**Education Policy: influence of different governments**

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| **Social Democratic (broadly 1944-1979)** | **New Right (broadly 1979-1997)** |
| Main arguments: | Main arguments: |
| What problems do they see with the education system? | Who are the key thinkers and what do they say? |
| How do they view meritocracy? How do they justify this? | How do they view meritocracy? How do they justify this? |
| Evaluation of the approach | Evaluation of the approach |
| Which policies have they impacted? | Which policies have they impacted? |

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| **New Labour (1997-2010) – which of their policies are more social democratic?** | **New Labour (1997-2010) – which of their policies are more new right?** |
| **Coalition government (2010-2015) and current Conservative government (2015-2017, 2017>)**  **Are arguably more right wing, which of their policies indicate a return to the New Right?** | |