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Attention, comedy fans: this is the real thing. NOT THE 9 O'CLOCK NEWS is scathing, no-holds-barred Brit humor at its best. Rapid-fire skits starring Rowan Atkinson (*Mr. Bean*) are as politically incorrect as they are side-bustingly funny, sparing no one as they take on the British Royal Family, Margaret Thatcher, Scotland Yard, country music, Christianity, devil worship, punk rock, and bathroom etiquette. This show is so irreverent, in fact, that when the pilot was due to air in April 1979, the BBC cancelled it due to its incendiary political content. Eventually though, the greatest comedy group to hit England since *Monty Python's Flying Circus* stormed the airwaves and revolutionized British and American television alike, setting the standard for the anarchic cynicism that defined the alternative comedy of the 80's.

- Features *Mr. Bean*'s Rowan Atkinson, as well as Pamela Stephenson, Mel Smith, and Griff Rhys Jones.
- Bridged the gap between the zany comedy of the 1970's and the cynical alternative comedy of the 1980's, bringing news comedy to the mainstream.
- The combination of archive news footage and short sketches lasting from a few seconds to a few minutes was a groundbreaking new way to see sketch comedy.
- Will be a hit with fans of other best-selling comedy programs like *Mr. Bean*, *Monty Python*, and *The Kids in the Hall*.

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