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I. Britain in the Age of Terrorism

- July 7, 2005 London Transport Bombings
  - Three bombs on Tube; one on a bus
  - 52 killed; 700 injured

- Britain as a Multicultural Society

- Dealing with Terrorism: Tougher Anti-Terror Laws and a Quest for Assimilation
II. Transatlantic Relations

- The ‘Special Relationship’
- The Bush-Blair relationship
- 9/11 changes everything
- Desire for more independent foreign policy
- Change with Brown?

Britons express their opinion of the Iraq War

Brown’s Foreign Secretary David Miliband
Any change from the Blair years???
III. The Pound or the Euro?

- Euro since January 1, 2000
- Monetary policy via ECB (Frankfurt)
- UK, Denmark, Sweden not participants
- Swedish referendum in September 2003 rejected Euro
- Rejection of EU Constitution in French and Dutch Referenda in June 2005
- UK Referendum CANCELLED
Gordon Brown’s ‘Five Tests’ for the UK Joining the Single Currency

- “sustainable convergence between Britain and the economies of a single currency;
- whether there is sufficient flexibility to cope with economic change;
- the effect on investment;
- the impact on our financial services industry; and
- whether it is good for employment.”

Source: HM Treasury Website
Value of the Euro to the Pound

Euro–Pound Exchange Rate, January 1999–November 2007
IV. The Future of the United Kingdom

- Devolution to Dissolution?
- English Regionalism as Federalism?
- What to do with Northern Ireland?
- Britain’s role in a ‘United States of Europe?’