CCLS Reading Group

The Great Moving Right Show

by Stuart Hall

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Hall’s article in Marxism Today critically analyses British politics in the late 1970s. He examines the ideological underpinnings of the ‘swing to the Right’ and its impact on the political landscape. Hall explains ‘Thatcherism’ and the characteristics contributing to its success. One of the key concepts in this article is ‘authoritarian populism’ which he uses to highlight how stances by the Right are framed to appeal to the interests of ‘common people.’ Also, Hall draws attention to some of the challenges facing the Left and emphasises the importance of addressing deeper ideological and cultural aspects of the political transformation taking place.