

# Why 60 Years of D66 Accomplished Nothing

## Multi-Scale Decoherence and the Structural Failure of Analytical Liberalism in Dutch Democracy

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### Short Summary

D66, founded in 1966 as a radical democratic renewal movement, has participated in eleven Dutch coalition governments over six decades without achieving a single one of its founding structural objectives. This failure is not incidental but architecturally inevitable.

Drawing on the Living Resonant Systems (LRS) framework, Political Expectation Failure Theory (PEFT), McWhinney's Paths of Change, the Cayley-Dickson algebraic hierarchy, and the Bronze Mean phase transition model, this paper demonstrates that D66 operates exclusively at the  $\mathbb{R}$ -level of social reality — linear, commutative, analytically ordered — while the problems it claims to solve exist at  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$ , and  $\mathbb{O}$  levels of complexity.

The result is sixty years of sophisticated marketing masquerading as democratic renewal. As the Netherlands — and Western democracy at large — approaches the 43→142 Bronze Mean phase transition, the structural inadequacy of  $\mathbb{R}$ -level governance becomes not merely inefficient but actively dangerous. The comparative evidence from the UK, France, Germany, and Scandinavia confirms that D66 is not a Dutch anomaly but the Dutch instantiation of a pan-Western pattern of institutional cognitive failure.

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## 1. Introduction: The Paradox of Perpetual Renewal

In 1966, a group of Dutch intellectuals founded Democraten '66 with a single, urgent premise: the Dutch political system was structurally broken, and radical democratic renewal was the only remedy. Their founding manifesto called for a directly elected prime minister, a district electoral system, binding referenda, and the dissolution of the traditional pillarized party structure. Sixty years later, none of these objectives has been achieved.

Yet D66 has not failed in any conventional sense. The party has been a coalition partner in eleven governments. It has produced ministers of education, finance, foreign affairs, and climate. It has polled between five and twenty-four seats across twelve parliamentary cycles. It remains, for six decades, a fixture of the Dutch political landscape — always present, always reformist in rhetoric, always indispensable to coalition arithmetic.

This is the paradox: D66 has been simultaneously ubiquitous and ineffective. The question this paper addresses is not why D66 failed politically, but why it was structurally incapable of succeeding — and why that incapacity was invisible to its own members for sixty years.

The answer lies not in political science but in the architecture of coherence itself.

## 2. Theoretical Framework: The Living Resonant Systems Approach

### 2.1 Multi-Scale Decoherence in Political Systems

The Living Resonant Systems (LRS) framework, applied to geopolitical analysis in Konstapel (2026c), describes political failure as multi-scale decoherence: the simultaneous breakdown of resonant structures at macro ( $\Omega$ ), meso ( $K$ ), and micro ( $\alpha$ ) levels. Applied to a single political party, the same framework yields a precise diagnosis.

At the **macro level ( $\Omega$ )**, D66 has failed to produce any of the structural constitutional reforms that constituted its founding purpose. The democratic architecture of the Netherlands in 2026 is, in all essential features, identical to the architecture of 1966.

At the **meso level ( $K$ )**, D66 has repeatedly produced policy outcomes that contradict its own stated objectives: privatization of public infrastructure it later criticized, climate legislation it helped design and then abandoned in coalition negotiations, digital rights frameworks it eroded through the DigiD outsourcing it presided over.

At the **micro level ( $\alpha$ )**, the party's internal narrative has progressively decoupled from the social reality of its electorate. The Leiden voter turnout analysis (Konstapel, 2026d) shows that nearly half of Leiden's population — a D66 stronghold — does not vote. This is not apathy; it is the signal of a population experiencing what LRS theory identifies as resonance failure: the institutions do not vibrate at frequencies that match lived social reality.

### 2.2 Political Expectation Failure Theory (PEFT)

Political Expectation Failure Theory, developed from Roger Schank's cognitive script theory and extended into the political domain (Konstapel, 2025a), proposes that political institutions operate via internalized expectation scripts. Script failure occurs when reality contradicts the script's predictions. In individuals, such failure can trigger genuine learning — script revision. In

institutions, the dominant response is script defense: reframing the failure, attributing it to external factors, intensifying the original approach.

As the geopolitical analysis demonstrates for the post-1945 order (Konstapel, 2026c), the same pathocratic tendency that produces "inversion of the natural order" at the global scale operates at the national institutional scale: mechanistic, analytically-ordered structures actively prevent the cognitive entrainment necessary for genuine adaptation.

D66's sixty-year trajectory is a textbook case of institutional script defense. Every electoral defeat has been attributed to communication failures, leadership problems, or coalition pressures — never to a fundamental inadequacy of the underlying cognitive model.

### 2.3 McWhinney's Paths of Change: The Four Worldviews

Will McWhinney's *Paths of Change* (1997) identifies four irreducibly distinct worldviews:

- **Unitary (analytic, blue /  $\mathbb{R}$ ):** Reality consists of objective facts, rules, causal structures. Solutions come from better data, clearer rules, efficient procedures.
- **Sensory (pragmatic, red /  $\mathbb{C}$ ):** Reality is what works in practice. Solutions come from experimentation, action, measurable results.
- **Social (relational, green /  $\mathbb{H}$ ):** Reality is co-constructed through relationships. Solutions come from dialogue, trust, community.
- **Mythic (narrative, yellow /  $\mathbb{O}$ ):** Reality is structured by meaning and story. Solutions come from compelling visions and shared significance.

Each worldview is internally consistent and externally incompatible with the others. An institution dominated by a single worldview systematically misreads signals from the other three.

### 2.4 The Cayley-Dickson Algebraic Hierarchy

The four worldviews find their mathematical foundation in the Cayley-Dickson construction — the only four normed division algebras over the real numbers, proven by Hurwitz (1898) and Adams (1960):

Algebra	Lost property	McWhinney worldview	Social reality level
$\mathbb{R}$ (reals)	— (ordered)	Unitary	Procedures, rules
$\mathbb{C}$ (complex)	ordering	Sensory	Cycles, process
$\mathbb{H}$ (quaternions)	commutativity	Social	Relations, context
$\mathbb{O}$ (octonions)	associativity	Mythic	Identity, meaning

The algebraic properties are not metaphorical.  $\mathbb{R}$ -level cognition treats all exchanges as commutative: A exchanges with B as B exchanges with A; sequence and direction are irrelevant.  $\mathbb{H}$ -level cognition recognizes that sequence matters fundamentally.  $\mathbb{O}$ -level cognition recognizes that even the grouping of relationships changes everything.

Democratic institutions designed at the  $\mathbb{R}$ -level cannot process  $\mathbb{H}$  or  $\mathbb{O}$  level social reality. They do not merely fail to solve such problems; they cannot perceive them as problems.

## 2.5 The Bronze Mean Phase Transition and the Panarchic Cycle

The Bronze Mean sequence (1, 1, 4, 13, 43, 142...), generated by  $X^2 - 3X - 1$ , marks discrete phase transitions in collective coherence capacity (Konstapel, 2025a). The Kondratiev cycles documented for the Netherlands (Konstapel, 2023) show the current fourfold crisis — economic, market, cultural, technological — as the signature of a  $43 \rightarrow 142$  phase transition under stress: a late K-phase giving way to  $\Omega$ -disruption in the panarchic cycle.

In panarchic terms, D66 was founded in the  $\alpha$ -phase of a new cycle (1966), reached its K-phase consolidation during the Purple years (1994–2002), and has since entered  $\Omega$ -phase disintegration — present in form but emptied of coherence content. Its 2025 electoral program represents the characteristic  $K \rightarrow \Omega$  transition marker: maximum procedural sophistication, minimum substantive transformation.

## 3. D66: A Sixty-Year $\mathbb{R}$ -Level Operation — Three-Phase Analysis

### Phase 1: Structural Mismatch at Founding (1966–1993)

D66 was born from a genuine  $\mathbb{H}$ -level perception: Hans van Mierlo and his co-founders recognized that the Dutch pillarized system — *verzuiling* — had become a closed relational network that systematically excluded legitimate social signals. The founding program was, in essence, a demand for institutional restructuring to accommodate social complexity.

But the proposed solutions were entirely  $\mathbb{R}$ -level: a different electoral formula, a different appointment procedure for the prime minister, a binding referendum mechanism. The diagnosis was  $\mathbb{H}$ ; the prescription was  $\mathbb{R}$ . This foundational mismatch — perceiving a relational problem and proposing a procedural solution — established the template for everything that followed.

At the macro level, no constitutional reform materialized. At the meso level, the party dissolved itself (1974), reconstituted itself (1977), and resumed the same script. At the micro level, the electorate repeatedly rewarded D66's freshness of tone while rejecting its substantive achievements — because there were none to reject.

### Phase 2: The K-Phase — Consolidation as Surrender (1994–2018)

The Kok cabinets (1994–2002) represent D66's most consequential moment. For the first time in Dutch political history, a coalition government formed without the Christian Democrats. D66 was central to this achievement — a genuine macro-level structural rupture.

What followed was the perfect illustration of panarchic K-phase rigidity. D66 entered government with a clear founding mandate: structural democratic reform. Within months, every major structural reform was traded for policy influence. The directly elected prime minister was abandoned. The district system was abandoned. The binding referendum was reduced to a consultative mechanism — and later abolished after producing the inconvenient 2005 EU Constitutional Treaty rejection.

Wim Kok's famous remark about shedding ideological baggage captures the K-phase dynamic precisely: the  $\mathbb{H}$ -level perception that had motivated the party's founding was exchanged for  $\mathbb{R}$ -level operational comfort within existing institutional structures.

The consequences were structural and multi-scale. The period 1994–2002 produced the institutional architecture — privatization of public utilities, financialization of housing, outsourcing of public digital infrastructure — that generated the crises of the following two decades. D66 caused these crises not maliciously but cognitively: by applying  $\mathbb{R}$ -level solutions to  $\mathbb{H}$ -level problems, it systematically failed to perceive the non-commutative consequences of its policy choices.

In a commutative  $\mathbb{R}$ -world, privatizing public utilities is equivalent to maintaining them publicly — the algebraic operation produces the same result in either direction. In the non-commutative  $\mathbb{H}$ -world of actual social relationships, the sequence matters enormously. Once a utility is privatized and commercial dependencies are established, reversal is not a symmetric operation. The toeslagenaffaire, the housing market collapse, the DigiD dependency on Solvinity — these are all non-commutative consequences of commutative policy thinking.

### **Pim Fortuyn as $\mathbb{O}$ -Level Disruption (2002)**

The assassination of Pim Fortuyn in 2002 obscured the analytical significance of what he had demonstrated. As the cyclical model shows (Konstapel, 2023), his emergence was not accidental: it coincided precisely with the revolt-phase of a fourfold crisis — economic marginalization, cultural dislocation, institutional distrust, technological disruption — that the political class, including D66, had produced and could not perceive.

Fortuyn operated at the  $\mathbb{O}$ -level: non-associative, narrative, identity-constituting. He perceived with sociological precision what the multi-scale conflict framework (Konstapel, 2025b) identifies as  $\alpha$ -level narrative fracture: the Dutch social narrative had split between a political class living in a  $\mathbb{R}$ -level procedural reality and a population experiencing  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathbb{O}$  level crises of relationship and meaning.

D66's response was diagnostic: they treated his rise as a communication problem. This is the canonical PEFT script defense response — when reality contradicts the script, improve the transmission, not the model.

### **Phase 3: The $\Omega$ -Phase — Marketing as Terminus (2018–2026)**

By 2025, the transformation was complete. D66's electoral program represents the endpoint of sixty years of cognitive drift: pure  $\mathbb{R}$ -level marketing operating on  $\mathbb{O}$ -level anxieties.

"Het kan wél" (It is possible) is a content-free  $\mathbb{R}$ -level frame. It is commutative by design: applicable to any policy, any candidate, any context. It explicitly avoids the  $\mathbb{H}$ -level question of who benefits, in which sequence, at whose cost. It avoids the  $\mathbb{O}$ -level question of what story we are living, what it means to be Dutch in 2025.

The IJstad proposal — ten new cities, beginning with a new island between Amsterdam and Flevoland — is the architectural expression of the same cognitive level: a grand  $\mathbb{R}$ -level spatial solution to a  $\mathbb{H}$ -level crisis of belonging and  $\mathbb{O}$ -level crisis of meaning. More housing units do not produce community. More square kilometers do not produce trust.

The branded content controversy — D66's purchase of podcast space in NRC framed as journalism — reveals the logical terminus of this trajectory. When the boundary between political communication and commercial advertising dissolves, the party has fully transitioned from political actor to marketing operation. In LRS terms, this is maximum K-phase complexity immediately

preceding  $\Omega$ -collapse: the form is maximally elaborated precisely as the coherence content approaches zero.

## **4. What D66 Could Not See: Three Case Studies in Non-Commutative Failure**

### **4.1 The Toeslagenaffaire: $\mathbb{R}$ -Level Governance Applied to $\mathbb{H}$ -Level Reality**

The toeslagenaffaire — in which the Dutch tax authority systematically destroyed thousands of families through algorithmic enforcement of benefit regulations — was the direct product of  $\mathbb{R}$ -level institutional design applied to  $\mathbb{H}$ -level social reality.

The system was analytically coherent at the  $\mathbb{R}$ -level: rules were clear, enforcement was consistent, data was processed efficiently. The catastrophe occurred because the system could not perceive non-commutative social relationships. The difference between a family with one late payment due to administrative error and a family engaged in systematic fraud is not a  $\mathbb{R}$ -level distinction. It requires  $\mathbb{H}$ -level contextual judgment: who are these people, what is their situation, what does this particular sequence of events mean in their particular relational context?

D66 ministers presided over the institutions that produced this system. They were cognitively complicit: they built and defended  $\mathbb{R}$ -level systems because  $\mathbb{R}$ -level systems are what their worldview makes visible as solutions.

### **4.2 The Housing Crisis: Thirty Years of Commutative Policy in a Non-Commutative Domain**

Housing is not a commodity in the  $\mathbb{R}$  sense — a unit of shelter exchangeable for a unit of currency with symmetric consequences. Housing is a relational node: it determines school districts, social networks, intergenerational wealth transfer, neighbourhood coherence, and cultural belonging. Its consequences are radically non-commutative.

D66's housing proposals — including the 2025 IJstad plan — remain  $\mathbb{R}$ -level: increase supply, adjust prices, improve procedures. They do not engage the  $\mathbb{H}$ -level question of relational structure, nor the  $\mathbb{O}$ -level question of what kind of community is being built and what story it will tell about Dutch society in 2050.

### **4.3 Digital Sovereignty: Constitutional Failure as Technical Detail**

The DigiD controversy — the outsourcing of Dutch digital identity infrastructure to Solvinity, a private commercial entity — is a constitutional problem masquerading as a technical one (Konstapel, 2026a). At the  $\mathbb{R}$ -level, public and private provision of digital infrastructure are commutative — both deliver authentication services. At the  $\mathbb{H}$ -level, the non-commutativity is obvious: a state that has surrendered its authentication infrastructure to commercial interests cannot reclaim the symmetric position. Democratic legitimacy, once outsourced, does not return by reversing the transaction.

## **5. Comparative Perspective: D66 as a Universal Archetype**

D66 is not a Dutch anomaly. It is the Dutch instantiation of a structural type that appears across Western democracies wherever analytically-educated urban elites have built political vehicles for procedural reform. The algebraic diagnosis generalizes precisely because the Cayley-Dickson hierarchy describes the structure of social reality itself — not Dutch social reality specifically.

## 5.1 United Kingdom: The Liberal Democrats

The British Liberal Democrats are D66's closest structural equivalent. Their defining moment mirrors D66's Purple years precisely. The 2010 coalition with David Cameron's Conservatives produced the same script-defense dynamic: the pledge to abolish university tuition fees — signed personally by every LibDem MP — was traded for coalition participation.

A tuition fee pledge is not a  $\mathbb{R}$ -level policy commitment. It is a  $\mathbb{O}$ -level identity statement: we stand with young people, with accessibility, with the belief that education is not a market commodity. Breaking it did not merely contradict a policy position — it destroyed a narrative coherence field. The LibDems collapsed from 57 seats in 2010 to 8 in 2015. Fifteen years later, the pre-2010 position has not been recovered.

## 5.2 France: Macron and Renaissance

Emmanuel Macron's political movement represents the most ambitious attempt in contemporary Western politics to construct an explicitly  $\mathbb{R}$ -level political architecture. "Neither left nor right" is a direct statement of algebraic commutativity: the political spectrum is treated as a linear ordering in which the center is equidistant from all extremes and governance is a technical optimization problem.

The Gilets Jaunes movement that erupted in 2018 was a  $\mathbb{H}$ -level revolt against the non-commutativity of Macron's reforms: fuel taxes that were commutative in the  $\mathbb{R}$ -model — everyone pays equally — were radically non-commutative in social reality — rural workers dependent on cars paid catastrophically more relative to income and alternatives than urban professionals.

When Macron responded with a "Grand Débat" — a  $\mathbb{R}$ -level consultative procedure — to a  $\mathbb{H}$ -level crisis of recognition, the script defense was complete. By 2024, Renaissance had lost its parliamentary majority. This is the same  $\Omega$ -phase trajectory as D66, compressed into eight years.

## 5.3 Germany: The FDP and the Debt Brake

The German FDP has occupied the same cognitive niche as D66 for seventy-five years: the party of economic liberalism, procedural rule-of-law, and analytical governance. The 2021–2024 Ampel coalition produced the terminal version of this pattern. Finance Minister Christian Lindner's insistence on constitutional debt-brake compliance — a pure  $\mathbb{R}$ -level rule applied without contextual judgment — paralyzed a government attempting to navigate simultaneous energy transition, post-pandemic reconstruction, and geopolitical realignment.

The debt brake is the perfect symbol of  $\mathbb{R}$ -level governance failure. It is formally elegant, procedurally rigorous, algebraically commutative. It is cognitively catastrophic because public investment is not commutative: a euro spent on energy transition infrastructure in 2023 produces categorically different social outcomes than a euro spent in 2033 — the window for action is non-commutative, a property the  $\mathbb{R}$ -level cannot represent.

The FDP received 4.9% in the subsequent election — below the parliamentary threshold for the first time since 1969. The algebraic logic is precise: a party that cannot transcend the  $\mathbb{R}$ -level is eliminated when the social system enters a phase that requires  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathbb{O}$  level governance.

## 5.4 Scandinavia: The Partial Counter-Case

Sweden's Centre Party, Denmark's Radikale Venstre, and Finland's Swedish People's Party have occupied similar analytical-liberal niches without experiencing the same catastrophic failures.

The difference is not algebraic level but institutional embedding. Scandinavian consensus-based governance structures — mandatory consultation procedures, strong municipal autonomy, institutionalized social partner participation — provide external  $\mathbb{H}$ -level correction mechanisms that partially compensate for the  $\mathbb{R}$ -level cognitive defaults of analytical liberal parties. When a Danish Radikale minister proposes a commutative policy, the mandatory consultation with trade unions, municipal associations, and civil society organizations forces  $\mathbb{H}$ -level non-commutative feedback into the process.

This is, precisely, the fractal state operating in embryonic form — what the geopolitical analysis identifies as "nested regeneration" at the meso level (Konstapel, 2026c). The Scandinavian institutional architecture does not require political parties to transcend their algebraic level; it builds multi-level correction into the governance structure itself.

The lesson for the Netherlands is direct: D66's failures are not solely D66's failures. They are the failures of an institutional architecture that provides no structural correction for  $\mathbb{R}$ -level cognitive defaults in political leadership.

## 5.5 The Pan-Western Pattern: Controlled Disorder Without Recovery

Across Western democracies, the period 2015–2026 has produced a convergent pattern — the simultaneous collapse or marginalization of analytically-liberal centrist parties and the rise of parties operating at the  $\mathbb{O}$  level: nationalist, populist, narrative-driven movements speaking directly to questions of identity, belonging, and civilizational meaning.

The standard analysis frames this as a conflict between reason and emotion, between liberal democracy and authoritarian populism. This framing is itself a  $\mathbb{R}$ -level cognitive operation: it maps a multidimensional  $\mathbb{O}$ -level crisis onto a linear spectrum with "rational" at one end and "irrational" at the other.

The LRS framework produces a different framing. The rise of  $\mathbb{O}$ -level politics is not a regression from rationality. It is a social system's attempt to process civilizational questions that  $\mathbb{R}$ -level institutions cannot perceive. When millions of people in France, the Netherlands, Germany, and the United Kingdom report feeling that their political class "does not live in the same reality," they are reporting an accurate algebraic observation: their lived social reality operates at  $\mathbb{H}$  and  $\mathbb{O}$  levels that  $\mathbb{R}$ -level governance cannot access.

This corresponds exactly to the macro-level  $\Omega$ -collapse identified in the post-1945 geopolitical analysis (Konstapel, 2026c): "the inversion of the natural order — mechanistic, empathy-deficient algorithmic and technocratic structures increasingly mediating human consciousness, manufacturing distraction and fear to maintain cognitive impotence." D66 is not a perpetrator of this inversion but its most faithful domestic institutional expression.

The danger is not that  $\mathbb{O}$ -level politics has arrived. The danger is that it arrives without institutional structures capable of integrating it productively. Raw  $\mathbb{O}$ -level political energy — non-associative, identity-constituting, narrative-driven — without  $\mathbb{R}$ -level procedural constraint and  $\mathbb{H}$ -level relational integration produces not democratic renewal but authoritarian consolidation. This is the Phase 1 "controlled disorder" trajectory (Konstapel, 2026c) applied at the national scale: regional or national blocs crystallize without the coherence recovery mechanisms needed for Phase 2.

## 6. The Fractal State: From Decoherence to Coherence Recovery

The cognitive failures documented above are not inevitable features of democratic governance. They are consequences of designing democratic institutions at a single algebraic level. The alternative is multi-level institutional architecture.

The fractal state (Konstapel, 2026a) is the national-scale equivalent of the "coherence recovery" phase identified in the geopolitical transition model. It proposes three structural principles:

**Subsidiarity as epistemics:** Decisions are made at the lowest level where relevant knowledge resides.  $\mathbb{H}$ -level knowledge — relational, contextual, non-commutative — is distributed and cannot be centralized without being destroyed. This corresponds to the "asymmetric role-cycling" principle: decision authority rotates to where competence actually resides.

**Plural representation:** Beyond party-political representation, functional representation by domain — educators in education policy, care workers in health policy, farmers in agricultural policy. This is the meso-level institutional equivalent of the "swing state hinge" function in geopolitics: actors who hold  $\mathbb{H}$ -level knowledge prevent  $\mathbb{R}$ -level dominance from producing non-commutative catastrophes.

**Cognitive diversity as institutional principle:** The explicit recognition that all four McWhinney worldviews are necessary for adequate governance. A decision-making body composed exclusively of analytic thinkers — the D66 default — cannot perceive the signals that sensory, social, and mythic thinkers see. This is the institutional implementation of "information-level coherence": transparent multi-perspective dashboards that enable real-time alignment without command.

The fractal state does not prescribe outcomes — it creates conditions. This is the crucial distinction from the *maakbaarheidsstaat* that Frissen (2026) rightly criticizes. And it is the distinction between Phase 1 controlled disorder and Phase 2 coherence recovery: the former manages fragmentation; the latter actively rebuilds resonant structures across scales.

## 7. Conclusion: Sixty Years of Structural Mismatch

D66's sixty-year failure is a cognitive architectural failure of historic proportions, playing out at all three LRS scales simultaneously.

At the **macro level** ( $\mathbb{Q}$ ): zero constitutional reforms achieved across eleven coalition participations. The democratic architecture of the Netherlands is structurally identical to 1966.

At the **meso level (K)**: systematic production of policy outcomes contradicting stated objectives — the toeslagenaffaire, the housing crisis, digital sovereignty erosion — as direct consequences of applying  $\mathbb{R}$ -level solutions to  $\mathbb{H}$ -level problems.

At the **micro level ( $\alpha$ )**: progressive narrative decoupling from the lived reality of Dutch citizens, culminating in a pure marketing operation that openly purchases the appearance of journalism to project optimism onto a population experiencing  $\mathbb{O}$ -level existential uncertainty.

The comparative evidence confirms the generalization. LibDems, FDP, Renaissance — each is D66 in its national variant, each following the same panarchic trajectory from  $\alpha$ -phase energy through K-phase consolidation to  $\Omega$ -phase decoherence, each responding to script failure with script defense rather than script revision.

The Bronze Mean phase transition does not wait for institutional readiness. The 43→142 shift is occurring with or without governance architectures adequate to navigate it. The 2035–2040 critical bifurcation identified in the geopolitical analysis applies with equal force at the national scale: either Western democracies develop multi-level institutional architectures capable of integrating  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{C}$ ,  $\mathbb{H}$ , and  $\mathbb{O}$  level cognition before the transition completes, or they arrive at the 142-phase governed by institutions designed for the 13-phase.

D66's sixty-year record is the domestic case study of this pan-Western failure. Pim Fortuyn understood this in 2002 without the algebraic vocabulary. The voters who have progressively abandoned traditional parties since then understand it without any vocabulary at all. They experience it as a feeling: that the people governing them do not live in the same reality.

They are correct. The reality is algebraic. And the algebra, after sixty years, has not changed.

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