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### **Traditional Toryism - For and Against Thatcherism**

Abstract - Thatcherism transformed the Conservative Party and cast a long shadow over it ever since. This paper explores the extent to which Thatcherism embraced the concerns and priorities of Traditionalist Conservatives. After briefly setting out what is meant by this term, the paper examines traditionalists who defended Thatcherism, usually in terms of restoring conservative morality (SR Letwin) or defending the nation from its internal and external 'enemies' (TE Utleby) and contrasts them with others (notably P Worsthorne) who took a much more sceptical view of Thatcherism. The paper concludes by assessing which view has the most validity and what the implications of this are for the modern-day Conservative Party.

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