

The Monkey Cage

Democracy is the art of running the circus from the monkey cage. - H.L. Mencken

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EU Profiler

I've blogged a bit before about the various websites aimed at helping voters choose the party that is ideologically closest to them. Now, via Peter Mair, there's a site called [EU Profiler](#), which is designed to help you choose who to vote for in the upcoming European Parliament elections. It uses a two dimensional issue space, one dimension being socio-economic views (your standard left-right divisions, and the other, your position on EU integration). What is nice is that it appears to have a standardized question database across EU countries, to tell you which party is closest to your views in different member states. My profile, for what it is worth, tells me that my best fit in Irish politics is the Labour party (I'm somewhat to the left of the party on socio-economic issues, and slightly less enthusiastic about European integration), but that my best fit overall in Europe would be with the German Greens. Neither of these is exactly surprising, but both suggest how much of a political outlier I am in my current domicile (the United States). Fun stuff.

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