



Graham Brady

POLITICIAN

Chairman of the 1922 Committee (2010-2024)



About:

- **Gender:** Male
- **Nationality:** United Kingdom
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United Kingdom

Engagement Types:

- Speaking

Topics:

- Future Skills
- Geopolitical Impact
- Political Trends

Biography Highlights

- Former MP for Altrincham and Sale West (1997-2024)
- Chairman of the 1922 Committee (2010-2024)
- Knighted in 2018
- Member of the Privy Council (2023)
- Recipient of the Freedom of the City of London (2023)
- Advocate for Selective Education Board Member, Sutton Trust (2024)

Biography

About Sir Graham Brady

Graham Brady was the MP for Altrincham and Sale West from 1997 to 2024 and the Chairman of the 1922 Committee of backbench Conservative MPs 2010 to 2024. He was made a Knight Bachelor in 2018 and appointed to the Privy Council in 2023, when he was also awarded the Freedom of the City of London.

The 1922 Committee is the principal conduit for communication between Conservative MPs and the Prime Minister and Conservative Ministers and advises the Prime Minister on the mood of the party whilst ensuring that Ministers have an opportunity to speak to colleagues and to listen to their views on policy.

Graham is well known to be independent minded and a champion of state grammar schools, having resigned from the front bench in 2007 to campaign in support of selective education. He was awarded 'Backbencher of the Year' by The Spectator in 2010.

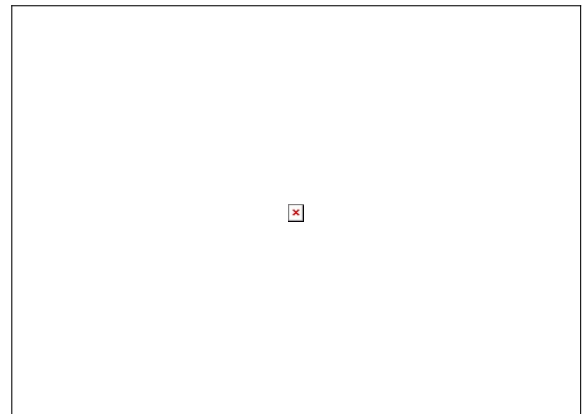
Graham has previously served as a shadow minister, holding the schools, employment, as well as the Europe brief. Graham also served on the Education and Employment Select Committee from 1997-2001 and the Treasury Select Committee from 2007-2010.

Graham has been appointed to the Sutton Trust's Board of Trustees in July 2024.

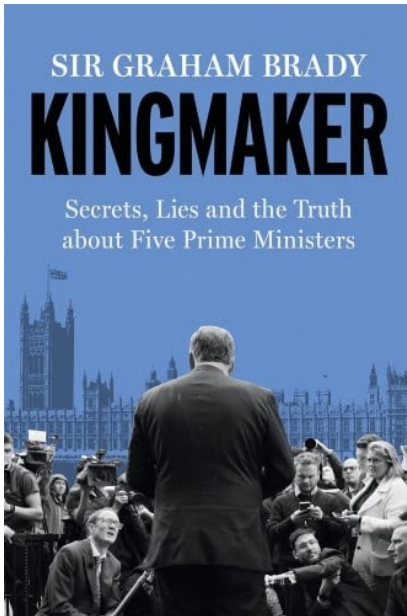
His book "*Kingmaker: Secrets, Lies, and the Truth about Five Prime Ministers*" was published in September 2024.

Prior to his election in 1997, Graham was Public Affairs Director of the Waterfront Partnership. He had previously worked at the Centre for Policy Studies and Shandwick Plc. Graham studied law at Durham University. He is married to Victoria, and they have a daughter and a son.

Videos



Books



Kingmaker: Secrets, Lies, and the Truth about Five Prime Ministers

Cameron. May. Johnson. Truss. Sunak. Five prime ministers, one explosive memoir from the heart of Westminster. Kingmaker lifts the lid on some of the leadership battles that have defined British politics for a decade and a half. The last fourteen years have seen turbulence at the centre of politics that is perhaps unique in British history. From coalition to Brexit, Covid to Partygate, Trussonomics to this year's election, our government has never felt so fractured. And as Prime Ministers have come and gone, one man has been at the heart of every leadership challenge, seeing all, but saying nothing. Until now. Sir Graham Brady has been the Chairman of the 1922 Committee since 2010. As the leader of the group with the power to choose a new leader of the Conservative Party, it is his hand that held the executioner's axe over five consecutive Conservative Prime Ministers' heads. Elected to parliament in 1997 as the youngest Conservative MP in the house, Brady comes from a lower middle-class background and fell into politics age 16 when he joined a campaign to save his grammar school. This book is the story of how a boy from Salford came to be the definitive Tory insider. With unique access to every key decision-maker of the past fourteen years, it offers insights into the character and choices of successive Prime Ministers and the administrations they led. Ultimately, it reveals where our most recent leadership failures originate, and asks hard questions about who will be fit to lead us tomorrow.

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