Facing Up To Thatcherism: The History Of NALGO, 1979-1993

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This work analyzes the responses of NALGO (The National and Local Government Officers' Confederation) to Margaret Thatcher's economic policies throughout the 1980s. Throughout the 1980s, Thatcherism dominated political life in the UK. This work by Mike Ironside and Roger V. Seifert, "Facing Up to Thatcherism: The History of NALGO, 1979-1993" (2001), provides an in-depth examination of the impact of Thatcherism on NALGO and the broader labor movement.

Thatcherism became synonymous with a series of political initiatives in the UK, including cuts to public services, deregulation, and privatization. NALGO, like many other trade unions, faced significant challenges during this period. The work by Ironside and Seifert explores how NALGO responded to these policies, including its struggle to maintain bargaining rights and organize against the government's agenda.

The book provides a detailed account of NALGO's history from 1979 to 1993, focusing on the specific challenges posed by Thatcherism. It examines the union's attempts to resist privatization, the impact of cuts on its members, and the role of NALGO in advocating for better conditions for local government workers.

By studying NALGO's response to Thatcherism, the book offers valuable insights into the broader dynamics of labor relations in the UK during this transformative period. It highlights the resilience of the union and its members in the face of significant economic and political pressures.