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Title:	Historical development of the Conservative and Unionist Party
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Ass	sessment Criteria	Scale	Comments	
1.	Introduction is well written, brief, interesting, and compelling. It motivates the work and provides a clear statement of the examined issue. It presents and overview of the thesis.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient		
2.	The thesis shows the author's appropriate knowledge of the subject matter through the background/review of literature. The author presents information from a variety of quality electronic and print sources. Sources are relevant, balanced and include critical readings relating to the thesis or problem. Primary sources are included (if appropriate).	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient		
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8.	The thesis meets the general requirements (formatting, chapters, length, division into sections, etc.). References are cited properly within the text and a complete reference list is provided.	Outstanding Very good Acceptable Somewhat deficient Very deficient		

Final Comments & Questions

The background research is fundamentally sound, albeit descriptive rather than analytical and somewhat stereotypical in format: a slightly more liberal use of short quotations would not have gone amiss.

The online survey was a good idea in principle but, unfortunately, the low number of completed questionnaire rather detracts from any potential significance carried by the results.

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