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Euroscepticism has become a generic catch-all term that is not always useful in capturing the nuances of the different types of political opposition to the current process of European integration. This book analyses in detail the electoral manifestos and programmes presented by twenty-two parties during the European Parliamentary elections in 2009. The research indicates that radical right-wing parties usually have Europhobic impulses – their rejection being not only of methods, but also of principles. In contrast, radical left-wing parties are, in theory, favourable to European integration, but dispute the direction currently imposed by the EU authorities.

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