Country: Trinidad and Tobago

Years: 1962-1980

Head of Government: Eric Eustace Williams

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies William’s party as People’s National Movement (PNM). DPI identifies PNM’s ideology as rightist, but its source Lansford (2015) describes PNM as “progressive”. Huber and Stephens (2016: 19) corroborate that, identifying PNM’s ideology as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) and World Statesmen (2019) corroborate party affiliation as PNM and identify the party as center-left. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PNM’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.537) in 1971 and 1976.

Years: 1981-1985

Head of Government: George Michael Chambers

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Chambers’ party as People’s National Movement (PNM). DPI identifies PNM’s ideology as rightist, but its source Lansford (2015) describes PNM as “progressive”. Huber and Stephens (2016: 19) corroborate that, identifying PNM’s ideology as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) and World Statesmen (2019) corroborate party affiliation as PNM and identify the party as center-left. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PNM’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.537) in 1981.

Years: 1986-1990

Head of Government: Arthur Napoleon Raymond Robinson

Ideology: centrist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Robinson’s party as National Alliance for Reconstruction (NAR). DPI identifies NAR’s ideology as leftist but its source Lansford (2015) does not back up this coding. Huber and Stephens (2016: 19) identify NAR’s ideology as centrist. Political Handbook of the World (2005-2006) describes Robinson as “essentially moderate.” Perspective monde (2019) corroborates party affiliation as NAR. Lentz (1994: 759) writes that Robinson “broke with the People’s National Movement and formed the National Alliance for Reconstruction in 1984. He led the coalition to victory and became prime minister of Trinidad and Tobago on December 18, 1986.” In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify NAR’s ideology as “Center-right” (0.86) in 1986. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “some visible disagreement” in NAR in 1986.

Years: 1991-1994

Head of Government: Patrick Augustus Mervyn Manning

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Manning’s party as People’s National Movement (PNM). DPI identifies PNM’s ideology as rightist, but its source Lansford (2015) describes PNM as “progressive”. Huber and Stephens (2016: 19) identify PNM’s ideology as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) and World Statesmen (2019) corroborate party affiliation as PNM and identify the party as center-left. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PNM’s ideology as “Center” (-0.056) in 1991. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “negligible visible disagreement” in PNM in 1991.

Years: 1995-2000

Head of Government: Basdeo Panday

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Panday’s party as United National Congress (UNC). DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 19) identify UNC’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World does not provide any information on the party’s ideology, but the 2005-2006 edition does mention that Panday was the East Indian head of the sugar workers’ union. Perspective monde (2019) and World Statesmen (2019) corroborate party affiliation as UNC and identify the party as leftist, “center-left”. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify UNC’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.51) in 1995 and 2000.

Years: 2001-2009

Head of Government: Patrick Augustus Mervyn Manning

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS identifies Manning’s party as People’s National Movement (PNM). DPI identifies PNM’s ideology as rightist, but its source Lansford (2015) describes PNM as “progressive”. Huber and Stephens (2016: 19) identify PNM’s ideology as leftist. Perspective monde (2019) and World Statesmen (2019) corroborate party affiliation as PNM and identify the party as leftist, “center-left”. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PNM’s ideology as “Center” (-0.056) in 2001, 2002, and 2007. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “negligible visible disagreement” in PNM in 2001, 2002, and 2007.

Years: 2010-2014

Head of Government: Kamla Persad-Bissessar

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Lansford (2015) identifies Persad-Bissessar’s party as United National Congress (UNC). DPI and Huber and Stephens (2016: 19) identify UNC’s ideology as leftist. Political Handbook of the World does not provide any information on the party’s ideology. Perspective monde (2019) and World Statesmen (2019) corroborate party affiliation as UNC and identify the party as leftist, “center-left”. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify UNC’s ideology as “Center-left” (-0.51) in 2007.

Years: 2015-2020

Head of Government: Keith Christopher Rowley

Ideology: leftist

Description: HoG does not identify ideology. CHISOLS does not identify head of government. Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago (2016) identifies Rowley’s party as People’s National Movement (PNM). DPI identifies PNM’s ideology as rightist, but its source Lansford (2015) describes PNM as “progressive”. Huber and Stephens (2016: 19) identify PNM’s ideology as leftist. Perspective monde (2021) and World Statesmen (2021) corroborate party affiliation as PNM and identify the party as leftist, “center-left”. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify PNM’s ideology as “Center-right” (0.773) in 2015. In V-Party (2020), 3 experts identify “negligible visible disagreement” in PNM in 2015.

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