Country: Bahamas

Years: 1967-1991

Leader: Pindling

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify leader. Political Handbook of the World (2005-2006) identifies Pindling’s party as the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) and describes the party: “A predominantly black-supported party, the PLP was formed in 1953 in opposition to the policies of businessmen who then controlled the government.” Lentz (1994: 66) corroborates party affiliation and writes, “In 1956 [Pindling] was elected to the House of Assembly. He was instrumental in pressuring the British colonial authorities into reforming election laws that gave the minority white population an unfair advantage in elections.” Lentz also identifies the Free National Movement (FNM) as center-right and in “opposition to Pindling’s party,” the PLP. World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PLP and identifies the party as center-left. Huber and Stephens (2016: 9) identify PLP as center-left.

Years: 1992-2001

Leader: Ingraham

Ideology: rightist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify leader. Political Handbook of the World (2012) identifies Ingraham’s party as the Free National Movement (FNM). Lentz (1994: 66) identifies the FNM as center-right, writing, “[Ingraham] went into opposition to Pindling’s party and served as leader of the center-right Free National Movement.” World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as FNM and identifies the party as conservative and center-right. Huber and Stephens (2016: 9) identify FNM as center-right.

Years: 2002-2006

Leader: Christie

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify leader. Political Handbook of the World (2005-2006) identifies Christie’s party as the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) and describes the party: “A predominantly black-supported party, the PLP was formed in 1953 in opposition to the policies of businessmen who then controlled the government.” Lentz (1994: 66) identifies the Free National Movement (FNM) as center-right and in “opposition to Pindling’s party,” the PLP. World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PLP and identifies the party as center-left. Huber and Stephens (2016: 9) identify PLP as center-left.

Years: 2007-2011

Leader: Ingraham

Ideology: rightist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify leader. Political Handbook of the World (2012) identifies Ingraham’s party as the Free National Movement (FNM). Lentz (1994: 66) identifies the FNM as center-right, writing, “[Ingraham] went into opposition to Pindling’s party and served as leader of the center-right Free National Movement.” World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as FNM and identifies the party as conservative and center-right. Huber and Stephens (2016: 9) identify FNM as center-right.

Years: 2012-2016

Leader: Christie

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify leader. Political Handbook of the World (2005-2006) identifies Christie’s party as the Progressive Liberal Party (PLP) and describes the party: “A predominantly black-supported party, the PLP was formed in 1953 in opposition to the policies of businessmen who then controlled the government.” Lentz (1994: 66) identifies the Free National Movement (FNM) as center-right and in “opposition to Pindling’s party,” the PLP. World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PLP and identifies the party as center-left. Huber and Stephens (2016: 9) identify PLP as center-left.

Years: 2017-2020

Leader: Hubert Minnis

Ideology: rightist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify leader. World Statesmen (2021) identifies party affiliation as FNM (Free National Movement) and identifies the party as “conservative, center-right.” Political Handbook of the World (2018-2019) corroborates Minnis’s party affiliation as FNM, writing, “Hubert Alexander MINNIS (Free National Movement).” Hubert and Stephens (2016: 9) identify FNM as center-right. DPI identifies FNM’s ideology as rightist.

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