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In Pictures: The 'Anarchy In The U.K. Tour' of 1976, the infamous tour that never really toured

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'The Anarchy Tour' of 1976, one of the most famous tours in rock 'n' roll history, almost never happened. The historical tour in question featured some of punk's forefathers in fury, [The Clash](#), Johnny Thunder and The Heartbreakers and The Damned, but there was one band on everyone's lips: the Sex Pistols.

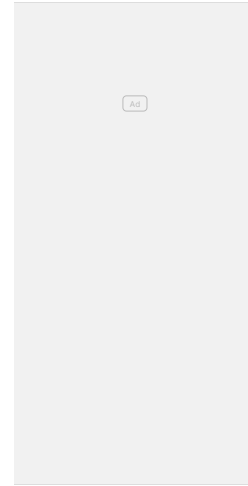
Documented here in Ray Stevenson's candid images, the tour would go down in history, not for a run of pogoing good times but because it was overshadowed by a certain Bill Grundy show and a few four letter words.

In 1976 the band at the tip of everyone's tongue was the [Sex Pistols](#), led by a snarling and confrontational Johnny Rotten the band had released their single 'Anarchy In The U.K.' to a hungry London crowd to critical acclaim. The single was proving popular when Malcolm McLaren, the band's manager and husband of fashion designer Vivienne Westwood, found a spot for them on TV show *Today* with the host Bill Grundy.



Steve Jones: "You dirty sod. You dirty old man."
Bill Grundy: "Well keep going, chief, keep going. Go on. You've got another five seconds. Say something outrageous."
Jones: "You dirty bastard."
Grundy: "Go on, again."
Jones: "You dirty fucker."
Grundy: "What a clever boy."

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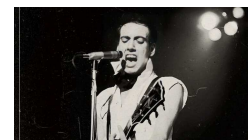
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