

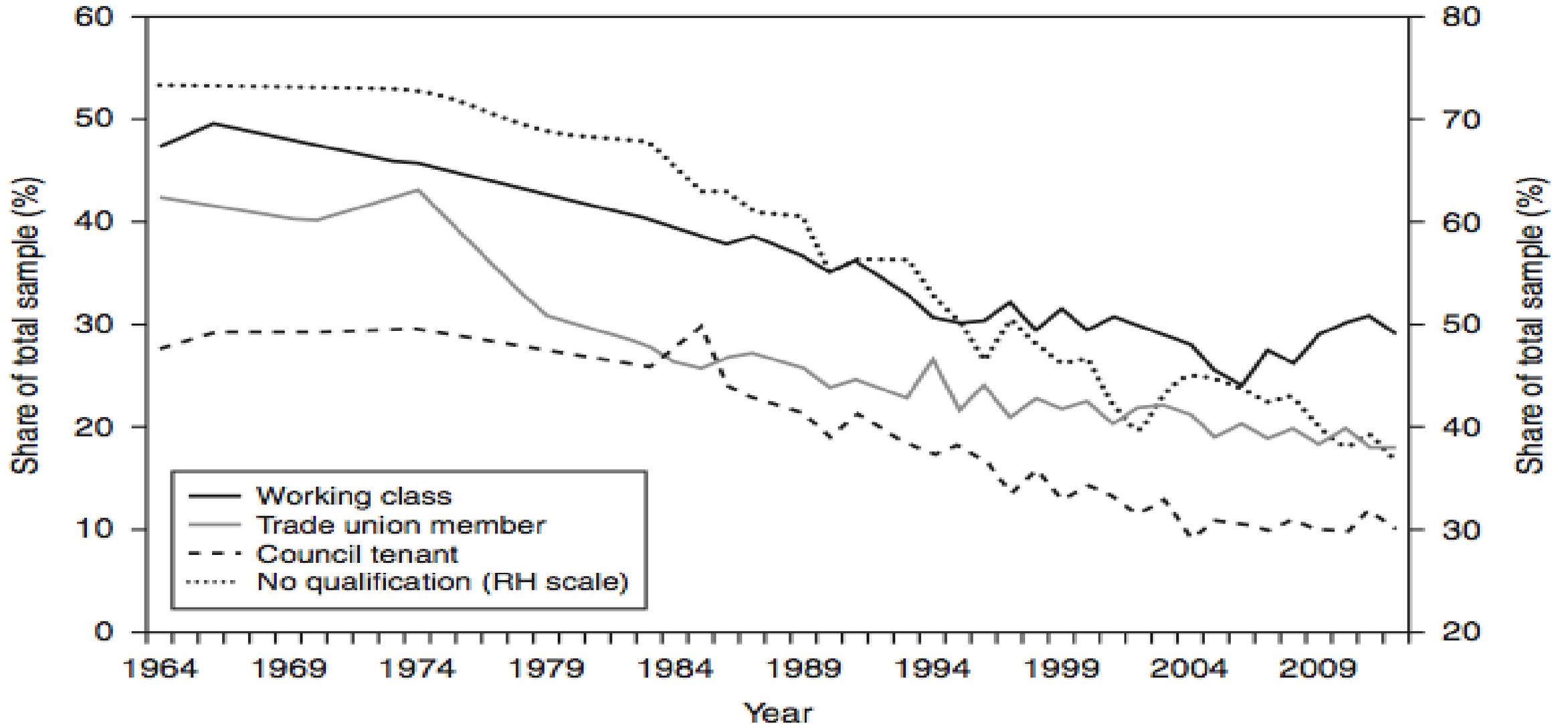
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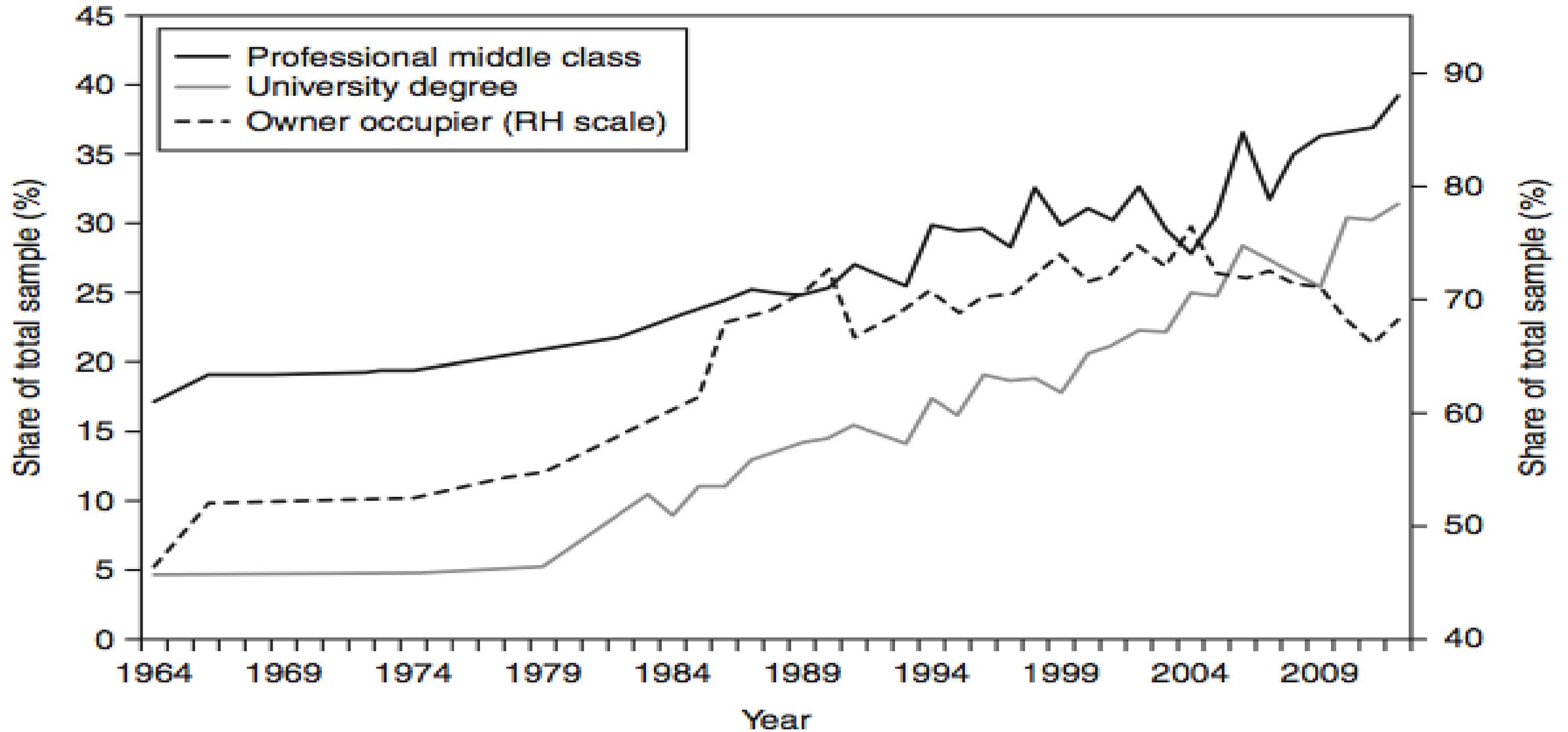
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Decline of the British Working Class, 1964-2012



Source: BES 1964-83; BSA 1984-12; class measured using Goldthorpe–Heath 5-category class schema

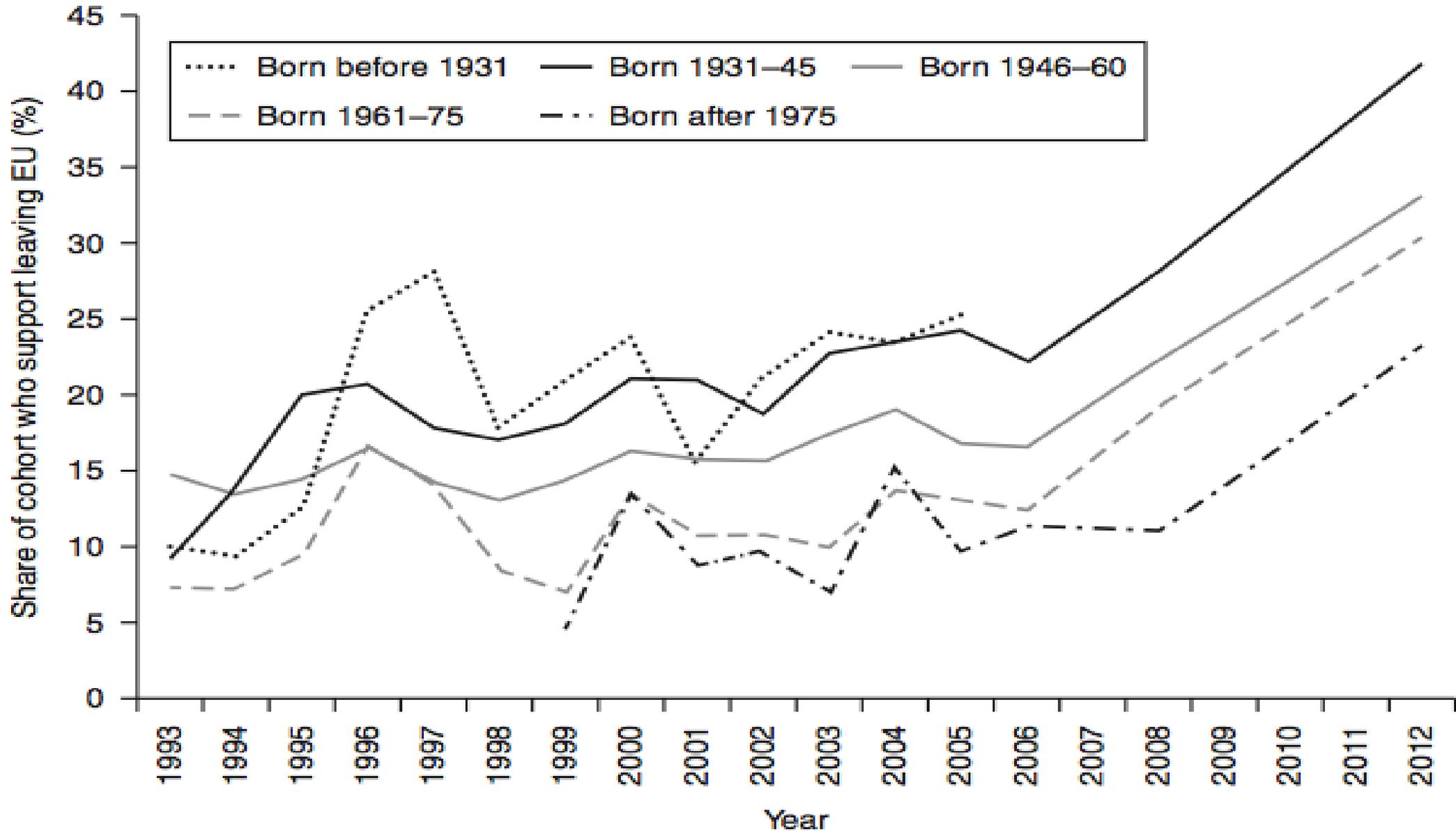
Rise of the Educated Middle Class, 1964-2012



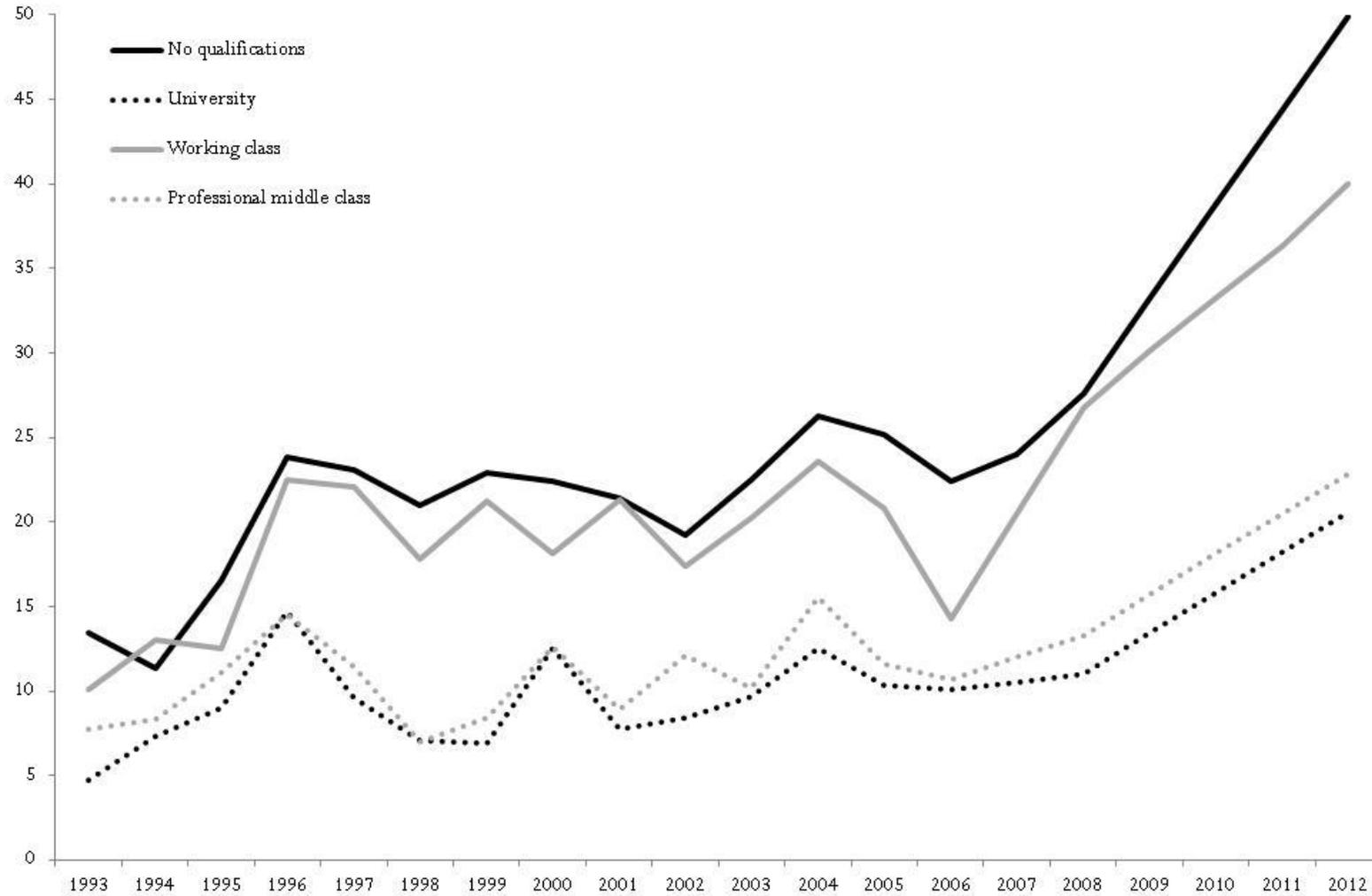
Source:

British Election Studies 1964-1983; British Social Attitudes 1984-2012

This divide was a long time coming...

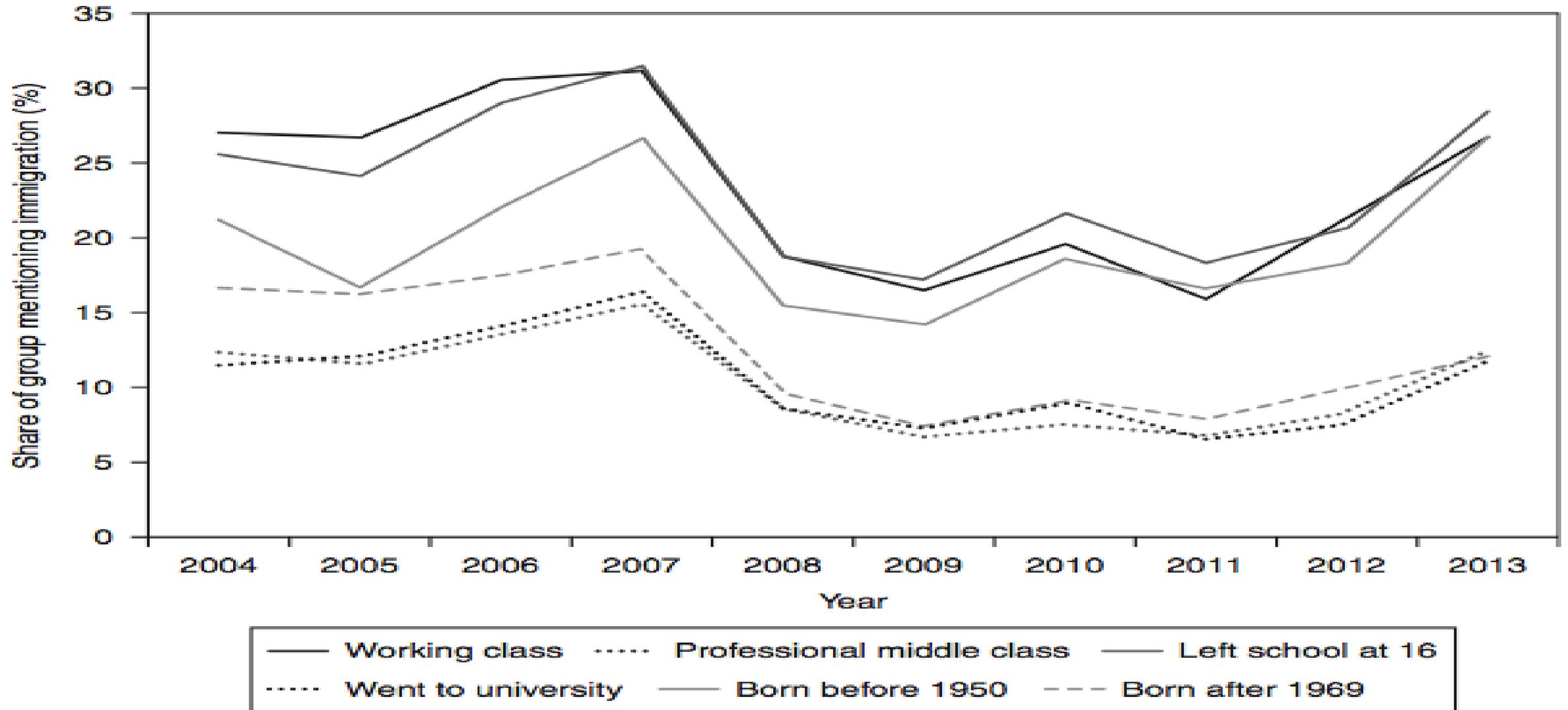


..and is being compounded by education



SOURCE: GOODWIN & FORD 2014 (BSA DATA)

The divide on immigration: Immigration as main problem facing Britain, 2004-2013

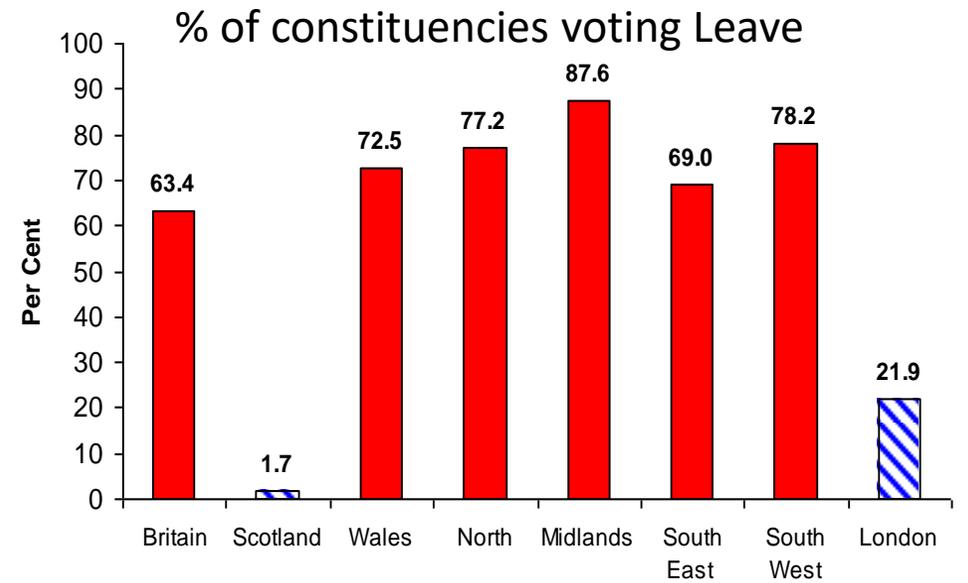
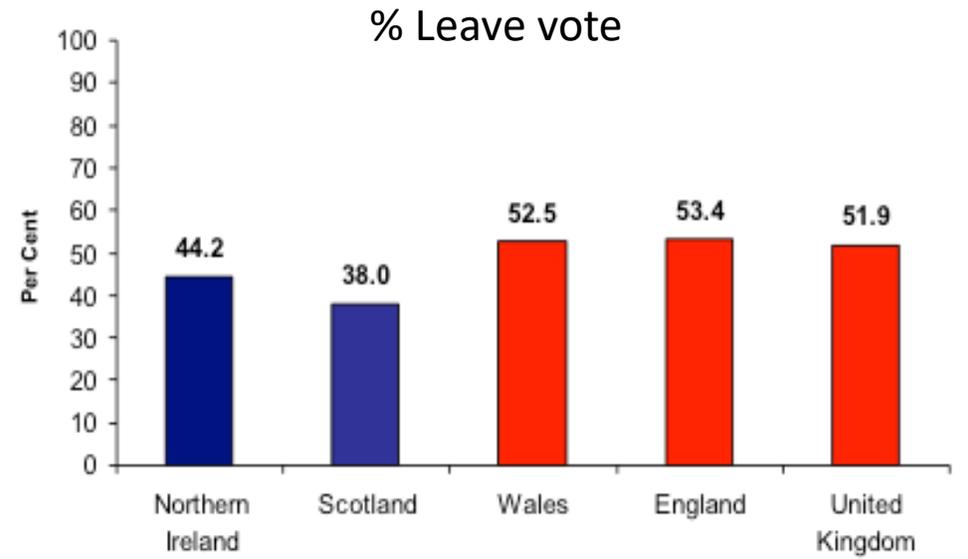
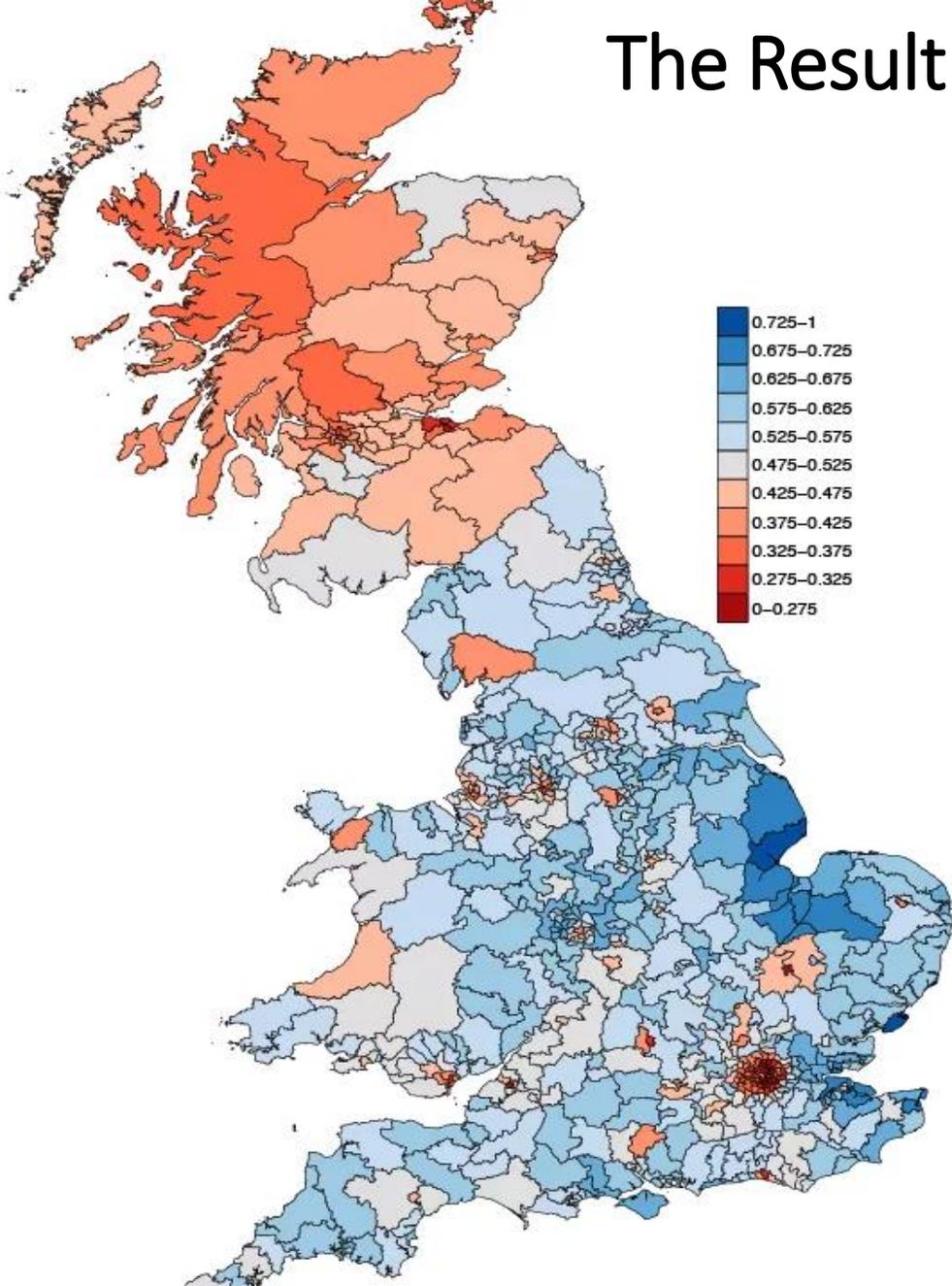


And in how we think about our politics: “People Like Me Have No Say in Government” 1986-2012



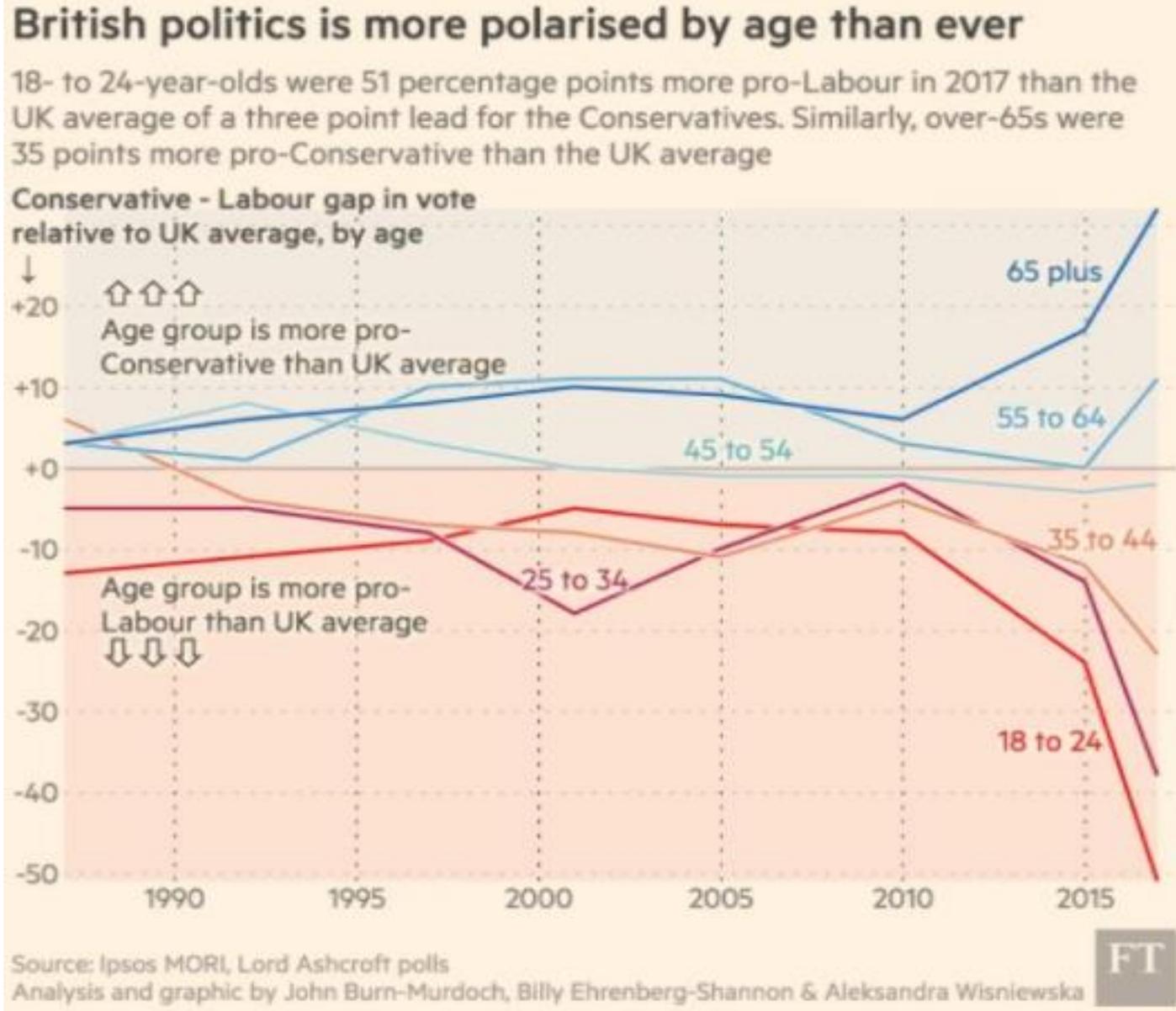


The Result



421 of 574 seats in Eng & Wales voted to Leave, as did nearly 70% Lab seats, while 479 MPs backed Remain

Underpinned by age – the new divide



Thanks!

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