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The Electoral Compass

This week the EU Profiler and several other electoral compasses went online. I tried two versions, the Profiler and another one wich is specifically for the Dutch, de Stemwijzer. The Profiler is definately my favourite. The option to compare yourself with political parties in other other European countries is very cool. And I especially like the spiderweb, which gives a good look at how your views on a certain subjects are compatible with a party.

The downside is that Libertas wasn't added to my countries list of parties. It was in the list of Irish parties, but that didn't help much because on alot of subjects they answered 'no opinion'. In the Stemwijzer their list of answers was more complete, with only a few questions left unanswered. I can't remember the exact result, but Libertas wasn't on top of my list. And even if they were I'd still have my doubts.

The fact that in the Profiler they left so many questions unanswered, makes me wonder how many of the answers in de Stemwijzer are official Libertas views, instead of the views of the person who filled them in (who I would assume was Eline van den Broek, leading the Dutch campaign). I'm inclined not to regard it as official Libertas policy until I see it on their website.

I also noticed that according to the Profiler they are against Turkey joining the EU, but according to the Stemwijzer they are not. That's a bit confusing, but ofcourse it could also have to do with a different phrasing of the question, wich can make quite a difference in how you answer it.

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 Anyway, D66 was my closest match in both compasses, which is good since I was already considering voting for them. I normally don't care much for an electoral compass, I just tend to go with my gut feeling. But this one seems to work quite well, showing just what I expected when comparing myself to D66. Slightly more strict on immigration and more of law and order guy. I'm also a bit less focused on environmental issues. Overall the differences aren't that big. I am now almost certain they will get my vote.

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Now that I'm writing about the elections, I think this would be a good opportunity for a response to a reaction (from Libertas Insider) I got on a previous post. One of the things I wrote about, was how the lack of a full program with Libertas made me more unlikely to vote for them.

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Libertas Insider said:

"I suppose that it really depends upon what your priorities for the EU are. If, primarily, you think that the EU needs reform, then Libertas is your choice."

The issue of Turkey's membership will probably be a decision for the member nations, rather than MEPs in reality I would think."

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D66 is very focused on reform as well but just in a different way, the Lisbon Treaty way. Democratic reform is actually what they are known for on a national level. Although it's not as democratic as I'd like it to be, I'm not against the treaty. I believe that it's atleast a step in the right direction. But it certainly shouldn't be the end of the reform process, we still have a long way to go.

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With concern to Turkish membership, I have looked up what the role of the EP is on this issue in my studying books and read that they have to approve of new members before they can join. So it's not just up to the member-states. However, I have decided not to take Turkey into account these elections, because first of all I highly doubt they could attain membership in the next 5 years. Second, the distance between me and the only party which is clearly against it's membership is so great, they're not really an option.

Well that's enough for now. I've added a screenshot of my views compared to D66:

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