

Country: Djibouti

Years: 1977-1998

Leader: Gouled Aptidon

Ideology: Left

Description: Manzano (2017) identifies Aptidon as left. CHISOLS identifies Aptidon's affiliation as RPP. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Aptidon as Left. World Statesmen (2020) identifies Aptidon's affiliation as RPP, and identifies RPP as leftist, describing it as "social-democratic". Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies RPP's ideology as leftist, writing "Popular Rally for Progress (*Rassemblement Populaire pour le Progrès*—RPP). The RPP was launched on March 4, 1979, its leading component being the socialist African People's League for Independence (*Ligue Populaire Africaine pour l'Indépendance*—LPAI)." In V-Party (2020), 5 experts identify leader party's ideology as "Center-left" (-0.775) in 1977, 1982, and 1987 and "Center-left" (-0.93) in 1992 and 1997.

Years: 1999-2020

Leader: Guelleh

Ideology: Left

Description: Manzano (2017) identifies Guelleh as left. CHISOLS identifies Guelleh's affiliation as RPP. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Guelleh as Left. World Statesmen (2020) identifies Guelleh's affiliation as RPP and UMP (a coalition formed around RPP), and identifies RPP as leftist, describing it as "social-democratic". In the Global Party Survey 2019, 2 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Union for the Presidential Majority (UMP) as 0.0. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies RPP's ideology as leftist, writing "Popular Rally for Progress (*Rassemblement Populaire pour le Progrès*—RPP). The RPP was launched on March 4, 1979, its leading component being the socialist African People's League for Independence (*Ligue Populaire Africaine pour l'Indépendance*—LPAI)." In V-Party (2020), 5 experts identify leader party's ideology as "Center-left" (-0.93) in 1997. DPI does not identify UMP's ideology.

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