Country: South Sudan

Years: 2011-2020

Head of government: Salva Kiir Mayardit

Ideology: Leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Perspective monde (2019) identifies Mayardit party affiliation as Sudan People’s Liberation Movement, and their ideology as right. Political Handbook of the World (2015) identifies Mayardit’s ideology as leftist, writing “Sudanese People’s Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A). Originally formed in 1983 as a Marxist-Leninist grouping, the SPLM and its military wing, the SPLA, were led by Col. John Garang until his death in 2005. Salva Kiir Mayardit succeeded Garang and was reelected president of South Sudan in 2010… In 1986 the SPLM downplayed its Marxist-Leninist policies and supported a unified Sudan in which the south would be granted a larger voice in national affairs and a greater share of the nation’s economic development programs.” Varieties of Democracy identifies party affiliation as “Sudan People’s Liberation Movement”. DPI does not identify SPLM’s ideology.

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