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## **The U.S. is Moving to the Right? Since When?**

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“You Don’t Say” on 2/10 featured the late iconic congresswoman Shirley Chisholm with her decades-old assertion that racial prejudice is moving the U.S. to the “right”. The obvious message was that most current problems result from a new movement to the “racist right.”

I’d like to challenge the assertion that we’re moving to the right. During the last presidential campaign there were three major republican “planks.” Strong immigration policy; strong national defense; and “America first” on trade. Whether you prefer those policies or not, that’s doesn’t indicate a big movement in any direction from recent years and even decades. Those are traditional policies.

Consider these progressive crusades of the last few years: supporting elective full term abortion; loosening border control; impetuous energy policies; guaranteed wages for those not working by choice, not from limitations; eliminating free enterprise from health care payment and delivery; unlimited government paid education; gender identity and transition legislation before the issue is adequately understood; permitting sports competition between biological males and biological females; eliminating biological gender privacy in locker rooms; polarizing identity politics; and on and on.

Those are obvious movements to the left, and sadly, these culture/political wars are toxic enemies of independent thought.