Old Left vs. New Left

While the Old Left focused on labour movements and unionization, aligned with traditional Marxist ideals, and emphasized class struggle, the New Left had a more radical agenda. Born in the U.S. from the anti-war movement and the Students for Democratic Society, the New Left movement aimed to address more issues than just class struggle, such as civil rights, political rights, and other social issues. The New Left also rejected the authority of the government in capitalist and socialist societies, and advocated for true democracy, which deterred some members of the Old Left from supporting this radical movement.

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