

State of the Nation (New Order song)

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"**State of the Nation**" is a 1986 single by [New Order](#). Like most songs by the group, it was composed by all of its members (Peter Hook, Gillian Gilbert, Stephen Morris and Bernard Sumner). However, unlike other New Order tracks, the title is included not just in the regular song lyrics but even in the [chorus](#); as well, the lyrics are specific and direct in attacking "[deprivation](#)" and making social commentary rather than taking a more esoteric or metaphorical approach. The [protest song](#) has appeared in several releases by the group including in the popular singles compilation *[Substance](#)*.

Releases

The 12" version of the song is almost twice as long as the 7" version, and includes an additional verse.

Quick Facts Single by New Order, from the album *Brotherhood* (CD only) ...



"State of the Nation"

The **B-side** was an alternate **arrangement** entitled "Shame of the Nation", which included, among other elements, **backing vocals**. This was written and produced with John Robie, marking the group's third collaboration with him.

The Australian 12" was the same as the UK 12", but the 7" version of the song was only released as the B-side of "**Bizarre Love Triangle**".

Though not included on most standard releases of the concurrently-released studio album *Brotherhood*, the 12" version of the song was included as a **bonus track** on some versions and was originally included on the US 12" version of "**Bizarre Love Triangle**". The 12" version of "Shame of the Nation" is included on the 2008 Collectors Edition of *Low-Life*.

Both sides of the 12" version were collected on the *Substance* compilation. The 7" version of "State of the Nation" was collected on the *Singles* compilation. The 7" version of "Shame of the Nation" can only be found on the original 7" vinyl release, and on the B-side of the Australian 7" of "**Bizarre Love Triangle**".



Single by New Order

from the album *Brotherhood* (CD only)

B-side	"Shame of the Nation"
Released	15 September 1986
Recorded	1986
Length	6:32 (12"), 3:27 (7")
Label	Factory - FAC 153
Songwriter(s)	Gillian Gilbert, Peter Hook, Stephen Morris, Bernard Sumner ^[1]
Producer(s)	New Order

New Order singles chronology

"Shellshock" (1986)	"State of the Nation" (1986)	"Bizarre Love Triangle" (1986)
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This song has a feature rare in a New Order single (or in much of the band's material in general): the song title not only appears in the narrative, but is also the chorus. Only a few New Order singles (e.g. "[Shellshock](#)", "[Regret](#)", "[Crystal](#)", "[Confusion](#)" and "[Touched by the Hand of God](#)") have titles consisting of words which are part of the song's lyrics.

Critical reception

Robin Smith of British music newspaper *Record Mirror* described it as a "colourless song, colourless tune, rather like the rest of their stuff."^[2]

Track listing

More information

No., Title ...

7": FAC 153 (UK)

No.	Title	Writer(s)	Length
1.	"State of the Nation"		3:27
2.	"Shame of the Nation"	Gilbert, Hook, Morris, John Robie , Sumner	3:32

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All tracks are written by [Gillian Gilbert](#), [Peter Hook](#), [Stephen Morris](#) and [Bernard Sumner](#); except where indicated

More information

No., Title ...

12": FAC 153 (UK)

No.	Title	Writer(s)	Length
1.	"State of the Nation"		6:32
2.	"Shame of the Nation"	Gilbert, Hook, Morris, Robie, Sumner	7:54

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More information No., Title ...

12": Qwest 0-20546 (US)

No.	Title	Length
1.	"Bizarre Love Triangle"	6:41
2.	"I Don't Care" (Actually "Bizarre Dub Triangle")	7:02
3.	"State of the Nation"	6:31
4.	"Bizarre Love Triangle"	3:43

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Chart positions

More information Chart (1986), Peak position ...

Chart (1986)	Peak position
New Zealand RIANZ Singles Chart	17
UK Singles Chart	30
UK Indie Singles	1
<i>US Billboard</i> Hot Dance Club Play ¹	4
<i>US Billboard</i> Hot Dance Singles Sales ¹	18

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Notes:

- ¹ - Charted together with "Bizarre Love Triangle".

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1987 compilation album by New Order

Substance is a compilation album by English alternative dance band New Order. It was released in August 1987 by Factory Records. The album compiles all of the band's singles at that point in their 12-inch versions, along with their respective B-side tracks. The then-newly released non-album single "True Faith" is also featured, along with its B-sid...

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"Blue Monday" is a song by the British rock band New Order. It was released as a 12-inch single on 7 March 1983 through Factory Records. It appears on certain cassette and CD versions of New Order's second studio album, *Power, Corruption & Lies* (1983). The track was written and produced by Gillian Gilbert, Peter Hook, Stephen Morris and Bernard Sum...

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The Best of New Order is a greatest hits album by English band New Order. It was released in the United Kingdom on 21 November 1994 by London Records and, with a different track listing, in the United States on 14 March 1995 by Qwest Records and Warner Bros. Records. Like *Republic*, the band's most recent studio album at the time, the cover and line...

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1987 single by New Order

"True Faith" is a song by New Order, co-written and co-produced by the band and Stephen Hague. It was the first New Order single since their debut "Ceremony" to be issued in the UK as two separate 12" singles. The second 12" single features two remixes of "True Faith" by Shep Pettibone. Both versions of the 12" include the song "1963". "True Faith"...

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