

Country: Namibia

Years: 1990 – 2004

Head of government: President Samuel Daniel Shafiishuna Nujoma

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies head of government and affiliation as SWAPO. DPI identifies SWAPO as left. Political Handbook of the World does not provide any information on party's ideology. Manzano (2017) corroborates that Nujoma is Left. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Nujoma as Left. World Statesmen (2020) identifies Nujoma's affiliation as SWAPO, and SWAPO as leftist, stating it is "social democratic". The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies the SWAPO as one of its members. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Left" (-1.868) in 1989 with "Virtually no visible disagreement" in the party, as "Center" (-0.177) in 1994 with "Virtually no visible disagreement" in the party, and as "Center" (0.168) in 1999 with "Negligible visible disagreement" in the party and in 2004 with "Some visible disagreement" in the party. Ortiz de Zarate (2006) writes "Without a clearly defined ideology until then, these external sponsorships [from China and the USSR], plus the revolutionary fervor that was spreading throughout this part of Africa in the process of decolonization, led Nujoma to embrace a socialism somewhere between pro-Soviet Marxism-Leninism and socialism with African characteristics as understood by Julius Nyerere, the first president of independent Tanzania and great protector of Namibian nationalists."

Years: 2005 – 2014

Head of government: President Hifikepunye Lucas Pohamba

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies head of government and affiliation as SWAPO. DPI identifies SWAPO as left. Political Handbook of the World does not provide any information on party's ideology. Manzano (2017) corroborates that Pohamba is Left. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Pohamba as Left. World Statesmen (2020) identifies Pohamba's affiliation as SWAPO, and SWAPO as leftist, stating it is "social democratic". The leftist Socialist International (2020) identifies the SWAPO as one of its members. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center" (0.168) in 2004, 2009, and 2014. Ortiz de Zárate (2016) writes "Now, Pohamba, clearly influenced by the radical land reform (expeditious confiscation of farms without compensation, giving rise to all kinds of arbitrariness and

violence) that President Robert Mugabe had been carrying out in Zimbabwe, gave the program of acquisition and redistribution of arable land more aggressive characteristics, of a strong socialist nature and unprecedented in Namibia, such as special levies on each uncultivated hectare and on each owner absent from his plantation, or the forced expropriation of certain farms neglected by their owners... In addition to Pohamba's identification with Nujoma in terms of ideology and vision of things, there was a resemblance in physique (massive build, stocky body, grizzled beard, thick glasses and the rictus of two good-natured grandfathers), all of which made the former appear as an alter ego of the latter." Ortiz de Zarate (2006) writes "Without a clearly defined ideology until then, these external sponsorships [from China and the USSR], plus the revolutionary fervor that was spreading throughout this part of Africa in the process of decolonization, led Nujoma to embrace a socialism somewhere between pro-Soviet Marxism-Leninism and socialism with African characteristics as understood by Julius Nyerere, the first president of independent Tanzania and great protector of Namibian nationalists."

Years: 2015 – 2020

Head of government: President Hage Geingob

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. *Political Handbook of the World* (2018: 1016) identifies affiliation as SWAPO. DPI identifies SWAPO as left. *Political Handbook of the World* does not provide any information on party's ideology. *Perspective Monde* (2020) identifies Geingob as Left. *World Statesmen* (2020) identifies Geingob's affiliation as SWAPO, and SWAPO as leftist, stating it is "social democratic". The leftist *Socialist International* (2020) identifies the SWAPO as one of its members. In *V-Party* (2020), 3 experts identify head of government party's ideology as "Center" (0.168) in 2014 and 2019. *Varieties of Democracy* identifies party affiliation as "South West Africa People's Organization".

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