

## Thatcherism And British Politics The End Of Consensus

*This book shows the importance of political ideas in policy-making and demonstrates the extent to which pragmatic considerations preclude the imposition of rigid ideological programmes. It charts the decline of the postwar British 'consensus', the changing face of both the Conservative and Labour parties under the long shadow of Thatcherism, and the growing emergence of single issue policies such as environmentalism and feminism. With an extensive bibliography and suggested seminar and essay topics, Principles and Politics can be used on any course which focuses on contemporary British politics as well as having general appeal to those interested in looking at the contemporary political and ideological debate in the context of wider issues and trends. This second edition is completely revised and updated.*

*Situates the controversial Thatcher era in the political, social, cultural and economic history of modern Britain.*

*Examining the policies of the Thatcher governments helps us understand the economic and social conditions in Britain today. The book explores Thatcherite policies on the economy, social welfare, housing, education, crime, families, and social inequality, and examines what can be said about the legacy of Thatcherism for the 21st century.*

*Dennis Kavanagh builds on his classic Thatcherism and British Politics: The End of Consensus? to assess the full impact of the Thatcher years, and the reordering of British politics that has occurred in her wake. Also includes a Postscript on the impact of the 1997 General Election results.*

*From Labourism to Thatcherism*

*The Reordering of British Politics*

*Continuities and Change*

*God and Mrs Thatcher*

*The Revival of British Foreign Policy*

*Why Margaret Thatcher Matters*

*Special Issue on Contemporary British Politics*

Great Britain in the 1970s appeared to be in terminal decline—ungovernable, an economic train wreck, and rapidly headed for global irrelevance. Three decades later, it is the richest and most influential country in Europe, and Margaret Thatcher is the reason. The preternaturally determined Thatcher rose from nothing, seized control of Britain's Conservative party, and took a sledgehammer to the nation's postwar socialist consensus. She proved that socialism could be reversed, inspiring a global free-market revolution. Simultaneously exploiting every politically useful aspect of her femininity and defying every conventional expectation of women in power, Thatcher crushed her enemies with a calculated ruthlessness that stunned the British public and without doubt caused immense collateral damage. Ultimately, however, Claire Berlinski agrees with Thatcher: There was no alternative. Berlinski explains what Thatcher did, why it matters, and how she got away with it in this vivid and immensely readable portrait of one of the towering figures of the twentieth century.

This volume looks at the changes in British politics and government since the accession of Mrs Thatcher in 1979, and in particular at the 1990s. Its aim is to explore some of these changes and to emphasize the recurring paradoxes in political developments. With unequaled authority and dramatic detail, the first volume of Charles Moore's authorized biography of Margaret Thatcher reveals as never before the early life, rise to power, and first years as prime minister of the woman who transformed Britain and the world in the late twentieth century. Moore has had unique access to all of Thatcher's private and governmental papers, and interviewed her and her family extensively for this book. Many of her former colleagues and intimates have also shared previously unseen papers, diaries, and letters, and spoken frankly to him, knowing that what they revealed would not be published until after her death. The book immediately supersedes all other biographies and sheds much new light on the whole spectrum of British political life from Thatcher's entry into Parliament in 1959 to what was arguably the zenith of her power—victory in the Falklands in 1982. Drawing on an extraordinary cache of letters to her sister Muriel, Moore illuminates Thatcher's youth, her relationship with her parents, and her early romantic attachments, including her first encounters with Denis Thatcher and their courtship and marriage. Moore brilliantly depicts her determination and boldness from the very beginning of her political career and gives the fullest account of her wresting the Tory leadership from former prime minister Edward Heath at a moment when no senior figure in the party dared to challenge him. His account of Thatcher's dramatic relationship with Ronald Reagan is riveting. This book also explores in compelling detail the obstacles and indignities that Thatcher encountered as a woman in what was still overwhelmingly a man's world. Moore's admiration for Thatcher is evident, yet his portrait is convincingly clear-eyed, conveying both how remarkable she was and how infuriating she could be, her extraordinary grasp at mastering policy and what needed to be done, and her surprising vulnerabilities. At the moment when Margaret Thatcher becomes a part of history, Moore's portrait enlivens her, compellingly re-creating the circumstances and experiences that shaped one of the most significant world leaders of the postwar era.

This major new work from the well-known team of Heath, Jowell and Curtice explores the emergence of New Labour from the ruins of old Labour's four successive defeats at the hands of the Conservatives. Based on the authoritative British Election Survey the book explores some of the key questions about contemporary British elections and the social and political factors that decide their outcomes. The book begins with the electoral legacy of Margaret Thatcher. How far had Margaret Thatcher converted the electorate to her vision of a free-market, low tax society? Did her electoral success prove the popularity of her policies? Does any scope remain in Britain for left-wing policies? The Rise of New Labour explores the reasons for the failure of previous attempts by Labour under Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock to win the electorate's backing for left-wing policies and dissects the electoral benefits of Tony Blair's abandonment of socialism. The research shows that policies play a much smaller role in electoral change than is usually supposed, and that the parties may be less constrained than they imagine. The book explores the key assumptions underlying New Labour's diagnosis of the problems the party faced during the eighteen years of Conservative rule. It shows that many of these assumptions were at best half-truths and that much of the conventional wisdom - shared by politicians and commentators - about how voters decide is seriously flawed. The book concludes by putting forward a new model of electoral behaviour which is better able to account for the wide array of research findings.

Between Europe and America

Neo-Thatcherism in the 21st Century

British Politics For Dummies

Ideologies of Conservatism: Conservative Political Ideas in the Twentieth Century

From Conflict to Consensus

An Insider's Account of the Politics, the Power and the Personalities

Thatcherism in the 21st Century

***Margaret Thatcher is the only 20th-century prime minister to have given her name to a style as well as a doctrine. Although the final balance sheet of the successes and failures of Thatcherism is yet to be tallied, this book places the government of Mrs. Thatcher in the perspective of postwar British politics. Here, Kavanagh describes how a postwar political consensus--covering full employment, welfare, conciliation of the trade unions, a mixed economy with state intervention, and social engineering--was established with the support of dominant groups in the Conservative and Labour parties. He then shows how that settlement broke down in the face of economic problems, changes in policies and personnel in the main parties, and the challenge to the intellectual bases of the consensus mounted by groups on the New Right. The book concludes with an insightful analysis of the government's record, and of prospects for a new consensus. Mrs. Thatcher has cited the breaking of the consensus as one of her primary political objectives, and in this penetrating study she emerges both as the architect of the collapse of consensus and as its product. Though this book contains insights into Margaret Thatcher's (Britain's first female prime minister) life and the philosophy named after her, its principal subject is the small group who the author identifies as the men who promoted and supported her. These include Enoch Powell, Alfred Sherman, John Hoskyns, Ian Gow and Nigel Lawson.***

***A woman demonised by the left and sanctified by the right, there has always been a religious undercurrent to discussions of Margaret Thatcher. However, while her Methodist roots are well known, the impact of her faith on her politics is often overlooked. In an attempt to source the origins of Margaret Thatcher's 'conviction politics', Eliza Filby explores how Thatcher's worldview was shaped and guided by the lessons of piety, thrift and the Protestant work ethic learnt in Finkin Street Methodist Church, Grantham, from her lay-preacher father. In doing so, she tells the story of how a Prime Minister steeped in the Nonconformist teachings of her childhood entered Downing Street determined to reinvigorate the nation with these religious values. Filby concludes that this was ultimately a failed crusade. In the end, Thatcher created a country that was not more Christian, but more secular; and not more devout, but entirely consumed by a new religion: capitalism. In upholding the sanctity of the individual, Thatcherism inadvertently signalled the death of Christian Britain. Drawing on previously unpublished archives, interviews and memoirs, Filby examines how the rise of Thatcher was echoed by the rebirth of the Christian right in Britain, both of which were forcefully opposed by the Church of England. Wide-ranging and exhaustively researched, God and Mrs Thatcher offers a truly original perspective on the source and substance of Margaret Thatcher's political values and the role that religion played in the politics of this tumultuous decade.***

***From Diane Abbott to George Young via Keynesianism and Thatcherism, from Major to Millbank and from New Labour to Norman Tebbit, this book is the ultimate student reference guide to British politics. With over one thousand entries, the book covers the personalities, policies and institutions that have shaped British politics, with special emphasis on developments since the beginning of the twentieth century. This is the ideal instant reference book on British politics, providing readers wiith short, authoritative explanations and definitions of key terms, institutions, offices of state, political events, processes and policies as well as biographies of well known politicians, political thinkers, movements and theorists. Any student unsure of a term, an event, the details of the life of a prominent politician, or the inner workings of an institution can turn to this book for immediate assistance***

***Thatcherism and British Politics, 1975-1999***

***Postwar British Politics***

***Political Change in Britain***

***Politics in Britain***

***The Social and Cultural Legacy***

***A Decade of Revolution in British Politics***

***New Writing, 1995-2005***

Labour's 1997 victory was widely credited to the party's reinvention of itself as New Labour. This book argues that the transformation of the Labour Party is best understood as the product of Thatcherism, and marks the emergence of a new consensus in British politics.

Seminar paper from the year 2014 in the subject History Europe - Other Countries - European Postwar Period, University of Flensburg (International Institute of Management and Economic Literacy), course: European Contemporary History, language: English, abstract: This term paper examines the extent to which Margaret Thatcher's term in office as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, from 1979 to her forced resignation in 1990, affected (conservative) British politics. It is divided into six chapters. After a brief introduction in chapter 1, an introductory review of literature on contemporary British politics will be presented in chapter 2, with an account of the three distinctive Politics that characterized the period between 1940 and 1990, followed by a brief presentation on Conservatism. Chapter 3 comprises an analysis of what has become known as Thatcherism and includes presentations on Margaret Thatcher as a person and of her political and economic ideals. Chapter 4 will offer some comparisons of the differences and similarities between Conservatism as an ideology and how it has been implemented under Thatcher, considering whether 'Thatcherism' exists as a pure political doctrine. Chapter 5 will present a conclusion on the findings from the topics covered in this paper and the final section 6 contains references.

This book offers a fresh view of postwar British politics, very much at odds to the dominant view in contemporary scholarship. The author argues that postwar British politics, up to and including the Blair Government, can be largely characterised in terms of continuity and a gradual evolution from a period of conflict over the primary aims of government strategy to one of recent relative consensus. This book provides a provocative and challenging account of the historical background to the election of the Blair Government and will be of interest to a wide audience.

British politics has been revolutionised in the past 10 years. This volume addresses key political issues which occupy the government and opposition, including Blair's style of government, education and standards in public life.

British Politics

After Thatcher

Principles and Politics in Contemporary Britain

Thatcher's Britain

New Labour and Thatcherism

Political Economy, Political Theory and British Politics

Thatcherism Revisited

*This collection examines the social and cultural legacy of Thatcherism in the 21st century. Drawing upon perspectives from a range of disciplines, it considers how Thatcherism manifests itself today and how we can assess its long-term impact. The book is divided into four sections, which offer different ways of conceptualising and addressing questions of legacy: the ideological impact of Thatcherism on the Conservative Party and on the country; the long-term impact of Thatcherism across different parts of the UK; how Thatcherism has altered social attitudes to everything from welfare spending to Europe; and how popular historical accounts of Thatcherism have become embedded in different parts of contemporary British culture. The essays in this volume draw upon newly available archival materials, oral histories, social attitudes surveys and parliamentary debates to provide a well-rounded perspective on Thatcherism today.*

*A wide-ranging, readable and controversial assessment of Thatcher's foreign policy throughout her years in office, 1979-90. Successive chapters cover her partnership with Lord Carrington, the Falklands War, her American policy, her fights with the EC over money and institutional development, her relationship with Gorbachev, and the failure of her German policy. In arguing that Thatcher's attempt to reconcile economic liberalism with political nationalism in a more assertive foreign policy prefigured the emerging statecraft of post-Cold War great power politics, Paul Sharp demonstrates why studying her successes and failures offers an invaluable guide for policy-makers around the world today.*

*This volume examines how the British Conservative Party has appealed to women, the roles that women have played in the party, and the tense relationship between women's activism on the Right and feminism. Covering the period since the early 20th century, the contributions each question assumptions about the reactionary response of the British Right, Margaret Thatcher's party, to women's issues and to their political aspirations. How have women been mobilized by the Conservative Party? What kind of party appeals has the British Conservative Party designed to attract women as party workers and as voters? Developing successful strategies to attract women voters since 1918, and appealing to certain notional women's issues, and having produced the only two women Prime Minters of the UK, the Conservative Party has its own special relationship with women in the modern period. The shifting status of women and opportunities for women in politics in modern Britain has been garnering more scholarly attention recently, and the centenary of women's partial suffrage in 2018 and Astor 100 in 2019 has done much to excite wider attention and public interest in these debates. However, the role of Conservative women has too often been seen as problematic, especially because of general assumption that feminism is only allied to leftist movements and political positions. This volume explores these themes through a range of case studies, covering the period from the early 20th to the 21st century. The chapters in this book were originally published as a special issue of the journal, Women's History Review.*

*Bachelor Thesis from the year 2011 in the subject Politics - International Politics - Region: Western Europe, University of Exeter (College of Social Sciences and International Studies), course: BA (Hons) Economics & Politics, language: English, abstract: Thatcherism continues to be one of the most contentious approaches in British politics today, just as its figurehead continues to be one of the most divisive figures in British political history. Despite its regard with both shame and pride within the Conservative party, it remains an influential approach to polity today, affecting every government that has followed Mrs Thatcher's. The philosophy that Thatcher and her closest allies embodied and brought to life between 1979 and 1990 is being exhumed for its values of a smaller state and a stronger, more independent economy following a ruinous financial crisis and critical public examination of national finances. The Keynesian renaissance that took hold at the height of the financial crisis has lost grip and ground to a resurgence in what is essentially a Thatcherite consensus. This dissertation will first explore the key philosophical points of Thatcherism, exemplified during her time in office as Prime Minister. Secondly, it will examine the legacy of Thatcher and how Thatcherism has been an undeniable influence on politics since 1990. Finally, it will examine whether a return to stronger Thatcherite influences on public policy are desirable in light of an on-going economic crisis of British public finances. Britain's national debt is now over £4 trillion – a staggering amount – with budget deficits of up to £150 billion each year adding to this crippling economic burden. As the economic affairs of Britain and the dire state of public finances are enduring topics of debate in both political and economic circles, the Thatcherite ideals of a small but powerful central government, reducing the prevalence of 'welfarism' and increasing the role that the private sector plays in the economy are of great relevance. Ultimately, Thatcher's legacy is undeniable and has watermarked many areas of public policy in governments that have followed her resignation as Prime Minister in 1990. It is the goal of this dissertation to examine and explore the newfound relevance of Thatcherism as not only a political philosophy, but also as a methodology with which to approach policy making in Britain. Calls for a fundamental rethink in the way that the British economy and the government as a whole is operated are becoming more prominent in many circles and it is likely that looking to the lessons of the past is just as, if not more, prudent than trying to reinvent the wheel of public policy.*

*The Thatcher Effect*

*The Anatomy of Thatcherism*

*World, Class, Britain*

*The Rise of New Labour*

*Political Theatre in Post-Thatcher Britain*

*Consensus Politics*

*The Free Economy and the Strong State*

**This splendid resource provides a concise introduction to British politics. Dennis Kavanagh's revised and fully updated text offers an up-to-date profile of politics and the system of government in Britain. New topics include an assessment of the first three years of Labour government and the issues surrounding devolution and constitutional change. Contemporary developments are placed in their historical context, allowing an understanding of the ways in which the politics of the 1980's and 1990's have shaped and affect current issues.**

**John Stuart Mill described the Conservatives as 'the stupidest party', yet they governed the UK for nearly three-quarters of the twentieth century. Conservative leaders typically have been and are explicitly anti-intellectual, yet the party is not without an intellectual history of its own. Ideologies of Conservatism charts developments and changes in the nature of Conservative political thought and the meaning of Conservatism throughout the twentieth century. Ewen Green's penetrating study explores the Conservative mind from the Edwardian crisis under Balfour to the Thatcherite 1980s and beyond. It examines how Conservative thinkers, politicians, and activists sought to define the problems they faced, what they thought they were arguing against, and what audiences they were seeking to reach. This is the only study which blends the history of Conservative thought with the party's political action, and it offers significant new insights into the political culture of the 'Conservative Century'.**

**"This book investigates the policies of the Thatcher, Major and Blair governments and their approaches towards concentration of economic and political power. The book will be of interest to students and scholars of contemporary British history, political economy and politics, as well as specific areas of study such as Thatcherism and New Labour"--**

**What was the impact of Margaret Thatcher on British politics in the 20th century? Why was she electorally so successful? Has Thatcherism really been a distinct ideological phenomenon in the Conservative Party's history?**

**Was the ideological course of her governments charted before she came to power or was she the begetter of a new doctrine?**

**Thatcherism and British Politics**

**Power and Political Economy from Thatcher to Blair**

**The Politics of Thatcherism**

## The Politics and Social Upheaval of the Thatcher Era

### The Politics Today Dictionary of British Politics

#### What influence did Margaret Thatcher have on British politics?

#### Assessing and Exploring Thatcherite Social and Economic Policies

'Thatcherism', as attitude of mind and style of action, has dominated the agenda and tone of British politics during the 1980s. Supporters and critics alike have acknowledged the bold scope of the campaign launched by the Prime Minister 'to change the heart and soul' of the nation. Here nine contributors, of differing political persuasion, come together to offer a variety of approaches to, and conclusions about, 'the Thatcher Phenomenon'. Their essays review the concept of Thatcherism; its impact on the Conservative Party and on the forces of Opposition; its effect on Cabinet government and on society at large; its significance in terms of economic and foreign policy; and the validity of the claim that its record entitles it to enjoy some truly historic status.

This book begins by tracing the sea-change in British politics from the 1970s to the end of the twentieth century. The dominance of market ideology, the decline of social democracy and the 'marketization' of public policy are related to a widespread acceptance of globalization. Contemporary global capitalism is analyzed, not least as to its likely effect on countries such as Britain. New Labour's 'Third Way' is portrayed as reinforcing the apparent inevitability of globalization. In this environment, political and economic alternatives tend to be dismissed fatalistically. Politics is no longer about real choice. The second part of the book, as well as sketching an economic alternative, investigates how political theory and ethical concepts can help us today to re-establish the search for human freedom and a 'balanced' society. Such a vision can appeal to conservatives, liberals and socialists alike. It argues that a political coalition to further such ends is conceivable, if very difficult to organise or maintain. Finally, the 'postmodern' stance of eschewing ethical and political progress is criticized.

Your updated and revised guide to British politics So, you want to be knowledgeable about British politics but don't know where to start? You've come to the right place! British Politics For Dummies is your essential guide to understanding even the trickiest questions surrounding politics in the UK. In no time, you'll have the confidence to discuss the ins and outs of past and present elections, political leaders, parties and ideologies. Packed with understandable information on the origins, history and structure of the UK parliamentary system, British Politics For Dummies offers a fascinating glimpse into the rollercoaster world of politics. Explaining everything from key political ideologies and the spread of democracy to the current election process and the differences between political parties, this hands-on, friendly guide is an ideal companion to British politics and elections. Includes expanded coverage of coalition governments, devolution and independence efforts Provides updated information on UKIP and Britain's place in Europe Serves as a helpful guide to elections and British political parties electoral systems, voting behaviour and trends and the role of pressure groups and the media Offers a fascinating examination of British politics on the world stage Whether you want to get to grips with British politics and government or build your knowledge beyond the basics, this updated edition of British Politics For Dummies is the place to start.

Margaret Thatcher's departure from office and the arrival of her successor, John Major, have had a profound impact on the way Britain is governed - and in this new edition of Consensus Politics, the authors examines the legacy of Thatcherite "conviction politics" and assesses the state of consensus in Britain's government today. This chronicle of the rise and fall of the post-war consensus in five key policy areas - the mixed economy, full employment, trade unions, welfare and foreign policy - remains a superb introduction to one of the major debates of recent political history.

The Politics of the Thatcher Revolution

The Thatcher Years

Contemporary Anarchism

Margaret Thatcher: From Grantham to the Falklands

The End of Consensus?

An Interpretation of British Politics 1979 - 1990

The Great Enemy of Democracy?

The Thatcher era was the most dramatic period in British politics since the 1940s. As Conservative Prime Minister, Margaret Thatcher proved to be the 'Iron Lady' at home and abroad. This book analyzes the politics of the Thatcher era in an incisive and

The 'in-yer-face' plays of the mid-1990s announced a new generation shaped by Thatcherism and defined by antipathy to social ideals and political involvement. They have generated thoughtful and lively responses from playwrights. The resulting dialogue has

Britain's first female prime minister remains a political figure of almost mythical proportions. Margaret Thatcher divided a political nation, became a cultural icon, and was the longest-serving prime minister of the twentieth century. Her period in government

in British society and in Britain's place in the world. Thatcher's Britain tells the story of Thatcherism for a generation with no personal memories of the 80s, as well as for those who want to revisit the polemics of their youth. It seeks to rescue Thatcher from

Blair, stresses that Thatcherism was not a timeless phenomenon, but rooted in the 70s and 80s, and focuses our attention away from her legend, to what her government actually did during this tumultuous period in British history.

A collection of papers written by distinguished academics and journalists, this study examines the effect of Margaret Thatcher's administration--since 1979 the dominant force in British politics--on such areas as the arts, the media, the civil service, the economy, the

government, the churches, education, the law, and more. Each essay discusses the principal changes that have occurred since 1979, the role of the Thatcher government in promoting these changes, and the extent to which change would have occurred regardless.

Thatcher's People

From Atlee to Major

The Legacy of Thatcherism

Party Policies and Voter Choices

Politics After Thatcher

The Future of British Politics

The Politics of Paradox

**The Thatcher era was a turbulent and controversial period in British politics. Andrew Gamble's authoritative account - now revised and updated to cover Thatcher's fall and legacy - analyses the ideology, statecraft, and economic and social programme of the Thatcher Government. He explores rival interpretations of Thatcherism and assesses the evidence for claims that the Thatcher Government transformed British politics. A new conclusion considers the Conservative Party after Thatcher. Reviewers comments on the first edition: '...this book is a fascinating review of the ferment in social and political life in the last quarter of the 20th century which will quickly become established on student reading lists.'** Talking Politics '...this excellent book achieves a level of dispassionate analysis which has been rare in most examinations of Mrs Thatcher's politics. The book's assessment of both the provisional and the enduring aspects of the Thatcher era seem likely to stand the test of time.' Arthur Aughey, Political Studies

**British politics has been crucially shaped by England's role as pioneer of capitalism, by the experience of Empire, and by the particular form of its union with Scotland, Ireland and Wales. With the decline of Empire the attempt to bridge Europe and America has become ever more central to Britain's identity, political economy and ideology. In this major new book, Andrew Gamble assesses the major transformations of British politics under Thatcher and Blair and the stark choices for the future at the start of the 21st century. Winner of the W. J. M. Mackenzie Prize for best book published in political science in 2003.**

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**The Anatomy of Thatcherism explains how, for the first time in British history, a prime minister's name has become an 'Ism'—a symbol of a profound social change. Letwin argues that Thatcherism promoted a moral agenda rather than an economic doctrine or a political theory in order to achieve a fundamental realignment in British politics. She introduces a new term—"the vigorous virtues"—to describe what Thatcherites have aimed to cultivate in Individual Britons and In the country as a whole. Her definition of Thatcherism is supported by a detailed analysis of the principal Thatcherite policies and the grounds on which they were advocated and opposed, Inside and outside the Conservative Party. Without departing from a lucid and lively style or resorting to technical jargon. Dr. Letwin explains such innovations as schools opting out, budget holding by GPs, and the creation of the first ever competitive spot market in electricity. Just how did the Thatcherite administrations shape the reform of the unions? How is the Thatcherite attitude to the family connected with Thatcherite policies on schools? Why does monetarism appear—wrongly—to be at the heart of Thatcherism? The Anatomy of Thatcherism is a bold and searching book about how Britain changed between 1979 and 1992. It challenges many truisms about British politics, and is indispensable reading both for those who believe in the future relevance of Thatcherism and for those who want to demolish it. And it will be of particular interest to those concerned with the history of British politics, as it shows how Thatcherism both arose out of, and confronted, trends that had permeated Conservatism for the entire twentieth century.**

**There Is No Alternative**

**The Battle For Britain's Soul**

**Thatcherism: Personality and Politics**

**Thatcher's Diplomacy**

**Britain in the Nineties**

**Political Issues in Britain Today**

**Considering Conservative Women in the Gendering of Modern British Politics**

*Controversial when the first edition was published in 1983, Colin Leys' analysis of the changing face of British politics has been confirmed by events of the late 1980s. The second edition, revised throughout, is brought up to date with substantial new material on the Thatcher era. Leys provides a solid body of information on the central topics of British politics—not only the nature of political parties or the evolution of the State, but also the organization of capital and labour, corporatism, the transformations of local democracy, the sphere of law and order, and other areas seldom discussed in more orthodox texts. The book also includes new accounts of Thatcher's program of de-nationalization and of the changes to the Welfare State. Now more relevant than ever, Politics in Britain has yet to be surpassed as an introduction to its subject.*

*Making Thatchers Britain*