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a) Since 1979 the British Labour Party has changed its policy regarding Privatization and ~~the~~ deregulation. Before they favored complete unprivatization of industry and specialized fields. However with the recent drop in popularity of the socialised medicine the party has reversed its stance. Now the party is in favor of partial privatization with the government controlling crucial elements like transportation and medicine.

b) In the past the conservative party has not favored European integration. Now however they would consider referendums to debate the topic. Their stance is that they may enter at ~~a~~ certain goals and requirements are met. They have also said they would be in favor of a European army.

c) The one factor that has changed the British Labour Party's stance on Privatization and deregulation is public opinion. In modern society in England people favor the competition created by privatization. Therefore in order to maintain public support the party was forced to change its stance. ~~From~~ The people of England were also unhappy with the recent unsatisfactoriness of socialised medicine.

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d) The main reason why the Conservative party has changed its stance on European integration is globalization, with the increase of power and strength of countries like China and the USA, the conservative party feels it is important to have strong ties to the rest of Europe so they can unite against the super powers of the world. Also the European Union could help develop economic ties and increase trade. This would help expand England's economy.

- a) The British Labour Party under ~~Thatcher~~ Prime Minister Tony Blair's new platform has changed its policy position toward devolution. One of Blair's goals from ~~the~~ New Labour manifesto is that power is to be devolved into the hands of Scotland and Wales. Each country has earned a great deal of independence from Great Britain's rule. They were each granted their own parliaments where they ~~elect~~ elect their representatives through proportional representation. Blair is also devolving more power by allowing London to have a directly-elected mayor.
- b) The British Conservative Party was forced to change its stance on the European Union. Thatcher was an isolationist and would not have ~~had~~ any contact with the European Union. John Major ~~the~~ realized that Thatcher's "euroskeptic" attitude could only impede Britain's progress. In 1991 Major signed the Maastricht Treaty that promised to eventually bring the members of the European Union under one monetary unit.
- c) In order to maintain a civic culture, Blair recognized that he must devolve power to Scotland and Wales. The citizens of these countries complained that they were out of touch with the British government and ~~complain~~ that they did not have fair representation. Blair decided to allow London to have a mayor because the citizens were complaining about the highly centralized government.
- d) The Conservative Party's support had dwindled from its isolationist stance. Great Britain fell from being one of the world's top economic powers. ^{The Conservative Party} ~~It~~ recognized that the European Union could be a crucial part to the global future.

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The British Labour Party changed its policy position in 1979 on privatization and deregulation. Before 1979, the Labour Party disliked privatization and deregulation, but started changing their views. The Labour Party represents the lower classes in Britain and before 1979 they were extremely liberal. Afterwards, the Labour Party became more conservative and started liking privatization and deregulation. One factor that has contributed to the change in the Labour Party's policy position is from a change in political leaders. When they lost power in 1979, they ~~changed~~ changed their political ideology.

The British Conservative Party gained power in 1979 with Margaret Thatcher as the Prime Minister. They changed their policy position on the European Union when they didn't especially want to be a part of it ~~any more~~ anymore. They didn't like the idea of having all one type of money because they represented the richer people and a change in currency would be bad for their economy. Before 1979, there was no push for a single currency. One factor contributing to a change in policy position is how other countries were pushing for the change. Britain's Conservative Party didn't feel that they were the same as the other countries.