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<https://faculti.net/party-positions-and-the-changing-gender-gaps-in-voting/>

This video discusses a study on 50 years of voter behavior in Western Europe, focusing on changes in support for social democratic parties, particularly concerning gender dynamics. Initially, men were more supportive of these parties than women. However, over the last five decades, women's support has increased while social democratic parties have declined in electoral success. The study attributes this decline to a shift among men, especially those in manual labor jobs, who have increasingly abandoned social democratic parties in favor of far-right parties.

The decline of social democratic support among men coincides with these parties moving to centrist economic policies, making it easier for disillusioned voters to switch to far-right parties. This video shift is explained by the occupational vulnerability of manual workers, which has been exacerbated by immigration, as these jobs are more accessible to immigrant workers.

The analysis relied on data from the Eurobarometer and the European Social Survey over 50 years, addressing challenges like harmonizing data across different methodologies and ensuring robustness through various testing. The key observations include a reversal of the gender gap in support for social democratic parties, with women now showing greater support than men.

Further, the text suggests exploring the role of language and the specific policies that far-right parties propose compared to social democratic parties, highlighting the need for nuanced analyses of voter behavior and party systems in response to changing economic frameworks and migration patterns.