0.072) in 2018. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify "negligible visible disagreement" in PDG in 2018.

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