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## **The Rise of Extreme Right in Europe**

### **Abstract**

This paper discusses the significant discussion and controversy surrounding the role of the extreme right in Europe, in addition to numerous perspectives and the various factors that contribute to Europe's rise in this regard. It also makes a case for this issue's advantages. Finally, it considers the actions and policies of right-wing governments and political parties, which may have a major impact on the future of right-wing movements in Europe. These governments may be able to retain support and expand if they can fulfill their commitments to their citizens and respond to their issues. However, they may encounter resistance and lose support if their policies and actions are perceived as harmful or polarising.

### **Introduction**

The rise of extreme right-wing political movements and parties in Europe has been a disturbing pattern in recent years. This phenomenon has been influenced by several variables, including immigration, social and cultural change, and economic uncertainty. While I take my stance as center-right and as I describe the details of the development of the extreme right-wing ideology in Europe it can also vary depending on the political philosophy and party in question, movements and parties in Europe can differ. However, right-wing political figures and movements typically back populist, nationalist, and anti-immigration sentiments, which are frequently the main beliefs of many far-right movements in Europe.

Right-wing politicians and organizations may argue that the rise of the extreme right in Europe is a reaction to the failings of traditional mainstream parties, which they perceive as having neglected the concerns and interests of common people. They might claim that the far-right parties have been able to fill the political void left by the mainstream political establishment's failure to address problems like immigration, security, and national identity. Right-wing politicians and movements may also assert that the rise of the extreme right in Europe reflects citizens' legitimate worries that globalization, immigration, and societal change are a danger to their cultural and economic interests. They might counter that the far-right gives voice to these issues and stands as a respectable political choice to the current political establishment.

As I stress these legitimate factors that have been the root cause of the rise of the right-wing wave in the political spectrum of Europe. These factors are highlighted as follows:

**Economic instability:** The 2008 financial crisis and the austerity measures that followed have resulted in employment losses, lower wages, and greater poverty. Far-right parties have benefited from the feeling of economic insecurity and dissatisfaction this has caused among many citizens.

**Immigration:** The recent wave of immigration into Europe has played a significant role in the rise of the extreme right. The far-right parties have seized on the worries of many people about how immigration will affect their neighbourhood's by advancing anti-immigrant policies and rhetoric.

**Globalization:** There are beneficiaries and losers as a result of the forces of globalization, which have increased economic and cultural integration between nations. Far-right groups have become popular among those who feel marginalized by globalization as a means of protecting the status quo.

**Changes in social and cultural norms,** such as the growing acceptance of LGBT rights and diversity, have made some people feel uneasy and uncomfortable because they believe that their conventional values are in danger. These worries have been tapped into by far-right groups, who are pushing a nationalist and anti-immigrant agenda.

In general, a combination of economic, social, and cultural variables is to blame for the development of extreme rights in Europe. It is a troubling tendency that endangers the continent's stability and security and demands careful consideration and action from both political leaders and common people.

After a thorough examination and consideration of these reasonable factors in the context of this issue, I believe it is appropriate for an academic body to take a center-right view of this issue. People tend to feel threatened and unsafe if their power is influenced by other cultures and maintaining their own identity is an important factor that one should consider, in my opinion. Every person has their own identity, and as a country, they wish to gain one primary political identity, which appears to be in trouble due to a variety of issues that have arisen in today's scenario in the context of Europe.

## **Conclusion**

While some may see the rise of right-wing movements as a positive development, others may differ. However, it is essential to identify that right-wing movements and parties have been effective in mobilizing a substantial audience in support of them on issues like immigration and national identity. Some say that this has increased political participation and promoted the

rise of new perspectives and ideologies in the political sphere. Furthermore, some right-wing parties have advocated for policies centered on economic development, reduced bureaucracy, and increased national sovereignty. Some people who believe that traditional mainstream parties have fallen short in addressing their concerns may find these concepts to be attractive.

In any event, it is critical to approach discussions about political movements with an open mind and a willingness to understand multiple points of view. A more just and equitable society for all must be worked towards, and it is crucial to hold all political actors accountable for their actions.