

Country: Fiji

Years: 1970 - 1991

Head of government: Ratu Sir Kamisese Kapaiwai Tuimacilai Mara

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies party affiliation as Fijian Alliance Party (FAP) until 1986, and as non-party afterwards. While DPI identifies FAP's ideology as center, Lansford (2015) and earlier editions of the Political Handbook do not back DPI's assessment. Manzano (2017), who draws on sources other than the political handbooks identifies Mara as right. World Statesmen (2020) identifies Mara's party as FAP, and FAP's ideology as rightist, writing "10 Oct 1970 - 13 Apr 1987 Ratu Sir Kamisese Kapaiwai (s.a.) FAP" and "FAP = Fijian Alliance Party (center-right, mainly ethnic Fijian, representing Europeans, part-Fijians, and Asians, 12 Mar 1966-1987)." Fraenkel, Stewart, and Brij (2009) write "In both 1987 and 2000, coups had occurred in the wake of election victories by predominantly Indian-backed political parties. Both coups had overthrown reformist governments that were associated with the left of the political spectrum and identified with the politics of the sugar cane belts."

Years: 1992 - 1998

Head of government: Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka

Ideology: right

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies party affiliation as Fijian Political Party (FPP/SVT). DPI does not identify ideology. Manzano (2017) identifies ideology of Rabuka earlier as right. World Statesmen (2020) identifies Rabuka's party as FPP-SVT, and FPP-SVT ideology as rightist, writing "2 Jun 1992 - 19 May 1999 Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka (s.a.) FPP-SVT" and "FPP-SVT = Fijian Political Party/Soqosoqo ni Vakavulewa ni Taukei (center-right, mainly ethnic Fijian, 1990-2006)."

Years: 1999

Head of government: Mahendra Pal Chaudhry

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies party affiliation as Fiji Labour Party (FLP). DPI does not identify ideology. Keesing's Record of World Events (1987) identifies FLP's ideology as leftist, writing that "at the Labour Party's first annual convention, in July 1986, its political programme was outlined by its president, Dr Bavadra. The programme included a commitment to pursue a non-aligned foreign policy (which was to include the prohibition from Fijian waters

of ships with a nuclear capability), and pledges to increase state provision of health care, education, housing and employment. The public transport system would be nationalized, as would the country's gold mining and tuna canning industries, which the Labour Party regarded as too important to the country's overall economic wellbeing to be left to the vagaries of the unregulated market mechanism.” In the Global Party Survey 2019, 12 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fiji Labor Party (FLP) as 3.6. The Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies the FLP's ideology as leftist, writing "the FLP presented itself as a “multi-racial political vehicle for all working people,” although drawing most of its support from the Indo-Fijian community." World Statesmen (2020) identifies Chaudhry's party as FLP, and FLP's ideology as leftist, writing "19 May 1999 - 27 May 2000 Mahendra Pal Chaudhry (b. 1942) FLP" and "FLP = Fijian Labour Party (mainly ethnic Indian, social-democratic, est.1985)." Fraenkel, Stewart, and Brij (2009) write “In both 1987 and 2000, coups had occurred in the wake of election victories by predominantly Indian-backed political parties. Both coups had overthrown reformist governments that were associated with the left of the political spectrum and identified with the politics of the sugar cane belts.”

Years: 2000 - 2005

Head of government: Laisenia Qarase

Ideology: right

Description: World Statesmen (2020) and Rulers (2020) identify Jona Senilagakali instead of Laisenia Qarase as head of government on December 31, 2006. HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies party affiliation as non-party in 2000 and as United Fiji Party (FUP/SDL) afterwards. DPI does not identify ideology. Fraenkel and Firth (2007: 104) identify the United Fiji Party as rightist, writing that “a close examination of the actual policies of both major parties will find a pragmatic mixture of philosophies that in the final analysis turn out to be very similar. While the Soqosoqo ni Duavata ni Lewenivanua (SDL) is assumed to be more on the right-wing of the political spectrum, it is very strong on the kind of affirmative action policies traditionally associated with the left”. Rich et al. (2008:17) confirms SDL to be rightist, writing that “it is difficult to identify much in the way of right-wing politics in the Pacific islands” but that “a number of political parties can be identified as pro-business” and that “Laisenia Qarase’s SDL in Fiji puts itself forward as pro-business”. World Statesmen (2020) identifies Rabuka's party as FUP-SDL, and FUP-SDL's ideology as rightist, writing "16 Mar 2001 - 5 Dec 2006 Laisenia Qarase (2nd time) (s.a.) FUP-SDL" and "FUP-SDL = Fijian United Party/Soqosoqo Duavata ni Lewenivanua (conservative, mainly ethnic Fijian, 2001-Jan 2013)."

Year: 2006

Head of government: Jona Senilagakali

Ideology:

Description: World Statesmen (2020) and Rulers (2020) identify Jona Senilagakali instead of Laisenia Qarase as head of government on December 31, 2006. HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies party affiliation as none.

Years: 2007 - 2020

Head of government: Josaia Voreqe Bainimarama

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies party affiliation as none until 2008 and does not identify party affiliation afterwards. *Political Handbook of the World* (2015: 485) identifies affiliation after 2014 as FijiFirst: "Launched in March 2014 and registered in May with over 60,000 signatures in support, FijiFirst is led by Fiji's interim prime minister ... Voreqe (Frank) BAINIMARAMA (Party Leader)." Manzano (2017) identifies ideology as leftist. World Statesmen (2019) identifies FijiFirst as rightist, writing Fiji First Party (center-right, nationalist, liberal, Bainimarama personalist). In the Global Party Survey 2019, 12 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fiji First (FF) as 2.2. Varieties of Democracy identifies party affiliation as FijiFirst. DPI does not identify FijiFirst's ideology.

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