Country: Ireland

Years: 1945 - 1947

Head of government: Taoiseach Éamon de Valera

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.04) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1973. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies de Valera and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1948 - 1950

Head of government: Taoiseach John A. Costello

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as Fine Gael (*FG*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fine Gael’s (FG) ideology as centrist. DPI identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.37) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1973. Political Handbook of the World (2012) writes “Fine Gael… advocates ultimate union with Northern Ireland, financial encouragement of industry, promotion of foreign investment, and full development of agriculture… In November 1990 Dukes resigned and was replaced by his more rightist deputy, John Bruton.” Döring and Manow (2019) identify FG as “Christian democracy”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Gael (FG) as 7.4. Rulers.org (2020) identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist, writing “Capitalizing on widespread voter dissatisfaction, Fine Gael won 76 seats… [Enda] Kenny formed a coalition with the Labour Party and was elected prime minister by an unprecedented 90 votes… Although he was returned to power as leader of his centre-right party for an unprecedented second time in 2016”. Biletz (2014) writes “Fine Gael continued to lag behind Fianna Fáil in developing a grass-roots party organization, although in the 1960s it did begin to promote more social democratic programs.” Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Costello and Fine Gael as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1951 - 1953

Head of government: Taoiseach Éamon de Valera

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.04) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1973. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies de Valera and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1954 - 1956

Head of government: Taoiseach John A. Costello

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as Fine Gael (*FG*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fine Gael’s (FG) ideology as centrist. DPI identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.37) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement" in 1973. Political Handbook of the World (2012) writes “Fine Gael… advocates ultimate union with Northern Ireland, financial encouragement of industry, promotion of foreign investment, and full development of agriculture… In November 1990 Dukes resigned and was replaced by his more rightist deputy, John Bruton.” Döring and Manow (2019) identify FG as “Christian democratic.” In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Gael (FG) as 7.4. Rulers.org (2020) identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist, writing “Capitalizing on widespread voter dissatisfaction, Fine Gael won 76 seats… [Enda] Kenny formed a coalition with the Labour Party and was elected prime minister by an unprecedented 90 votes… Although he was returned to power as leader of his centre-right party for an unprecedented second time in 2016”. Biletz (2014) writes “Fine Gael continued to lag behind Fianna Fáil in developing a grass-roots party organization, although in the 1960s it did begin to promote more social democratic programs.” Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Costello and Fine Gael as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1957 - 1958

Head of government: Taoiseach Éamon de Valera

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.04) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1973. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies de Valera and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1959 - 1965

Head of government: Taoiseach Seán Lemass

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.04) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1973. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Lemass and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1966 - 1972

Head of government: Taoiseach Jack Lynch

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.04) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1973. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Lynch and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1973 - 1976

Head of government: Taoiseach Liam Cosgrave

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as Fine Gael (*FG*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fine Gael’s (FG) ideology as centrist. DPI identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.37) in 1973. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement" in 1973. Political Handbook of the World (2012) writes “Fine Gael… advocates ultimate union with Northern Ireland, financial encouragement of industry, promotion of foreign investment, and full development of agriculture… In November 1990 Dukes resigned and was replaced by his more rightist deputy, John Bruton.” Döring and Manow (2019) identify FG as “Christian democratic.” In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Gael (FG) as 7.4. Rulers.org (2020) identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist, writing “Capitalizing on widespread voter dissatisfaction, Fine Gael won 76 seats… [Enda] Kenny formed a coalition with the Labour Party and was elected prime minister by an unprecedented 90 votes… Although he was returned to power as leader of his centre-right party for an unprecedented second time in 2016”. Biletz (2014) writes “Fine Gael continued to lag behind Fianna Fáil in developing a grass-roots party organization, although in the 1960s it did begin to promote more social democratic programs.” Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Cosgrave and Fine Gael as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1977 - 1978

Head of government: Taoiseach Jack Lynch

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.04) in 1977. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1977. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Lynch and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1979 - 1980

Head of government: Taoiseach Charles Haughey

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.04) in 1977. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1977. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Haughey and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1981 - 1986

Head of government: Taoiseach Garret FitzGerald

Ideology: center

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as Fine Gael (*FG*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fine Gael’s (FG) ideology as centrist. DPI identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (-.088) in 1981 and 1982. Political Handbook of the World (2012) writes “Fine Gael… advocates ultimate union with Northern Ireland, financial encouragement of industry, promotion of foreign investment, and full development of agriculture… In November 1990 Dukes resigned and was replaced by his more rightist deputy, John Bruton.” Döring and Manow (2019) identify FG as “Christian democratic.” In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Gael (FG) as 7.4. Rulers.org (2020) identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist, writing “Capitalizing on widespread voter dissatisfaction, Fine Gael won 76 seats… [Enda] Kenny formed a coalition with the Labour Party and was elected prime minister by an unprecedented 90 votes… Although he was returned to power as leader of his centre-right party for an unprecedented second time in 2016”. Biletz (2014) writes “Fine Gael continued to lag behind Fianna Fáil in developing a grass-roots party organization, although in the 1960s it did begin to promote more social democratic programs.” Biletz (2014) writes “Cosgrave, Liam… His social and political views were more conservative than those of Garret FitzGerald, who succeeded him as party leader”. Biletz (2014) writes “FitzGerald entered politics in 1965… His social democratic political views caused tensions with his party’s more conservative leader, Liam Cosgrave” Perspective Monde (2020) identifies FitzGerald and Fine Gael as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1987 - 1991

Head of government: Taoiseach Charles Haughey

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.193) in 1987 and 1989. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1987 and “Virtually no visible disagreement” in 1989. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Haughey and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1992 - 1993

Head of government: Taoiseach Albert Reynolds

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.193) in 1992. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 1992. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Reynolds and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1994 - 1996

Head of government: Taoiseach John Bruton

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as Fine Gael (*FG*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fine Gael’s (FG) ideology as centrist. DPI identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.215) in 1992. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement" in 1992. Political Handbook of the World (2012) writes “Fine Gael… advocates ultimate union with Northern Ireland, financial encouragement of industry, promotion of foreign investment, and full development of agriculture… In November 1990 Dukes resigned and was replaced by his more rightist deputy, John Bruton.” Döring and Manow (2019) identify FG as “Christian democratic.” In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Gael (FG) as 7.4. Rulers.org (2020) identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist, writing “Capitalizing on widespread voter dissatisfaction, Fine Gael won 76 seats… [Enda] Kenny formed a coalition with the Labour Party and was elected prime minister by an unprecedented 90 votes… Although he was returned to power as leader of his centre-right party for an unprecedented second time in 2016”. Biletz (2014) writes “Fine Gael continued to lag behind Fianna Fáil in developing a grass-roots party organization, although in the 1960s it did begin to promote more social democratic programs.” Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Bruton and Fine Gael as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 1997 - 2007

Head of government: Taoiseach Bertie Ahern

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*). Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.193) in 1997 and “Center” (.395) in 2002 and 2007. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement" in 1997, 2002, and 2007. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Ahern and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 2008 - 2010

Head of government: Taoiseach Brian Cowen

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as center. CHISOLS identifies party as Fianna Fáil (FF). Political Handbook (2015: 697) identifies party as Fianna Fáil (*FF*), writing that “on May 6, 2008, Brian Cowen, who had been elected leader of Fianna Fail in April, was nominated to the post by the Dail and appointed by the president”. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.395) in 2007. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement" in 2007. Political Handbook of the World does not confirm DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Cowen and Fianna Fail as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 2011 - 2016

Head of government: Taoiseach Enda Kenny

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as Fine Gail (FG). Political Handbook (2015: 697) identifies party as Fine Gail (*FG*), writing that “on September 26 Enda Kenny, Fine Gael leader, entered a motion of no confidence”. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fine Gael’s (FG) ideology as centrist. DPI identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.388) in 2011 and 2016. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement” in 2011 and “Negligible visible disagreement" in 2016. Political Handbook of the World (2012) writes “Fine Gael… advocates ultimate union with Northern Ireland, financial encouragement of industry, promotion of foreign investment, and full development of agriculture… In November 1990 Dukes resigned and was replaced by his more rightist deputy, John Bruton.” Döring and Manow (2019) identify FG as “Christian democratic.” In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Gael (FG) as 7.4. Rulers.org (2020) identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist, writing “Capitalizing on widespread voter dissatisfaction, Fine Gael won 76 seats… [Enda] Kenny formed a coalition with the Labour Party and was elected prime minister by an unprecedented 90 votes… Although he was returned to power as leader of his centre-right party for an unprecedented second time in 2016”. Biletz (2014) writes “Fine Gael continued to lag behind Fianna Fáil in developing a grass-roots party organization, although in the 1960s it did begin to promote more social democratic programs.” Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Kenny and Fine Gael as rightist, “center-right”.

Years: 2017- 2019

Head of government: Taoiseach Leo Varadkar

Ideology: right

Description: HoG identifies ideology as right. CHISOLS identifies party as Fine Gail (FG). Political Handbook of the World (2018: 703) identifies party as Fine Gael (FG). DPI identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (.388) in 2016. In V-Party (2020), 4 expert identified head of government party’s cohesion as “Negligible visible disagreement" in 2016. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fine Gael’s (FG) ideology as centrist. Political Handbook of the World (2012) writes “Fine Gael… advocates ultimate union with Northern Ireland, financial encouragement of industry, promotion of foreign investment, and full development of agriculture… In November 1990 Dukes resigned and was replaced by his more rightist deputy, John Bruton.” Döring and Manow (2019) identify FG as “Christian democratic.” In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Gael (FG) as 7.4. Rulers.org (2020) identifies Fine Gael’s ideology as rightist, writing “Capitalizing on widespread voter dissatisfaction, Fine Gael won 76 seats… [Enda] Kenny formed a coalition with the Labour Party and was elected prime minister by an unprecedented 90 votes… Although he was returned to power as leader of his centre-right party for an unprecedented second time in 2016”. Biletz (2014) writes “Fine Gael continued to lag behind Fianna Fáil in developing a grass-roots party organization, although in the 1960s it did begin to promote more social democratic programs.” Perspective Monde (2020) identifies Varadkar and Fine Gael as rightist, “center-right”.

Year: 2020

Head of government: Taoiseach Micheal Martin

Ideology: rightist

Description: Varieties of Democracy (2021) identifies party affiliation as Fianna Fail. Armingeon et al. (2019) identifies Fianna Fail’s (FF) ideology as rightist. DPI identifies Fianna Fail’s ideology as centrist. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify FF’s ideology as “Center” (0.029) in 2016. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identified “negligible visible disagreement” in FF in 2016. Political Handbook of the World does not corroborate DPI’s coding. Döring and Manow (2019) identify FF as “Conservative”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 24 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of Fianna Fáil (FF) as 5.8. World Statesmen (2021) and Perspective Monde (2021) corroborate party affiliation as FF and identify the party as center-right.

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