

Thatcherism And British Politics: The End Of Consensus

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Thatcherism is a form of British conservative ideology named after Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher that relates to not just her political platform and particular policies but also her personal character and style of management while in office. Proponents of Thatcherism are referred to as Thatcherites. The term has been used to describe the principles of the British government under Thatcher from the 1979 general election to her resignation in 1990. In international terms, Thatcherites have been described as a part of the general socio-economic movement known as neoliberalism, with different countries besides the United Kingdom (such as the United States) sharing similar policies around expansionary capitalism.

Thatcherism represents a systematic, decisive rejection and reversal...

Post-war consensus

eds. The Myth of Consensus: New Views on British History, 1945–64 (1996) pp. 97–119 excerpt Dennis Kavanagh, "Thatcherism and the End of the Post-War

The post-war consensus, sometimes called the post-war compromise, was the economic order and social model of which the major political parties in post-war Britain shared a consensus supporting view, from the end of World War II in Europe in 1945 to the late-1970s. It ended during the governance of Conservative Party leader Margaret Thatcher. The consensus tolerated or encouraged nationalisation, strong trade unions, heavy regulation, high taxes, and an extensive welfare state.

The notion of a post-war consensus covered support for a coherent package of policies that was developed in the 1930s and promised during the Second World War, focused on a mixed economy, Keynesianism, and a broad welfare state. Historians have debated the timing of the weakening and collapse of the consensus, including...

Dennis Kavanagh

Attlee to Thatcher (Institute of Contemporary British History, 1989) Dennis Kavanagh, Thatcherism and British Politics: The End of Consensus? (Oxford University

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Conservatism in the United Kingdom

69–120. Scott-Samuel, Alex, et al. "The Impact of Thatcherism on Health and Well-Being in Britain." International Journal of Health Services 44.1 (2014): 53–71

Conservatism in the United Kingdom is related to its counterparts in other Western nations, but has a distinct tradition and has encompassed a wide range of theories over the decades of conservatism. The Conservative

Party, which forms the mainstream right-wing party in Britain, has developed many different internal factions and ideologies.

Liberalism in the United Kingdom

Rebirth of Consensus (2nd ed. Blackwell, 1997). The Observer, 26 September 1982, quoted in Robert Leach, 'What is Thatcherism?', in Martin Burch and Michael

In the United Kingdom, the word liberalism can have any of several meanings. Scholars primarily use the term to refer to classical liberalism. The term can also mean economic liberalism, social liberalism or political liberalism. It can simply refer to the ideology and practises of the historic Liberal Party (1859–1988), or in the contemporary context, of the Liberal Democrats: the successor to the old Liberal Party after it merged with the centrist Social Democratic Party (SDP), with which the Liberals had been in a Britain-wide electoral alliance since shortly after the latter was formed.

Liberalism can occasionally have the imported American meaning, especially since 2016; however, the pejorative connotation is much weaker in the UK than in the US, and social liberals from both the left...

Washington Consensus

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Subsequent to Williamson's use of the terminology, and despite his emphatic opposition, the phrase Washington Consensus has come to be used fairly widely...

Premiership of Margaret Thatcher

Kavanagh, Dennis (1990), Thatcherism and British politics: the end of consensus?, Oxford UP ——— (2015), 'Thatcher and Thatcherism. Do They Still Matter?'

Margaret Thatcher's tenure as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom began on 4 May 1979 when she accepted an invitation from Queen Elizabeth II to form a government, succeeding James Callaghan of the Labour Party, and ended on 28 November 1990 upon her resignation. She was elected to the position in 1979, having led the Conservative Party since 1975, and won landslide re-elections for the Conservatives in 1983 and 1987. She gained intense media attention as Britain's first female prime minister, and was the longest-serving British prime minister of the 20th century. Her premiership ended when she withdrew from the 1990 Conservative leadership election. As prime minister, Thatcher also served simultaneously as First Lord of the Treasury, Minister for the Civil Service, and Leader of the Conservative...

Anarchist Federation (Britain)

Cross, Rich (2014). 'British anarchism in the era of Thatcherism'. In Smith, Evan; Worley, Matthew (eds.). Against the Grain: The British far left from 1956

The Anarchist Federation (AF, AFed) is a federation of anarcho-communists in Great Britain. It is not a political party, but a direct action, agitational and propaganda organisation.

Anarchist Workers Association

Marxists of Big Flame. In response to the rise of Thatcherism, the Labour Party entered a period of relatively more left-wing politics, with a number of Trotskyist

The Anarchist Workers Association (AWA) was one of a number of class-struggle anarchist organisations that existed prior to the resurgence of anarchism in the United Kingdom during the miners' strike of 1984.

Libertarianism in the United Kingdom

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Libertarianism in the United Kingdom can either refer to a political movement synonymous with anarchism, left-libertarianism and libertarian socialism, or to a political movement concerned with the pursuit of propertarian right-libertarian ideals in the United Kingdom which emerged and became more prominent in British politics after the 1980s neoliberalism and the economic liberalism of the premiership of Margaret Thatcher, albeit not as prominent as libertarianism in the United States in the 1970s and the presidency of Republican Ronald Reagan during the 1980s.

Currently, the most explicitly libertarian party in the United Kingdom is the Libertarian Party. However, there has also been a long-standing right-libertarian faction of the mainstream Conservative Party that espouses Thatcherism....

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