THE MAIL ON SUNDAY HISTORICAL ARCHIVE, 1982–2011

Established in 1982 under the same ownership as the Daily Mail, Mail on Sunday has been one of the top Sunday newspapers in the United Kingdom for four decades. Generally conservative in its stance, Mail on Sunday has covered British politics on the domestic and international stage through its frequently contentious embrace of tabloid journalism. Researchers can explore every full issue to follow both major news stories and perspectives on social trends and debates of the era.

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ABOUT THE COLLECTION

Featuring sometimes sensationalist tabloid journalism, Mail on Sunday has covered British politics, society, culture, and international relations from its launch in 1982. The weekly publication showcases major news stories from the time of the Falklands War and the sweeping economic reforms of the Thatcher years to the controversial conflicts in the Middle East under the Blair premiership, the News of the World phone-hacking scandal, and the subsequent Leveson Inquiry in the 2000s. Journalists have included Piers Morgan, Peter Hitchens, and conservative politician Norman Tebbit.

Mail on Sunday is also distinguished by its supplement magazines, including the award-winning You magazine for women and Live magazine for men, Financial Mail on Sunday, Football on Sunday, and Mail on Sunday 2, which covers reviews, travel, health, puzzles, and property features.

VALUE OF THE ARCHIVE

- **Rare and Complete Content**: This collection captures the weekly newspaper’s full, unredacted run up to 2011. Browse nearly three decades of political and social events from Margaret Thatcher’s premiership to the 2008 financial crisis and its effects.

- **Relevance to Today’s Issues**: Researchers can track the development of modern attitudes in Great Britain that tend to align with the Conservative Party, its legislative priorities, and its leadership.

- **Improved Research**: The broad, often international scope of the content in this archive makes it a critical resource for data mining opportunities within Gale Digital Scholar Lab.


CONTENT HIGHLIGHTS

- “Popular” and international politics, including key events like the 1980s Miners’ Strike, IRA bombings in London, the “war on terror,” and the News of the World phone-hacking scandal.

- Protest movements, including marches such as the 2003 “Stop the War” march against the war in Iraq and campaigns against the development of nuclear weapons.

- Celebrity gossip, royal commentary, and entertainment news, with popular regular columnists.

- Major financial and business developments since the 1980s, including the 2008 financial crisis and its impact on everyday life.
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