

The privatization of the UK railway network

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Start of privatization of the
UK railway network by
John Major



*John Major, former Prime Minister of
the UK*

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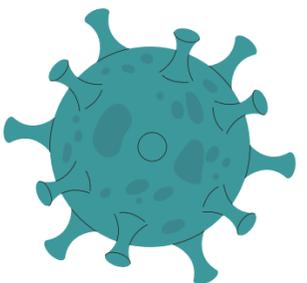


2020

2.3% increase in train fares

The railway privatization system began to fail because of Covid-19

No State funding



I - How has privatization not worked?

A series of proposals to reform the British rail system



Keith Williams, Transport Minister

2021

Publication of the White Paper by Keith Williams

II - How does the UK railway network work now?

HIGH SPEED 2



High speed railway project

Too expensive
Too harmful for the environment
Very late project



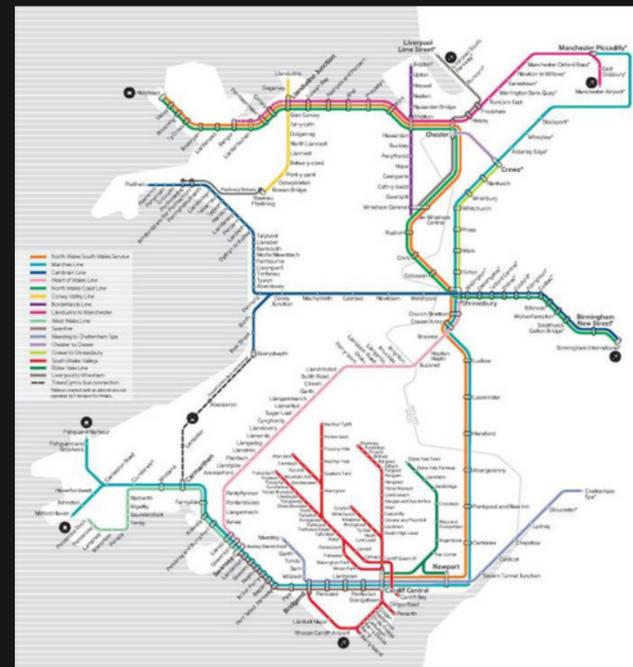
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The 5 lines of the British public rail network :

ScotRail

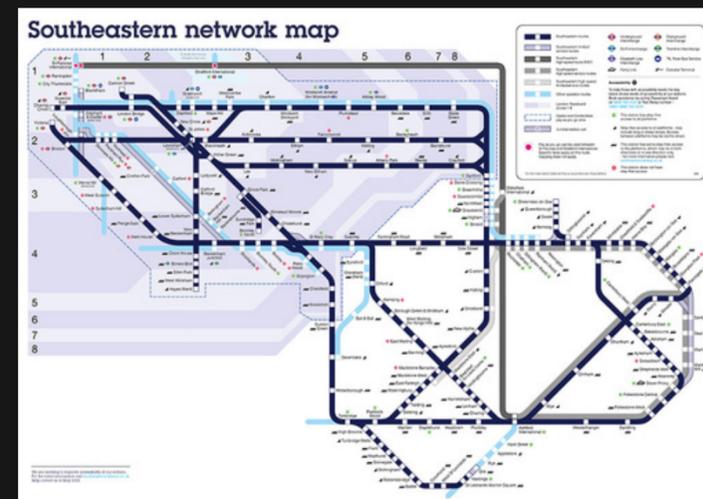
The East Coast line

Transport for Wales Rail



Northern Rail

Southeastern



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Transition to a partially state-run railway system

2

Controversial High Speed 2 project

3

Inexpensive project with low environmental impact not yet found

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