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The Rise of Neo-Nationalism

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Claim 1: RR = increasingly nationalist

- These parties have become increasingly nationalist.
- The economic policies in their manifestos are not particularly right-wing.

Difficult to dispute.



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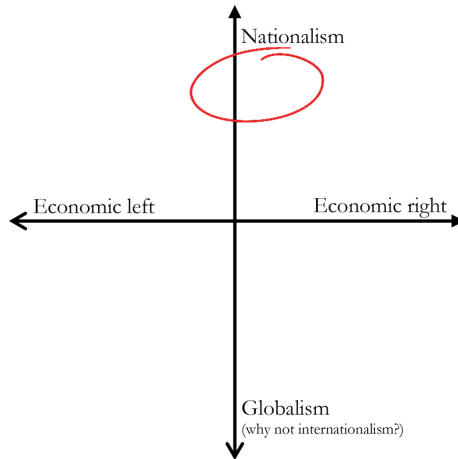
More disaggregation would be interesting

- Decompose change into party replacement and trends within parties?
- Discuss selection bias (recent definition and country span)?
- Present within-group variation?
- Compare nationalism with other GAL–TAN-like scales?

But difficult to fit into a short text and would not alter main conclusion.



Claim 2: Right-wing is a misleading term



A two-dimensional space

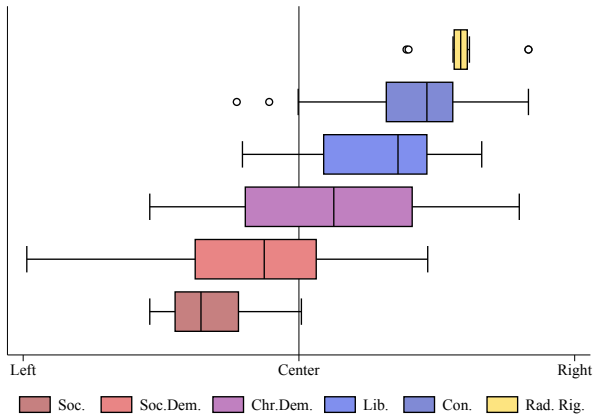


Recurring connection between right and TAN

- Right-wing on the socio-cultural dimension (Rydgren).
- A 'winning formula' consisting of economic liberalism, socio-cultural authoritarianism and opposition to immigration and multiculturalism to create cross-class alliance of small business owners, labor market inactives and blue-collar workers (Kitschelt).
- "Notions such as authority, hierarchy, order, duty, tradition, reaction and nationalism are generally seen as having a right-wing character" (Heywood).



Do they not have a point?



Average left-right position of cabinets where party family is represented



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Arguments in favour of a one-dimensional view

- The meaning of left and right has changed over time, but it tends to refer to the main policy dimension, be it revolution–monarchy or issues of economic redistribution?
- We have always known which the radical right parties are, but we are still disputing what they are – the term must capture something.
- Radical right parties exclusively rule with right-wing parties. This is not implied by the two-dimensional view?
- Issues or dimensions that are disconnected from the left–right scale tends to eventually be absorbed by the latter.