# New politics of British trade unionism - union power and the Thatcher legacy

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The list is long, but the following would surely be on it. There was, however, a downside: As the UK began to export fossil fuels, Britain being barely even able to afford to buy its own oil, the exchange rate appreciated, making it yet more difficult for UK industry to compete globally. And if they had stopped coal production by strike action, it would have had little impact because of changes in the energy industry.

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The position of the right is that she rescued the country from militant trade unionism and gave people the opportunity to be free from state reliance. Funds raised, along with the billions raised from North Sea oil and gas revenues and further billions raised from Right to Buy gave central government the means to spend its way out of the recession of the early 1980s while maintaining the narrative of cutting taxes and reducing borrowing.

### What determined employer voice choice in Britain in the 20th century? A critique of the 'Sound of Silence' model

Community bonds in general have deteriorated since the 1980s, as Britons' social networks decline and fragment, particularly in the inner urban areas. It would have been difficult for the miners to have implemented a more orthodox strategy. Cole , A History of the Labour Party From 1914 , London: Routledge and Kegan Paul, 1969, p.

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Unlike his predecessor, John Major only had a small majority in parliament. These reversed the Trade Disputes Act of 1906, which had put trade unions above the law for 76 years, and showed that the elected government, not the trade unions, were now calling the shots as far as the legislation was concerned Trade union law had been reformed, but the coal miners were itching for a fight, led by the Marxist Arthur Scargill who had been elected President of the National Union of Mineworkers in 1982, and MT knew that this battle, too, had to be won. The data indicate

that part of the increased prosperity the British enjoyed in the immediate post-war years was invested in property prior to Right to Buy.

# Trade unionists and the Labour Party in Britain: the bedrock of success

In fact, they are increasingly likely to be living with their parents. Most importantly, however, New Labour did not repeal the anti-trade union laws by the Thatcher governments of the 1980s. Nor it seems will they ever vote Conservative again, which partly explains why the Party failed to win a majority in 2010 and will find it difficult if not impossible to do so next time round.

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The obvious losers were, of course, the miners. In his diary on 16 January 1979, Bernard Donoughue 1934-, Senior Policy Advisor to James Callaghan, noted of the strikes: This is all creating a strong public reaction — against the unions, and against us.

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