Forging a 'Third Way': New Labour and Beyond

A. The Genesis and Triumph of New Labour
B. New Labour in Government
C. Divisions and Resignation
D. The Brown Years
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A. The Genesis and Triumph of New Labour

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

“But no one believed it

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

“Let’s make a deal…”
B. New Labour in Government

- The Death of Diana
- Constitutional Radicalism
  - Scottish Parliament, Welsh National Assembly, London Government, and kick the Lords out!
- Success in Northern Ireland
- The euro and ‘Five Tests’
- Fiscal Conservatism
- Conservative Weakness
- 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.
  • The ‘Dodgy Dossier’
• The War and the Longer War, but…
• 2005 Election Victory
C. Division and Resignation

- A parade of Tory leaders
  - William Hague, Iain Duncan Smith, and Michael Howard
- The Gordon and Tony Show
- The economic record
- The 7/7 Terrorist Attack
- The final curtain
- The Blair Legacy
D. The Brown Years

- Gordon finally gets his shot
- An election?…maybe not…
- Tory Revival under Cameron
- The financial crisis
  - ‘A serious man for serious times’
  - British bank bailouts
  - The debt problem
  - G-20 Summit

“I will try my utmost” not to destroy the economy
E. Cameron and the Coalition

• The 2010 Election
  • PM debates
  • Not quite a Tory Victory
  • The coalition deal
• The Coalition in power
  • Battles over the budget
  • The AV referendum
• A full five years?

All smiles on this side of the door…

Prime Minister David Cameron and Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg
Points of conflict: Where the coalition parties agree and disagree

**LIB DEM**
- **NON-DOMS**: No clear plan to end non-dom status, only a review of rules
- **EURO MEMBERSHIP**: No move to join during this parliament
- **ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS**: No amnesty for unauthorised foreigners
- **PRISONS**: Had wanted to cancel new prisons; some may now be built
- **NUCLEAR POWER**: New nuclear power stations not ruled out
- **WINTER FUEL PAYMENTS**: Wanted to increase qualifying age from 60 to 65 but remains unchanged

**OUT**
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- **IRAN**: Had wanted no military action but not ruled out
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**IN**
- **ROYAL MAIL**: To be partly privatised
- **CUTS**: Reductions in public spending to start this financial year
- **SCHOOLS**: Extra “pupil premium” cash to schools in poor areas
- **CIVIL LIBERTIES**: Scrap ID cards, restrict use of DNA and CCTV
- **HOME INFORMATION PACKS**: Abolished immediately
- **POLICE**: Directly elected police commissioners
- **INHERITANCE TAX**: No likely during this parliament

**OUT**
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- **EU INTEGRATION**: No Sovereignty Act, only another review
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- **NHS**: Health budget will rise rather than see cut in spending
- **INCOME TAX**: Starting threshold will rise towards £10,000
- **FLIGHT TAXES**: Taxes now levied per plane, not per passenger
- **ELECTORAL REFORM**: Referendum on Alternative Vote system
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