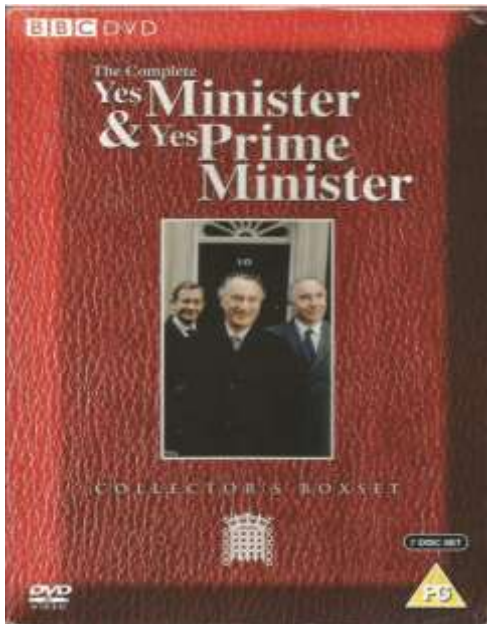


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Title: **Yes, Minister & Prime Minister**



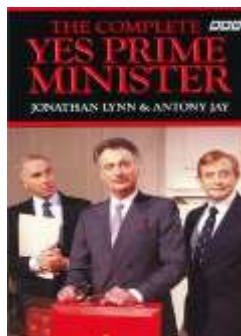
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(Yes, Prime Minister 16
Episodes) (8 Discs)

Note: This is the Complete set
of Both Series



The Book (BBC)

Information

& The Book (BBC)

Release **Title:** Yes, Minister 9th February 1986
(1986–1987) TV Series (United Kingdom)

From: AKA:

Release date:

Origin: United Kingdom

Genres: Political, Comedy

Disc Nos. - 1

Certification: PG

Duration: Per episode Av. 30m

Region Code:

Region: 2

Product Code:

MPN:

EAN:

UPC:

Languages: English

Filming locations: Westminster, London, England, UK

Sound mix: Stereo

Colour: PAL

Aspect Ratio: 1.33:1



Yes Minister	
	Title card
Also known as	Yes, Prime Minister
Genre	Political satire British sitcom
Created by	Antony Jay Jonathan Lynn
Starring	Original cast [hide] Paul Eddington Nigel Hawthorne Derek Fowlds Revival cast [show]
Theme music composer	Ronnie Hazlehurst
Country of origin	United Kingdom
Original language	English
No. of series	3 (<i>Yes Minister</i>) 2 (<i>Yes Prime Minister</i>)
No. of episodes	<i>Yes Minister</i> : 21 + 2 specials <i>Yes, Prime Minister</i> : 16 2013 revival: 6 (list of episodes) ^[1]
Production	
Producers	Stuart Allen Sydney Lotterby Peter Whitmore
Camera setup	Multi-camera
Running time	30 minutes (with a one-hour-long Christmas episode and several short specials) ^[1]
Release	
Original network	BBC2 Gold (revival) ^{[2][3]}
Original release	25 February 1980 ^[1] – 28 January 1988 ^[4] 2013 revived series: 15 January – 19 February 2013

Storyline

A Follow up to the TV Series *Yes Minister* The series opens in the wake of a general election in which the incumbent government has been defeated by the opposition party, to which Jim Hacker MP belongs. His party affiliation is never stated, his party emblem is clearly neither Conservative nor Labour, and his party's political colour is white. The Prime Minister offers Hacker the position of Minister of Administrative Affairs, which he accepts. Hacker goes to his department and meets his Permanent Secretary, Sir Humphrey Appleby, and Principal Private Secretary, Bernard Woolley.

While Appleby is outwardly deferential towards the new minister, he is prepared to defend the status quo at all costs. Hacker and his party's policies of reducing bureaucracy are diametrically opposed to the Civil Service's interests, in which staff numbers and budgets are viewed as merits of success (as opposed to sizes of profits or losses in private industry). Woolley is sympathetic towards Hacker but as Appleby reminds him, Woolley's civil service superiors, including Appleby, will have much to say about the course of his future career (i.e., assessments, promotions, pay increases), while ministers do not usually stay long in one department and have no say in civil service staffing recommendations.

Many of the episodes revolve around proposals backed by Hacker but frustrated by Appleby, who uses a range of clever stratagems to defeat ministerial proposals while seeming to support them. Other episodes revolve around proposals promoted by Appleby but rejected by Hacker, which Appleby attempts by all means necessary to persuade Hacker to accept. They do occasionally join forces in order to achieve a common goal, such as preventing the closure of their department or dealing with a diplomatic incident.

As the series revolves around the inner workings of central government, most of the scenes take place in private locations, such as offices and exclusive members' clubs. Lynn said that "there was not a single scene set in the House of Commons because government does not take place in the House of Commons. Some politics and much theatre take place there. Government happens in private. As in all public performances, the real work is done in rehearsal, behind closed doors. Then the public and the House are shown what the government wishes them to see." However, the episode "The Compassionate Society" does feature an audio recording of Yesterday in Parliament in which Hacker speaks in the House of Commons, and other episodes include scenes in the Foreign Secretary's House of Commons office ("The Writing on the Wall") and a committee room ("A Question of Loyalty").

Yes Minister is a British political satire sitcom written by Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn. Comprising three seven-episode series, it was first transmitted on BBC2 from 1980 to 1984. A sequel, *Yes, Prime Minister*, ran for 16 episodes from 1986 to 1988. All but one of the episodes lasted half an hour, and almost all ended with a variation of the title of the series spoken as the answer to a question posed by Minister (later, Prime Minister) Jim Hacker. Several episodes were adapted for BBC Radio; the series also spawned a 2010 stage play that led to a new television series on Gold in 2013.

Set principally in the private office of a British cabinet minister in the fictional Department of Administrative Affairs in Whitehall, *Yes Minister* follows the ministerial career of Jim Hacker, played by Paul Eddington. His various struggles to formulate and enact policy or effect departmental changes are opposed by the British Civil Service, in particular his Permanent Secretary, Sir Humphrey Appleby, played by Sir Nigel Hawthorne. His Principal Private Secretary Bernard Woolley, played by Derek Fowlds, is usually caught between the two. The sequel, *Yes, Prime Minister*, continued with the same cast and followed Hacker after his unexpected elevation to prime ministerial office upon the cancellation of the previous officeholder.

The series received several BAFTAs and in 2004 was voted sixth in the Britain's Best Sitcom poll. It was the favourite television programme of the then Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Margaret Thatcher.

Cast

Paul Eddington - James Hacker
Nigel Hawthorne - Sir Humphrey Appleby
Derek Fowlds - Bernard Woolley
Diana Hoddinott - Annie Hacker
Deborah Norton - Dorothy Wainwright

John Nettleton - Sir Arnold Robinson
Peter Cellier - Sir Frank Gordon, Permanent Secretary of the Treasury
Miranda Forbes - Eileen Glosap...
Frederick Treves - Chief of Defence Staff...
Antony Carrick - Bill Pritchard
Barry Stanton - Malcolm Warren - Press Office...
Donald Pickering - Sir Richard Wharton
Peter Cartwright - Chief Whip...
Frank Middlemass - The Master of Ballie College
Clive Francis - Luke
Michael Aldridge - Geoffrey - Director General MI5
John Barron - Sir Ian Whitworth - DHSS Secretary
John Wells - Godfrey - TV Producer

Episode Titles:

Season 1 - S1, Ep1

9 Jan. 1986 - **The Grand Design**

8.5 (303) Rate

The new Prime Minister is preoccupied with Defence issues as he begins to learn some of the details, such as the Russians having six times as many nuclear weapons as the UK or that the armed forces could withstand a conventional attack for 72 hours at best. As only Jim Hacker can do, his "Grand Design" is less than practical and it is left to Sir Humphrey, now Cabinet Secretary, to inject a dose of realism. The PM also wants a cook for 10 Downing St., but wants the government rather than himself to pay.

S1, Ep2

16 Jan. 1986 - **The Ministerial Broadcast**

8.4 (282) Rate

Jim Hacker plans to introduce his "Grand Design" to the British public during his first broadcast as the new P.M. However, Humphrey continues to try to convince Hacker to hold off, planning to let it die.

S1, Ep3

23 Jan. 1986 - **The Smoke Screen**

8.6 (277) Rate

Sir Humphrey opposes P.M. Hacker's plan to cut taxes, so Hacker steers the Minister for Health into campaigning against smoking as a diversion.

S1, Ep4

30 Jan. 1986 - **The Key**

9.2 (375) Rate

Sir Humphrey has to scramble when the Prime Minister's Political Advisor, Mrs. Wainwright, convinces the PM that she should get her old office back. Sir Humphrey and his predecessors have been trying to get her moved for years but he may have met his match when she also suggests to the PM that he re-assign Sir Humphrey's responsibilities for promotions and appointments. When the PM orders Bernard to take away Sir Humphrey's key to the door connecting the Cabinet Office to 10 Downing Street, the Cabinet Secretary sees the light.

S1, Ep5

6 Feb. 1986 - **A Real Partnership**

8.3 (255) Rate

The Prime Minister must deal with a worsening financial crisis that requires all government Departments to cut their budgets. The belt-tightening coincides with a hoped-for civil service pay increase and Sir Humphrey and Sir Frank Gordon, the Treasury Secretary, decide they need to ensure the pay rise is announced as soon as possible. The PM thinks he has Sir Humphrey this time when his political adviser provides challenging questions about the pay rise. Sir Humphrey seeks advice from his predecessor, Sir Arnold Robinson, and develops a plan to win over the PM.

S1, Ep6

13 Feb. 1986- **A Victory for Democracy**

8.5 (271) Rate

The Foreign Office is having problems with the PM who is starting to question their advice in favour of a more pro-US line. In question is the political situation on the island of St. Georges' where Marxist guerrillas are posing a threat, and an impending vote at the UN to condemn Israel. Sir Humphrey and his Foreign Office counterpart connive, of course, to ensure that the PM sees things their way. The PM, however, sets about to outwit them.

S1, Ep7

20 Feb. 1986 - **The Bishops Gambit**

8.4 (256) Rate

P.M. Hacker is to appoint a new bishop, and Sir Humphrey may secure a cushy appointment on retirement if he can convince Hacker to appoint the current Dean to the bishopric.

S1, Ep8

27 Feb. 1986 - **One of Us**

8.6 (250) Rate

When the Director General of MI5 informs the Prime Minister that his predecessor was a Soviet agent, Jim Hacker learns that he had been thoroughly investigated some years previously by none other than Sir Humphrey and given a clean bill. Needing to regain the upper hand over Hacker, Sir Humphrey suggests that he order the rescue of a dog that has wandered onto an artillery range. While the ploy to get positive publicity works, it also provides Sir Humphrey with valuable leverage.

Season 2

S2, Ep1

3 Dec. 1987 - **Man Overboard**

8.3 (260) Rate

The Employment Secretary wants to move army regiments to north England to save money, so Sir Humphrey leads P.M. Hacker to believe the Employment Secretary is after the P.M.'s job.

S2, Ep2

10 Dec. 1987 - **Official Secrets**

8.1 (233) Rate

P.M. Hacker wants to prevent publication of the unflattering memoirs of the previous P.M. as an official secret, and a furore erupts in the press when his actions are leaked by the press.

S2, Ep3

17 Dec. 1987 - **A Diplomatic Incident**

8.6 (274) Rate

When the French hold out for primacy over a sub-Channel tunnel, P.M. Hacker uses the info that they planted a bomb in their own embassy to obtain more favourable terms.

S2, Ep4

31 Dec. 1987 - **A Conflict of Interest**

8.0 (246) Rate

P.M. Hacker, pressured by rumours of wrongdoing in the City, is tricked by Sir Humphrey into appointing a less-than-honest man as the new Governor of the Bank of England.

S2, Ep5

7 Jan. 1988 - **Power to the People**

8.1 (235) Rate

A local councilwoman is throwing her weight around, but P.M. Hacker's plan to make local government truly responsive to its constituency motivates her to cooperate with Sir Humphrey's opposition.

S2, Ep6

14 Jan. 1988 - **The Patron of the Arts**

8.1 (230) Rate

P.M. Hacker is scheduled to speak at a broadcast awards ceremony -- right after the announcement that the arts budget will be much smaller than hoped.

S2, Ep7

21 Jan. 1988 - **The National Education Service**

8.2 (229) Rate

On the advice of his political adviser, P.M. Hacker plans to eliminate the National Education Service and let parents choose the schools their children will attend. Horrified, Humphrey must prevent the precedent being set of eliminating unnecessary bureaucracy.

S2, Ep8

28 Jan. 1988 - **The Tangled Web**

8.8 (249) Rate

The Prime Minister finds himself in a bit of a pickle when he flatly denies in the House that the government has bugged MP's telephones. It turns out the government was and Sir Humphrey was aware of it. The PM wants Sir Humphrey to back him, but he refuses to participate in a cover-up. The shoe is on the other foot however when Sir Humphrey makes unwise comments to a radio interviewer thinking that the tape recorder has been turned off. The PM agrees to help him, for a price.

Parents Guide

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Australia:G Germany:6 (DVD rating) Singapore:PG United Kingdom:PG (1 episode) United Kingdom:U (15 episodes) United States:TV-PG

Sex & Nudity – None **Violence & Gore** – None **Profanity** – None **Alcohol, Drugs & Smoking**, Mild **Frightening & Intense Scenes** - None

