

Pre-U, Paper 1c: British History Outlines  
**The Labour Governments 1974-79**

Quick Reading Guide. You should all have read and watched, as a minimum:

Flagship, pp 33-41  
pp 255-56, for Northern Ireland

The DNB entries on Wilson, Callaghan and Jenkins are essential

The story of these years is told in a blog article:

<https://rgshistory.wordpress.com/2015/05/19/the-joy-of-small-majorities-labour-1974-the-end-of-consensus/>

*Tides of History* has a timeline:

<https://tidesofhistory.wordpress.com/2017/06/16/callaghans-minority-government-divided-labour-for-18-years-so-what-chance-does-the-maybot-have/>

And an account of the 1974 minority government:

<https://tidesofhistory.wordpress.com/2017/06/11/the-shortest-parliament-labour-1974-and-a-doomed-minority-government/>

Union History looks at Labour and the unions in these years:

<http://www.unionhistory.info/britainatwork/timeline/1974-1979.php>

For the EEC referendum, Flagship, pp 183-86

Why a referendum happened, in a blog article:

<https://rgshistory.wordpress.com/2016/03/04/1975-referendum-1-how-it-even-happened/>

Why and how Yes won, in another blog article:

<https://rgshistory.wordpress.com/2016/03/09/britain-and-europe-5the-1975-referendum/>

The February 1974 election is covered in this blog article:

<https://rgshistory.wordpress.com/2016/12/11/1974-part-one-the-february-general-election/>

Why Callaghan didn't call an election in 1974, in *Tides of History*:

<https://tidesofhistory.wordpress.com/2017/09/05/waiting-at-the-church-why-callaghan-failed-to-call-the-1978-general-election/>

There is an outstanding BBC documentary on the fall of the Callaghan government, *The Night the Government Fell*: <https://youtu.be/-dFXEPUb2-E>