Right-wing populist parties in Europe and the Battle for the Working Class

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PLAN

1. Who votes for them?
2. What do they want?
3. What impact do they have?
Vote share of radical right parties, 1960-2015
WHO VOTES FOR THEM?
UKIP vote and share of manual jobs per UK Constituency, 2015

R-square: 0.42
Vote for Le Pen and share of manual workers in French Departements, 2017

Own elaboration, INSEE, Interior Ministry
WORKERS NO LONGER VOTE FOR THE LEFT

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<th>Left</th>
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<td>Manag (17%)</td>
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<td>Tech prof (8%)</td>
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<td>Socio prof (15%)</td>
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Note: The percentages are not shown in the bar charts.
SHARE OF WORKING CLASS VOTERS AMONG LEFT AND RADICAL RIGHT PARTIES

Austria

Denmark

Year


80 60 40 20

Radical right  Social democrats & left  Total
SHARE OF WORKING CLASS VOTERS AMONG LEFT AND RADICAL RIGHT PARTIES

France

Switzerland

Year


--- Radical right
--- Social democrats and left
--- Total
WHAT DO THEY WANT?
Quand Jean-Marie Le Pen se comparait à Ronald Reagan...

Trump a peine élu, Marine Le Pen félicitait le prochain président américain. A 36 ans d'intervalle, Jean-Marie Le Pen, faisait le même parallèle, prédissant un changement radical à venir avant l'élection présidentielle de 1981.

Par Pierre BONTE-JOSEPH
A MOVE TO THE LEFT ON ECONOMIC ISSUES

- Danish People’s Party
- Party of Freedom (Netherlands)
- Front National
- Northern League (Italy)
- Austrian Freedom Party
- Swiss People’s Party

**Graphs:**
- Number of manifesto statements for welfare expansion
- Number of manifesto statements for welfare retrenchment
WHAT IMPACT DOE THEY HAVE?
WHAT DO THEY DO WHEN THEY ARE IN GOVERNMENT?

- Hard to make policies with right-parties because right-wing policies hurt their voters
- Comparing governments with a PRWP and right-wing governments without PRWP we found..
  - That they are less likely to retrench the welfare state
  - That they are less likely to deregulate the economy
- They may act as a brake to liberalisation because their voters like (some) welfare programs
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