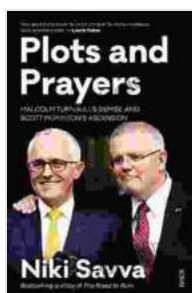


Malcolm Turnbull's Demise and Scott Morrison's Ascension: A Tale of Leadership and Intrigue

In August 2018, Malcolm Turnbull, the 29th Prime Minister of Australia, was overthrown by his own party in a leadership spill. He was replaced by Scott Morrison, who had previously served as Treasurer. The events leading up to Turnbull's demise and Morrison's ascension were a complex web of political intrigue and maneuvering.



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Turnbull's Leadership

Turnbull was elected Prime Minister in 2015, after Tony Abbott was defeated in a leadership spill. Abbott had been a highly controversial figure, and Turnbull was seen as a more moderate and pragmatic leader. He promised to bring stability and certainty to Australian politics.

However, Turnbull's leadership was plagued by a series of challenges. He faced opposition from both the left and right wings of his party, and he was unable to pass several key pieces of legislation. He also made a number of gaffes and missteps, which damaged his credibility with the public.

The Leadership Spill

In August 2018, a group of Turnbull's colleagues in the Liberal Party decided to challenge his leadership. The leadership spill was triggered by Turnbull's decision to call a postal plebiscite on whether same-sex marriage should be legalized in Australia. The plebiscite was deeply unpopular with many members of the party, who saw it as a waste of time and money. Turnbull's decision to support same-sex marriage also alienated some conservative members of the party, who believed that he was not representing their views.

The leadership spill was a tense and dramatic affair. Turnbull was defeated by Morrison by a vote of 45 to 40. Morrison was immediately sworn in as the new Prime Minister.

Morrison's Leadership

Morrison's leadership has been marked by a number of significant changes. He has reversed Turnbull's decision to hold a postal plebiscite on same-sex marriage, and he has legalized same-sex marriage in Australia.

Morrison has also taken a more conservative approach to economic policy. He has cut taxes for businesses and high-income earners, and he has reduced spending on social welfare programs.

Morrison's leadership has been more popular than Turnbull's, but he has also faced some challenges. He has been criticized for his handling of the COVID-19 pandemic, and he has been embroiled in a number of scandals. However, he remains a popular figure with the Liberal Party and the Australian public.

The overthrow of Malcolm Turnbull and the ascension of Scott Morrison was a significant event in Australian politics. It marked the end of an era and the beginning of a new one. Only time will tell what the long-term consequences of these events will be.

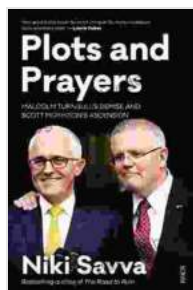
Further Reading

1. Malcolm Turnbull loses leadership of Liberal Party (ABC News)
2. Scott Morrison wins Liberal leadership spill over Malcolm Turnbull (The Guardian)
3. Mayhem in Canberra: Turnbull ousted by Morrison in Liberals' leadership spill (The Sydney Morning Herald)

Image Captions

- **Malcolm Turnbull:** Malcolm Turnbull was the 29th Prime Minister of Australia, serving from 2015 to 2018. He was overthrown by his own party in a leadership spill.
- **Scott Morrison:** Scott Morrison is the current Prime Minister of Australia, serving since 2018. He replaced Malcolm Turnbull after a leadership spill.
- **Liberal Party Leadership Spill:** The Liberal Party leadership spill was held on August 24, 2018. Scott Morrison defeated Malcolm Turnbull by

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