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# THE PRIVATISATION OF THE UK RAILWAY NETWORK

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# **The privatisation of the railway Network, Process instaurated in 1993 and totally completed in 1997.**

## **Summary**

**I- History of the UK railway network**

**II- The implemented system**

**III- Effects of privatisation**



# I- History of the UK railway network



## DURING 1980'S

Under the Thatcher government.  
British Rail undertook a vast reorganisation of its management structures in the late 1980s.



## DURING 1990'S

Under John Major  
Following the Swedish system to open the railway market, privatisation of the railway network with the 1993 Bill.

# II- The railway network system

The structure created after the railway Act.

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## REGULATION

Made by The Office of the Rail Regulator (ORR)

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## PASSENGER RAIL COMPANIES

25 companies are created divided by geographical area and type of service.

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## ROLLING STOCK

I- Angel Trains  
II- Porterbrook Leasing  
III- Eversholt Trains (later HSBC Rail)

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### *Structural changes since 1997*

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Rail regulator is replaced by a commission.

The number of passenger concessions is reduced

The three ROSCOs continue to exist

# III- Effects of privatisation

On different topics

01

Customer  
service

02

Fares and  
timetables

03

Punctuality  
and reliability

04

Profitability  
and efficiency

05

Political  
control

# Conclusion

## Controversed system



**Protests**



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## Things to remember

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**Privatisation in 1990's**

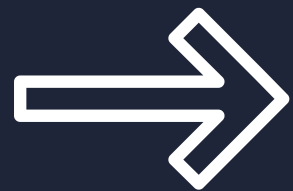
**fragmented structure**

**Took place under  
Thatcher un Major  
government**

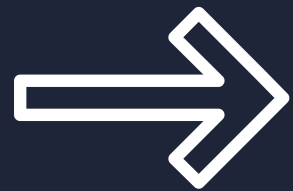
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