

## Theoretical Discussions about Concepts “Left” And “Right”

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**Abstract.** Many political scientists argue that dualism left/right is historical, logical and natural. In this perspective, dualism is considered as part of citizen attitudes. This is confirmed by the numerous surveys where most of the respondents prefer to be identified politically in view of these criteria. However, semantic and historical analyses of dualism right/left do not hide its fundamental ambiguity.

It is quite understandable that the reality is more diverse than this simple scheme. However, this scheme is built based of two criteria. Although these two criteria are essential and combined between them, the scheme tries to maintain the difference between the right and the left. At the same time, it answer the objection according to which, in the left or in the right, non-uniform doctrines and movements, such as communism and social democracy on the left, fascism conservatism on the right, are treated together.