Country: Guyana

Years: 1966-1984

Head of Government: Linden Forbes Sampson Burnham

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Burnham’s party as People's National Congress – Reform (PNC-R). DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 16) identify PNC-R’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) elaborates, writing, “Initially, [PNCR] advocated a policy of moderate socialism, anticommunism, and hospitality to private investment, but a swing to the left, culminating in Prime Minister Burnham’s 1974 ‘Declaration of Sophia,’ brought the PNC close to the opposition People’s Progressive Party on most domestic issues.” Manzano (2017) also codes Burnham as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PNC-R and identifies the party as leftist. Lentz (1994: 352) writes, “[Burnham’s] government was socialist in nature and supported the nationalization of foreign businesses and a cooperative economy.” World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PNC-R and identifies the party as socialist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify PNC-R’s ideology as “Center-left” (-1.456) in 1973 and 1980.

Years: 1985-1991

Head of Government: Hugh Desmond Hoyte

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Hoyte’s party as People's National Congress – Reform (PNC-R). DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 16) identify PNC-R’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) elaborates, writing, “Initially, [PNCR] advocated a policy of moderate socialism, anticommunism, and hospitality to private investment, but a swing to the left, culminating in Prime Minister Burnham’s 1974 ‘Declaration of Sophia,’ brought the PNC close to the opposition People’s Progressive Party on most domestic issues.” Political Handbook also writes, “In 1987 President Hoyte denied that the party was shifting to the right and insisted that the PNC remain committed to, given local conditions, an innovative form of socialism.” Manzano (2017) also codes Hoyte as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PNC-R and identifies the party as leftist. World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PNC-R and identifies the party as socialist. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify PNC-R’s ideology as “Center-left” (-1.456) in 1985.

Years: 1992-1996

Head of Government: Cheddi Berret Jagan

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Jagan’s party as People Progressive Party – Civic branch (PPP-C). DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 16) identify PPP-C’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) elaborates, writing “the communist-led, East Indian-supported People’s Progressive Party (PPP).” Political Handbook also states that the PPP “long adhered to a pro-Soviet line, and at a June 1969 Moscow meeting Dr. Jagan formally declared the PPP to be a communist party.” Manzano (2017) also codes Jagan as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as leftist. Lentz (1994: 353) writes, “Jagan was the candidate of the PPP in presidential elections in October of 1992. Despite a lengthy association with Marxist theory, he campaigned in support of a free-market economy.” World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as democratic-socialist and officially Marxist-Leninist to 1991. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify PPP-C’s ideology as “Left” (-1.93) in 1992.

Years: 1997-1998

Head of Government: Janet Rosenberg Jagan

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Jagan’s party as People Progressive Party – Civic branch (PPP-C). DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 16) identify PPP-C’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) elaborates, writing “the communist-led, East Indian-supported People’s Progressive Party (PPP).” Political Handbook also states that the PPP “long adhered to a pro-Soviet line, and at a June 1969 Moscow meeting Dr. Jagan formally declared the PPP to be a communist party.” Manzano (2017) also codes Jagan as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as leftist. World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as democratic-socialist and officially Marxist-Leninist to 1991. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify PPP-C’s ideology as “Center-left” (-1.252) in 1997.

Years: 1999-2010

Head of Government: Bharrat Jagdeo

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Jagdeo’s party as People Progressive Party – Civic branch (PPP-C). DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 16) identify PPP-C’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) elaborates, writing “the communist-led, East Indian-supported People’s Progressive Party (PPP).” Political Handbook also states that the PPP “long adhered to a pro-Soviet line, and at a June 1969 Moscow meeting Dr. Jagan formally declared the PPP to be a communist party.” Manzano (2017) also codes Jagdeo as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as leftist. World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as democratic-socialist and officially Marxist-Leninist to 1991. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify PPP-C’s ideology as “Center-left” (-1.252) in 1997 and “Center” (-0.299) in 2001 and 2006. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify “virtually no visible disagreement” in PPP in 1997 and “negligible visible disagreement” in PPP in 2001 and 2006.

Years: 2011-2014

Head of Government: Donald Ramotar

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Lansford (2015) identifies Ramotar’s party as People Progressive Party – Civic branch (PPP-C). DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 16) identify PPP-C’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World (2015) elaborates, writing “the communist-led, East Indian-supported People’s Progressive Party (PPP).” Political Handbook also states that the PPP “long adhered to a pro-Soviet line, and at a June 1969 Moscow meeting Dr. Jagan formally declared the PPP to be a communist party.” Perspective monde (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as leftist. World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as democratic-socialist and officially Marxist-Leninist to 1991. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify PPP-C’s ideology as “Center” (-0.299) in 2011. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify “negligible visible disagreement” in PPP in 2011.

Years: 2015-2019

Head of Government: David Arthur Granger

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Lansford (2015) identifies Granger’s party as A Partnership for National Unity-Alliance for Change (APNU-AFC). DPI identifies APNU-AFC’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World does not provide any information on party’s ideology. Huber and Stephens do not identify party ideology. Perspective monde (2019) corroborates party affiliation as APNU. World Statesmen (2019) corroborates party affiliation as PNC-R and identifies the party as “socialist”. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify APNU-AFC’s ideology as “Center” (0.203) in 2015. In V-Party (2020), 2 experts identify “virtually no visible disagreement” in APNU in 2015.

Years: 2020

Head of Government: Mohamed Irfaan Ali

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. Varieties of Democracy identifies party affiliation as People’s Progressive Party (PPP). World Statesmen (2021) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and describes the party as “democratic-socialist” and “officially Marxist-Leninist to 1991”. Perspective Monde (2021) corroborates party affiliation as PPP and identifies the party as leftist. DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 16) identify PPP’s ideology as leftist.

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