

WHY THE LEFT GETS IT WRONG



The left has lost its sense of direction.
Can it find its way again?

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Why have left and progressive parties made so many mistakes and got it so wrong in the past few decades? This short essay raises some questions and comes up with a few answers. The free-thinking author goes for a candid approach avoiding political correctness and deference.

Besides the usual pitfalls and traps (bureaucracy, egalitarianism, tax and spend), and missed opportunities (such as the lack of reforms in the wake of recent economic crises), progressive parties and governments are adding up mistakes – some of them serious: e.g. unmanaged globalization, subservience to financial markets, lack of concern for the environment, uncontrolled immigration, laxity, abandonment of secularism and sovereignty, etc. Can progressives find their way again, propose new alternatives and renewed policies, and make the difference against conservatives who rule the game in many places, economically and politically? A positive answer would help rebalance society.

COMMENTS

« Scathing » ... « Not deferential yet not always unkind » ... « How progressive parties keep on going... backward » ... « Disturbing, at least for some » ...



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