

In conclusion, *Drift en koers*, like most collections of essays by several authors, varies considerably in interest and quality. In spite of its faults, it is on the whole an excellent work, a detailed analysis of Dutch society today as it developed over the past several generations. The most general lack, in my opinion, is that hardly anyone accepted the implication of the title and mapped out a course for the Dutch nation. Is it useful to continue family subsidies and subsidized emigration? Can one draw a balance between the 'functions' and the 'dysfunctions' of pillarization at a certain point, and thus indicate where to stop? Has the healthy economy been assisted by certain governmental policies, which should thus be continued? And so on. But to answer such questions fully would take another book, and perhaps it is not reasonable to these social analysts merely to suggest what they believe to be good social policy.

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