

PVV Blog: Introduction ~ The Dutch Party For Freedom. An Analysis Of Geert Wilders' Thinking On Islam



2023/24 The reason for the series 'The Dutch Party for Freedom. An analysis of Geert Wilders' Thinking on Islam' is the election victory of the party in the House of Representatives elections of November 22, 2022, and the shift of the party to the center of power, most probably heading to governing the country.

Throughout his career as party leader of the Party for Freedom, Geert Wilders has spoken out very critically, if not dismissively, if not discriminatingly about Muslims. The Netherlands would be better off without Muslims; Wilders dreams of a Netherlands without Islam. The party's [election manifesto](#) exudes undemocratic and anti-constitutional proposals, especially where Islam and Muslims are concerned: 'The Netherlands is not an Islamic country: no Islamic schools, Qurans and mosques,' the program states.

Jan Jaap de Ruiter has written two books about the ideas of the PVV; one, [De ideologie van de PVV. Het kwade goed en het goede kwaad](#) (in Dutch; translation title: *The ideology of the PVV. The evil good and the good evil*) (2012) is a refutation and criticism of the book *De schijn-élite van de valse munters. Drees, extreem rechts, de sixties, nuttige idioten, Groep Wilders en ik* (in Dutch as well: Dutch title: *The apparent elite of the counterfeiters. Drees, the extreme right, the sixties, useful idiots, Group Wilders and I*) written by Martin Bosma, party member from the very beginning and now elected Speaker of the House.

The second book, [The Dutch Party for Freedom. An Analysis of Geert Wilders' Thinking on Islam](#) (previously published as *The Speck in Your Brothers' Eye - The Alleged War of Islam Against the West* -2012) is an analysis of the book *Marked for Death. Islam's War Against the West and Me*.

Both books by de Ruiter can be freely downloaded [here](#) (scroll down).

In this blog, Jan Jaap de Ruiter follows the vicissitudes of the Party for Freedom in the cabinet formation and he compares the actions and statements, especially those related to Muslims, of party leader Wilders and party ideologue Martin Bosma with their own ideology. For years the party was able to work on its ideas and did everything it could to spread it. Now that the party is in the center of power, it can actually realize its ideas. How will the party act? Does the party attack democracy or does democracy resist the party? The future will tell.

*The series appears as well on this [link](#) and in Dutch on [this link](#) (*Nieuw Wij*).*

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