

# POLITICAL PARTIES

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## I. Party Systems in the UK



## II. Political Parties

### A. Labour

### B. Conservative



### C. Liberal Democrats

### D. Nationalist and Minor Parties



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- Early Party Development
- Two and a Half Party System (1900-45)
  - Shifting support and coalitions
- Two-Party System (1945-74)
  - Postwar Consensus
- Two Party Dominant (1974-97)
  - Conflictual Politics
- Convergence Politics (1997- )



# A. Labour Party

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- Early years
  - Labour Representation Committee
- Socialist principles
  - ‘Looney Left’ in 1980s
- Transformation of Party Structure
  - Neil Kinnock and John Smith
- Tony Blair and ‘New Labour’
  - A Blairite party?

