Country: Kyrgyzstan

Years: 1990-2004

Leader: Askar Akayevich Akayev

Ideology: left

Description: CHISOLS identifies Akayev’s party as none. Babak et. al (2004: 249) write that “UPK is a centrist party with de facto ties to President Akayev”. Political Handbook of the World (2015: 815) writes that “the SDPK was launched in 1993 with the political endorsement of President Akayev. Supporting the government's reformist, pro-market line, it won representation in the 1995 legislative elections and was a leading component of the pro-government Union of Democratic Forces”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 7 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan (SDPK) as 4.5, the average left-right salience (0-10) score as 5.5, and the average divided-united party (0-10) score as 0.7.

Years: 2005-2009

Leader: Kurmanbek Saliyevich Bakiyev

Ideology: right

Description: CHISOLS identifies Bakiyev’s party affiliation as KEK from 2005 to 2006 and AZ from 2007 to 2008. Political Handbook of the World (2015: 815) identifies Bakiyev’s party as the Ak Zhol Democratic Party (*Ақ жол Демократиялық Партиясы*). Carnegie (2012) identifies Ak Zhol’s ideology as rightist, writing that “Ak Zhol is a centre-right party representing the interests of the business community”. In V-Party (2020) 4 experts identify leader party’s ideology as “Center” (0.513) in 2007. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify leader party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement” in 2007.

Year: 2010

Leader: Roza Isakovna Otunbayeva

Ideology: left

Description: Political Handbook of the World identifies party affiliation as the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgystan (*Qırğızstan sotsial-demokratiyalıq Partiyası* – *KSP/SDPK*), writing that “opposition leaders met and formed a provisional government chaired by Roza OTUNBAYEVA, the SDPK leader”. OPEMAM identifies KSP as leftist, writing that they are a “socially-democratic” party. Carnegie (2012) confirms SDPK as leftist, writing that “the party calls for a socially oriented policy of development”. Political Handbook of the World (2015: 816), however, writes that “supporting the government's reformist, pro-market line, [SDPK] won representation in the 1995 legislative elections. In V-Party (2020) 4 experts identify leader party’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.49) in 2010. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 7 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan (SDPK) 4.5, the average left-right salience (0-10) score as 5.5, and the average divided-united party (0-10) score as 0.7.

Years: 2011-2016

Leader: Almazbek Sharshenovich Atambayev

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Political Handbook of the World (2015: 813) identifies Atambayev’s party as the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgystan (*Qırğızstan sotsial-demokratiyalıq Partiyası* – *KSP/SDPK*). OPEMAM identifies KSP as leftist, writing that they are a “socially-democratic” party. Carnegie (2012) confirms SDPK as leftist, writing that “the party calls for a socially oriented policy of development”.

Political Handbook of the World (2015: 816), however, writes that “supporting the government's reformist, pro-market line, [SDPK] won representation in the 1995 legislative elections. Political Handbook of the World (2015: 812) writes that “Bakiyev named opposition moderate Almazbek ATAMBAYEV of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 7 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan (SDPK) as 4.5. In V-Party (2020) 4 experts identify leader party’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.49) in 2010 and “Center” (-0.156) in 2015. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify leader party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement” in 2010 and 2015. CHISOLS identifies Atambayev’s party as KSP.

Years: 2017-2019

Leader: Sooronbay Jeenbekov

Ideology: left

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. World Statesmen (2021) identifies party as the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgystan (*Qırğızstan sotsial-demokratiyalıq Partiyası* – *KSP/SDPK*). OPEMAM identifies KSP as leftist, writing that they are a “socially-democratic” party. Carnegie (2012) confirms SDPK as leftist, writing that “the party calls for a socially oriented policy of development”. In the Global Party Survey 2019, 7 experts identify the average left-right (0-10) score of the Social Democratic Party of Kyrgyzstan (SDPK) as 4.5. Kurmanov (2004: 10) identifies the Social Democratic Party as leftist, writing that “Still, ideologically the parties can be conventionally classified in the following way. … The left flank: the Communist Party with Prof. K. Ajibekova, former C.P.S.U. functionary, at the head; the Party of the Communists under A. Masaliev, in Soviet times leader of the Communist Party of Kirghizia, now deputy of the parliament; the Agrarian Party led by former C.P.S.U. functionary U. Sadykov; the Ata Meken Socialist Party headed by member of the parliament O. Tekebaev; and the Social-Democratic Party led by businessman A. Atambaev”. In V-Party (2020) 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center” (-0.156) in 2015. In V-Party (2020), 4 experts identify head of government party’s cohesion as “Virtually no visible disagreement” in 2015. CHISOLS identifies Jeenbekov’s party as KSP. DPI has no information on PSDK.

Years: 2020

Leader: Talant Mamytov

Ideology: right

Description: World Statesmen (2021) identifies Mamytov’s party as RP (s (Republic, populist, conservative, merged with Ata Zhurt as Respublika-Ata Zhurt 20 Oct 2014—May 2020, est. Jun 2010)). Perspective Monde identifies Mamytov’s party as “Kyrgyzstan Party,” and describes this party as “moderate right.” In V-Party (2020) 4 experts identify head of government party’s ideology as “Center-right” (0.86) in 2015. DPI has no information on R-AJ.

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