

## ABSTRACT

The Press and the Public: Attitudes Towards British West Indian Integration,  
1944-1962

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The general treatment in the historiography of British West Indian integration during the period of 1944-1962 focuses on the movers and shakers, that is, the people intricately involved in framing policy and bringing such efforts to fruition. This thesis, however, examines non-official public opinion on the matter, with particular emphasis on Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago and Barbados - the key players during this time. It is rooted primarily in print media sources - newspapers and newsmagazines - which are particularly fruitful of such attitudes. What it establishes is that the most ardent supporters of federal unity were found among the West Indian Press, who did their best to elicit the same in the wider populace, with some success.

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