

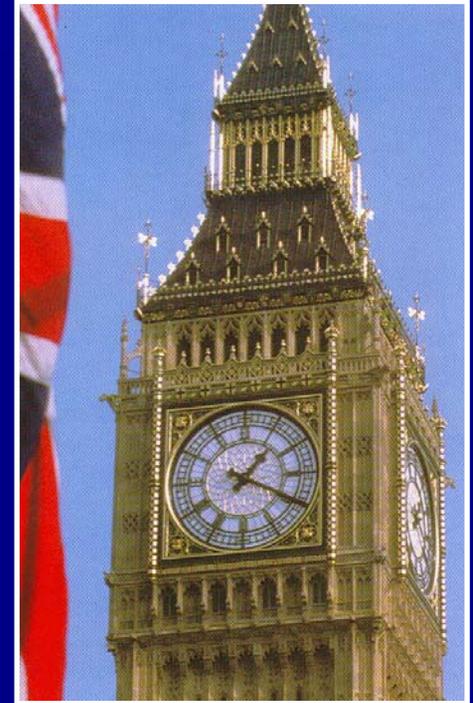
Great Britain

I. Critical Historical Junctures
(including Political Economy)

II. Governance and Policy-
Making

III. Representation and
Participation

IV. Culture and Identity

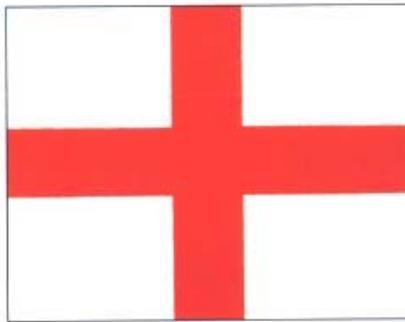


The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland



The “Union Jack”

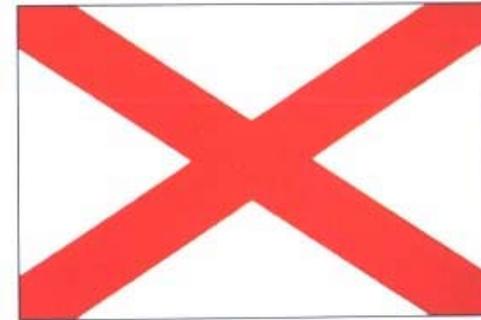
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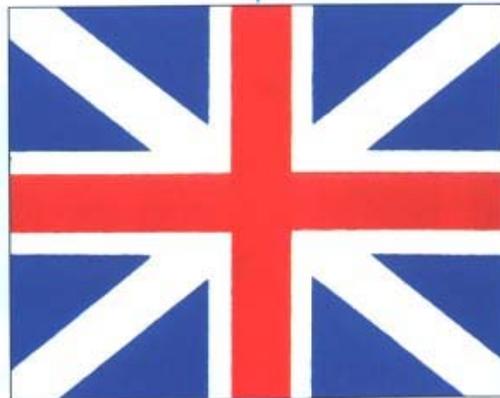
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UNION FLAG 1606-1801



UNION FLAG SINCE 1801

I. Critical Historical Junctures

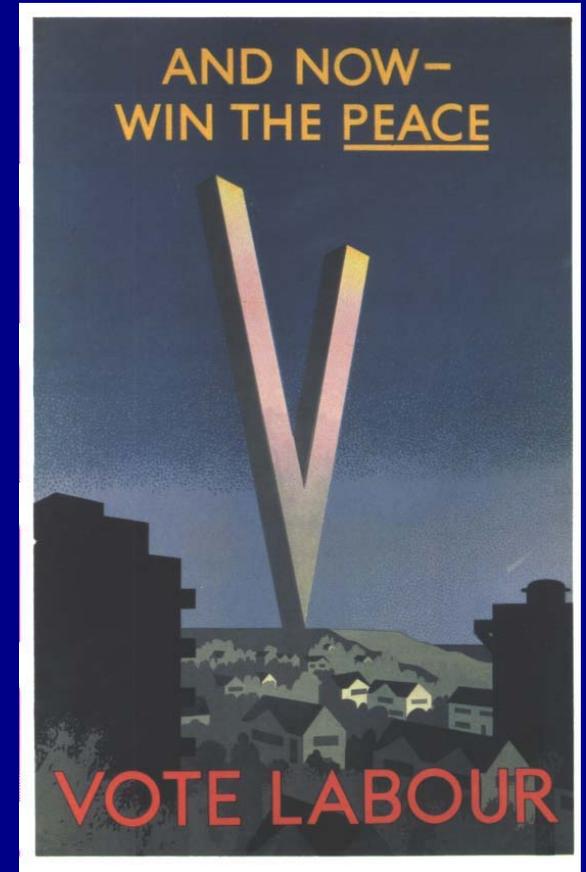
- *Magna Carta* (1215)
- English Civil War (1642-47) and Commonwealth (1648-60)
 - Stuart Restoration
 - Glorious Revolution (1688) and Bill of Rights (1689)
- Reform Acts (Starting in 1832; ending 1928)
- Industrialization and Empire
- World Wars and Economic Decline

The British Empire (1905)



I. Critical Historical Junctures

- The 'Collectivist Consensus'
- 1970s and Economic Crisis
 - 'Winter of Discontent' (1978-79)
- Thatcher and Free Market Reform
 - Falklands War (1982)
 - Electoral Victory ('79, '83, '87)
 - Resignation (1990)
- Tony Blair and 'New Labour'
 - Three landslides ('97, '01, '05)



II. Governance and Policy-Making

A. CONSTITUTION:

- Gradual Development

- Constitutional Sources

- Key Documents (i.e., Magna Carta, Bill of Rights)
- Statute Law: Acts of Parliament
- Convention
- EU Laws and Treaties

- Constitutional Principles

- Constitutional Monarchy
- Parliamentary Sovereignty ('Elective Dictatorship')
- Rule of Law
- Democratic Accountability
- Unitary State
- Membership in the EU

II. Governance and Policy-Making

■ A. House of Commons

- 646 Members of Parliament (MPs)
- Strict party discipline (always vote with party)
- Reactive body
- Backbenchers
- Question Time

■ B. House of Lords

- Hereditary & Life Peers
- Revising Chamber
- Lords Reform



**Chamber of the
House of Commons**

II. Governance and Policy-Making

■ Prime Minister

- Powers of Prime Minister
- Limitations on PM Powers
- PM as 'Elected Dictator'

■ Cabinet and Ministers

- Collective Responsibility
- Secrecy
- Cabinet Committees

■ Civil Service

- Permanence, Expertise and Loyalty/Neutrality



**Cabinet Room
10 Downing St.**

II. Governance and Policy-Making

DEVOLVED INSTITUTIONS:

- Parliament for Scotland
- National Assembly for Wales
- Northern Ireland Assembly (power-sharing)
- Regional Governments in England?
- Government & Mayor for London

National Flag
Of Wales



III. Representation and Participation

- Labour
- Conservatives (“Tories”)
- Liberal Democrats
 - Liberals, SDP and Merger
- Scottish and Welsh Nationalists
- Northern Ireland Parties
 - Unionist (DUP and UUP)
 - Republicans (SDLP and Sinn Fein)
- Campaigns and Elections

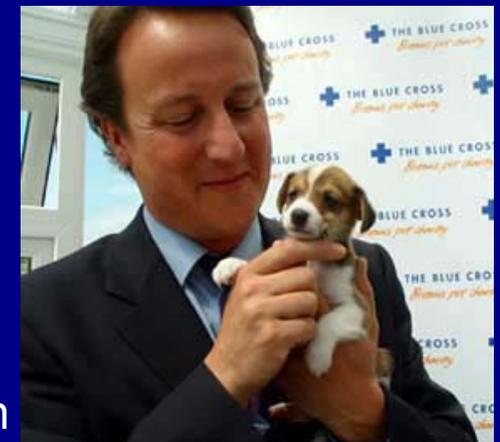
That was then...



...and this is now.



And he likes puppies, too!



Conservative Leader David Cameron

IV. Culture and Identity

- Role of Social Class
 - Much less significant
- National Identity
 - “Britishness” and Multiculturalism
- Britain and Europe
 - An Awkward Partner
 - The Euro Decision (Thanks, Frenchies!)

