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PRESENTATION DIRECTION

- Background to Thatcher’s Appointed as Prime Minister
- Thatcher’s Legislative Agenda
- Thatcher’s Approach to Football Hooliganism
- Thatcher’s Narrative

Life After Thatcher; Changing the Narrative...
CONSERVATIVE MANIFESTO 1974 & 1979

Reason
- Law is ‘under attack’
- Society needs ‘greater protection’

Targets
- Young people
- Football hooligans

Outcome?
- Crime preventative measures, i.e. legislation
- Tougher sentences
LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION

- Lens of Punitiveness
  - ‘Legislation represented an “incremental shift”’
    (Farrall, Burke & Hay, 2015).

- ‘Articulated her “law and order” policy further’
  (Terrill, 1989).

*Prison Population (Home Office, 2018)*
LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

- Criminal Attempts Act 1981
- Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984
- Prosecution of Offences Act 1985
- Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986
- Criminal Justice Act 1988

- Terril (1989)
  - Farrall, Burke and Hay (2015)
    - Lacked ‘toughness’ that Thatcher espoused.
    - No discussion of football legislation?
THATCHER’S LEGISLATIVE DEVELOPMENT

- **Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985**
  - Curtailed alcohol availability inside the stadium and criminalised entering stadia ‘drunk’.

- **Public Order Act 1986**
  - Imposed restrictions on large gatherings.
  - Introduced measures to impose ‘Exclusion Orders’ to help prevent violence and/or disorder, domestically.

- **Football Spectators Act 1989**
  - ‘Restriction Orders’ to help prevent violence and/or disorder overseas.
Symbolism

- Legislation can create an *illusion* of toughness.
- Received favourably by public and media to address a societal issue.
- Becomes more narrative based.

Stigma

- “Attribute that is deeply discrediting”
  (Goffman, 1963)
- “The negative regard that society collectively accords to people that belong to a particular group or category”
  (Herek, 2009)
### STIGMATIC PROCESS - FROST’S (2011) CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

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| **Structural Inequalities** | Laws and policies constructed in ways that reflect negative meanings attached to stigmatised groups | - Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol etc.) Act 1985  
- Public Order Act 1986  
- Football Spectators Act 1989 |
| **Stereotypes and Prejudice** | Stereotypes commonly hold generalisations about people based on their membership in stigmatised groups | - Cemented by media portrayals of football fans  
- Football-fan-cum-hooligan (Poulton, 2005) |
| **Discrimination**       | Instances where people or groups are treated differently because of their stigmatised status | - Football fans are some of the most heavily policed social groups in the UK (James & Pearson, 2015)  
- Football is only sport in UK where alcohol consumption pitch side is forbidden  
- Instance of one town trying to ban all football fans (Chorley) |
## Thatcher’s ‘Incremental Shift’

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Thatcher may not be remember for her ‘punitive ness’.

Law has other subtle ways of impacting society (structural inequalities).

Will always be remember by football fans for an incremental shift of her own.

32 years from Heysel – arguably, football fans are still held in a “negative regard” by the authorities and the public. This is cemented by legislation.