

Forging a Third Way: Blair, Brown and New Labour

- A. The Genesis and Triumph of New Labour
- B. New Labour in Government
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- D. The Brown Years



A. The Genesis and Triumph of New Labour

- Defeat and the need for ‘modernization’
- The Granita deal
- New Labour values



“Let’s make a deal...”



But no one believed it

- Making Labour ‘New’
 - Eliminating Clause Four
 - The ‘prawn cocktail offensive’
- The landslide 1997 election

B. New Labour in Government

- The Death of Diana
- Constitutional Radicalism
 - Scottish Parliament, Welsh National Assembly, Northern Ireland Assembly, London Government, and kick the Lords out!
- Success in Northern Ireland
- The euro and ‘Five Tests’
- Fiscal Conservatism
 - ‘Prudence with a purpose’
 - ‘Stealth taxes’ and Public Finance Initiative (PFI)
 - Opening up the taps
- 2001 Election – another landslide

“They don’t like our policies; let’s try a baseball cap!
Conservative leader William Hague



C. Divisions and Resignation

- Foreign policy crises under Blair
- 9/11 and Blair's Response
- Dubya and Tony target Iraq
 - Battles in the UN
 - Rebellion on the backbenches...
 - ...protests in the streets...
 - ...resignations from the government.
 - Suicide and the 'Dodgy Dossier'
- The War...and the Longer War

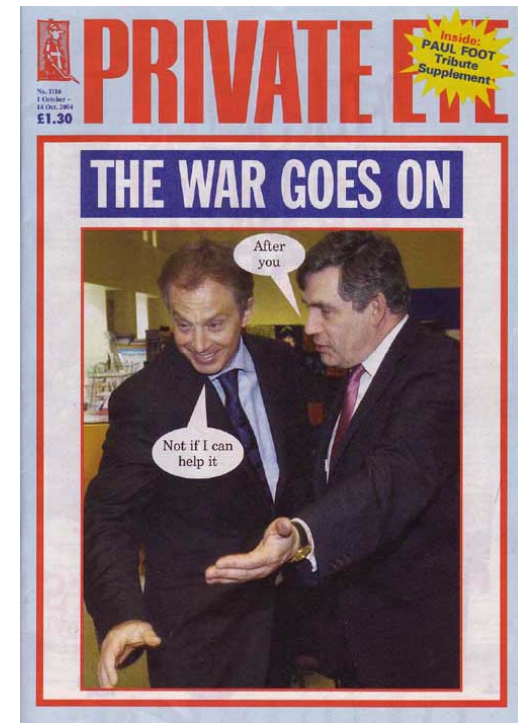


C. Division and Resignation

- 2005 election
- A parade of Tory leaders
 - William Hague, Iain Duncan Smith, Michael Howard, David Cameron



Finally a match for Tony Blair?



- The economic record
- The 7/7 Terrorist Attack
- The Gordon and Tony Show
- Blair's final curtain
- The Blair Legacy

D. The Brown Years

- Gordon finally gets his shot
- An election?...maybe not...
- The financial crisis
- ‘A serious man for serious times’
- Northern Rock and RBS
- The debt problem
- G-20 and beyond



“I will try my utmost” not to destroy the economy

This should do the trick...

