Eleven At No. 10: A Personal View Of Prime Ministers, 1931-1984

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No one prime minister appeared on all six "worst" lists, although William McMahon appeared on five and James Scullin on four. Several
prime ministers appeared on both "best" and "worst" lists, sometimes from the same selector. Stuart Macintyre considered Menzies to
be Australia's second-best prime minister for his 1949–66 term, but also the fifth-worst, for his 1939–41 term. In 2004, The Age
asked fifteen historians and political commentators to rank Australia's eleven prime ministers from John Curtin onwards (i.e., since
1941). Eleven points were awarded to the prime minister each respondent judged to be the greatest, and so on down to one point for the
worst prime minister; some respondents awarded half points. If a Prime Minister served more than one non-consecutive term, the dates
listed below are for the beginning of their first term, and the end of their final term. The median age at which a Prime Minister first takes
office is roughly 64 years and 8 months, which falls between Gulzarilal Nanda and Chandra Shekhar. The youngest person to become
Prime Minister was Rajiv Gandhi, who became Prime Minister at the age of 40 years, 72 days. The oldest person to become Prime
Minister was Morarji Desai, who became Prime Minister at the age of 81 years, 23 days. The oldest living Prime Minister is
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