Is Europe moving rightward?

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Recent political developments in Europe are telling us how a number of newspapers and politicians think that the best option would be a nationalist one, undermining years of integration during which the continent became a world power. The 2014 European elections saw a further rise of far-right movements, with a possible influence on the functioning of the EU parliament. This worried media all over the world. Yet, as Mammeone suggests, it is now years that these parties gain popularity, build international alliances and transnational webs, reject multi-cultural societies, and oppose some inner features of liberal democracy. This opens a number of further questions: How did this happen in postwar anti-fascist Europe? And how may we explain the ongoing endurance of the heirs of (neo)fascism?

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