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### History and Present of Social Democracy Quiz

10 questions – multiple choice (ABC)

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Pablo Iglesias Posse, founder of PSOE, became first socialist deputy in the Spanish Parliament (Cortes).  
When?

- A. 1888
- B. 1910
- C. 1921

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Sweden's social democrats were in power *without interruption* for a long time, but when?

- A. From 1932 to 1976
- B. From 1945 to 1986
- C. From 1938 to 1989

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The current Czech president Milos Zeman was Social Democratic prime minister before (1998-2002).  
But what was his original profession?

- A. Economist
- B. Clown

- C. Archaeologist

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Which Italian regions are led today by Centre-Left (PD) politicians?

- A. Tuscany, Veneto, Basilicata
- B. Emilia-Romagna, Tuscany, Campania
- C. Piedmont, Veneto, Lazio

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What was the name of the longest serving Social Democratic chancellor of Austria?

- A. Karl Renner
- B. Franz Vranitzky
- C. Bruno Kreisky

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Which British think tank advancing the principles of democratic socialism, was founded 1884, and participated in the formation of the Labour Representation Committee (the alliance that later became the Labour Party) in 1900?

- A. Cooperative Institute
- B. Socialist Labour Forum
- C. Fabian Society

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Dutch social democratic politician Sicco Mansholt held the same portfolio first in the Dutch government and then in the European Commission. Which one?

- A. Agriculture
- B. Trade
- C. Employment and Social Affairs

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German Vice-Chancellor (and Chancellor candidate of the SPD) recently visited Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa. Which cities were they leaders of as mayors before?

- A. Berlin and Porto
- B. Düsseldorf and Evora
- C. Hamburg and Lisbon

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We recently commemorated the 50th anniversary of Willy Brandt's knee fall in Warsaw (December 1970). What happened to his host Władysław Gomułka later in the same month?

- A. He was decorated with the Order of Lenin by Leonid Brezhnev in Moscow
- B. He had to step down as party leader (in the aftermath of the Gdansk workers' uprising)
- C. He suffered a car accident but survived (the crashed Mercedes car was a gift from Brandt)

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Francois Mitterrand became French President 40 years ago this month. He had united the French centre-left in the 1970s. Who was his internal challenger shortly before the 1981 elections?

- A. Michel Rocard
- B. Jacques Delors
- C. Pierre Mauroy

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