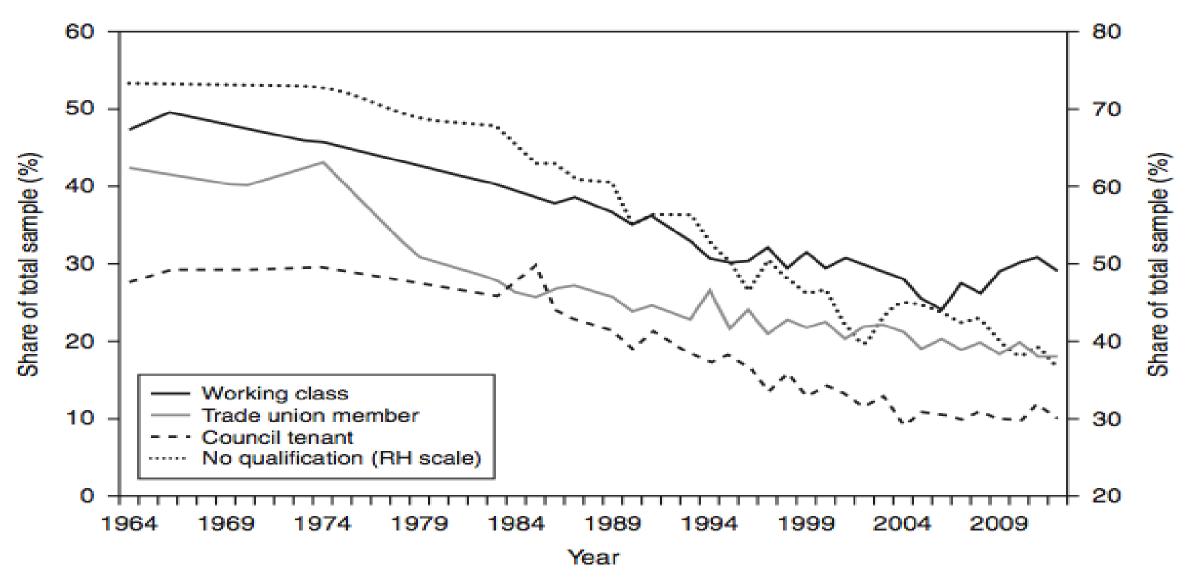
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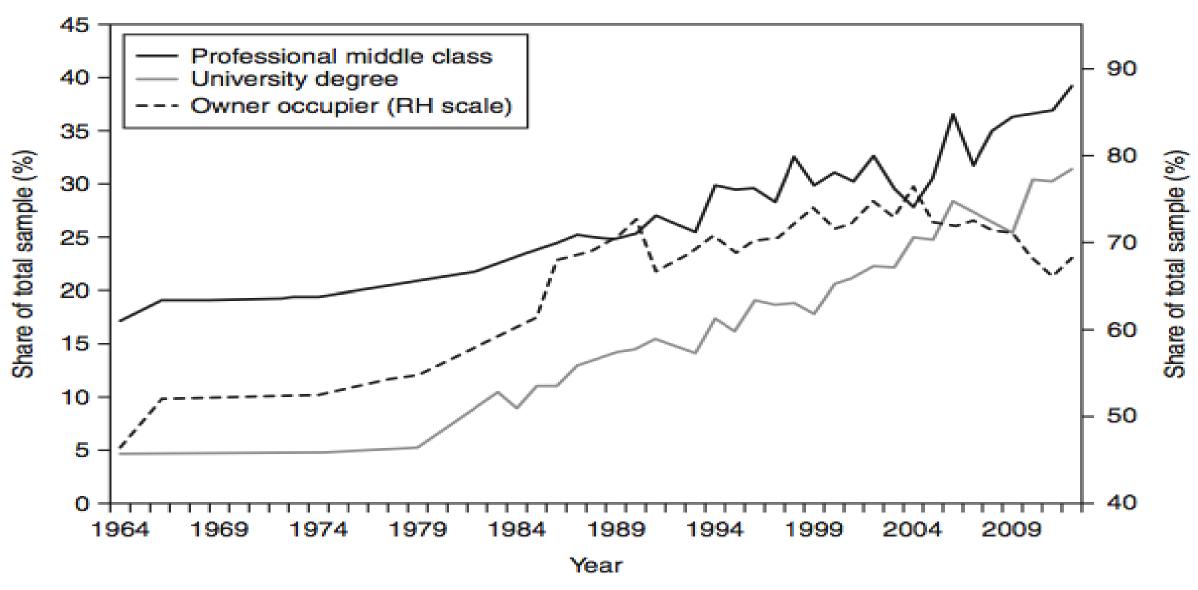
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#### Decline of the British Working Class, 1964-2012



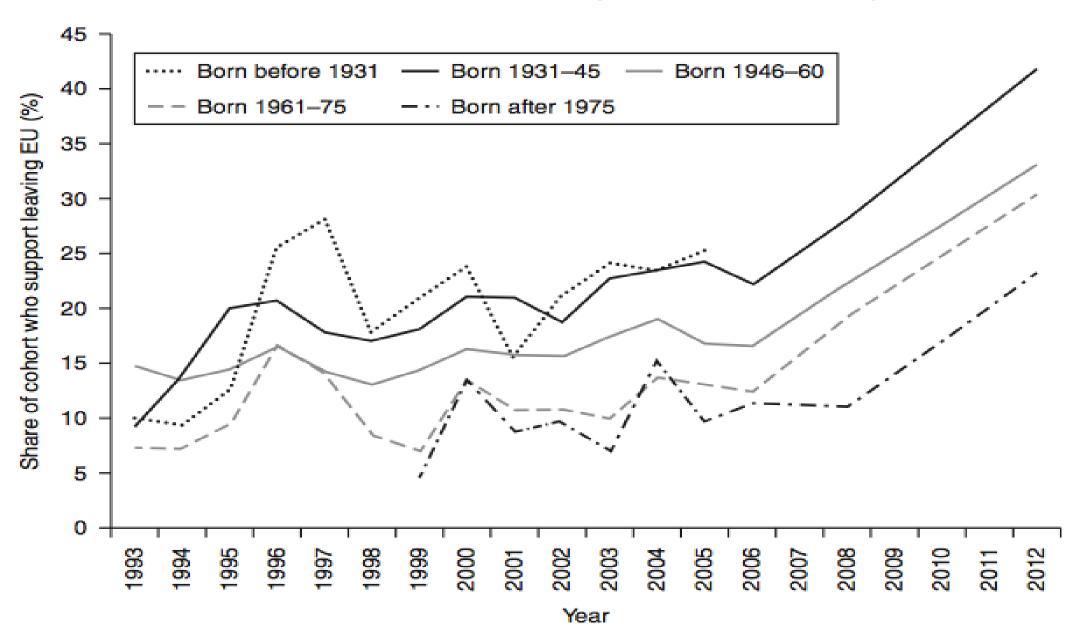
Source: BES 1964-83; BSA 1984-12; class measured using Goldthorpe—Heath 5-category class schema

#### Rise of the Educated Middle Class, 1964-2012

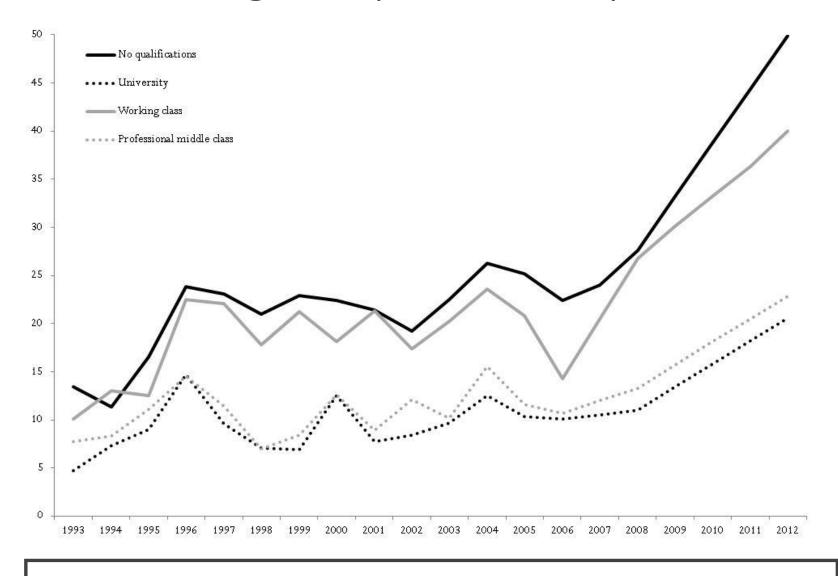


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### This divide was a long time coming...

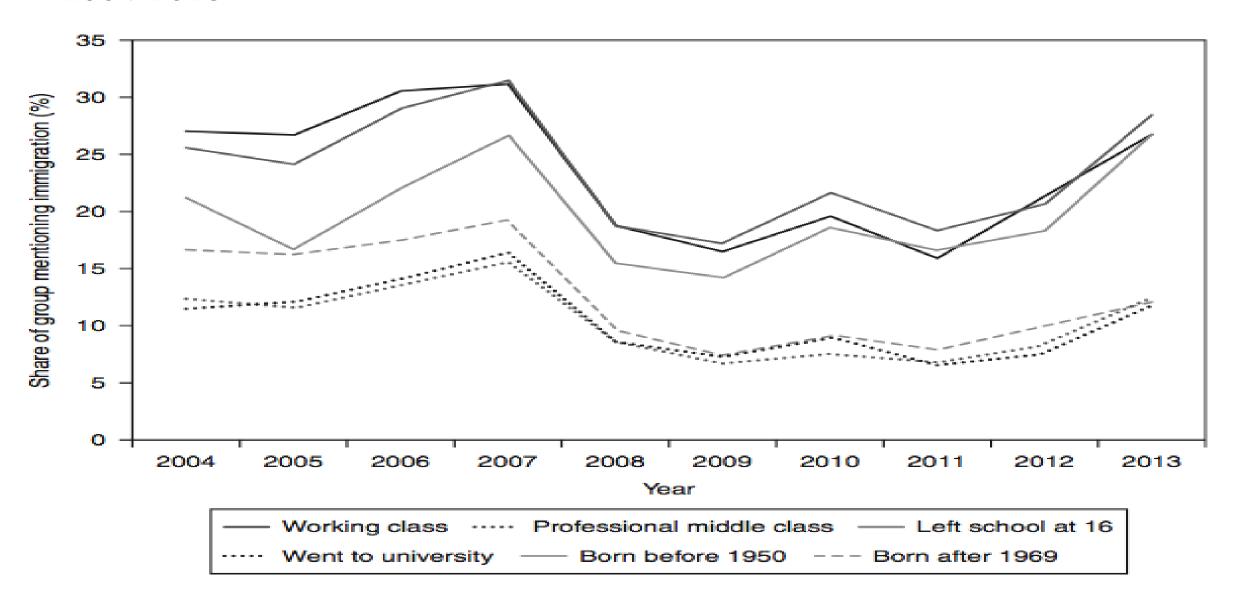


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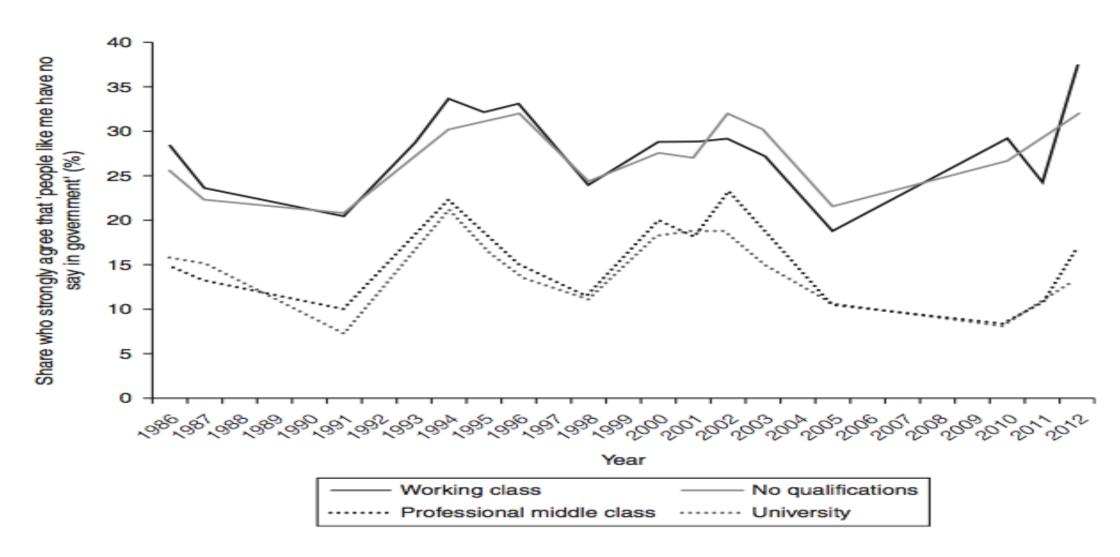
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The divide on immigration: Immigration as main problem facing Britain, 2004-2013



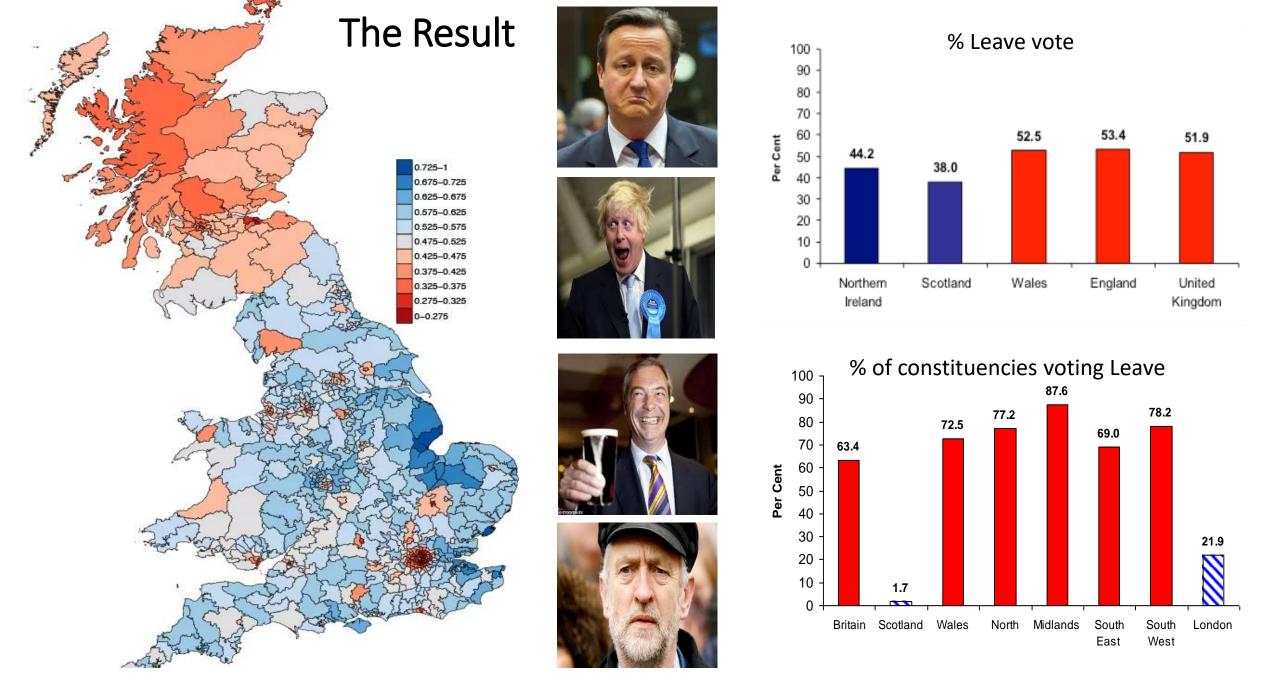
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## And in how we think about our politics: "People Like Me Have No Say in Government" 1986-2012



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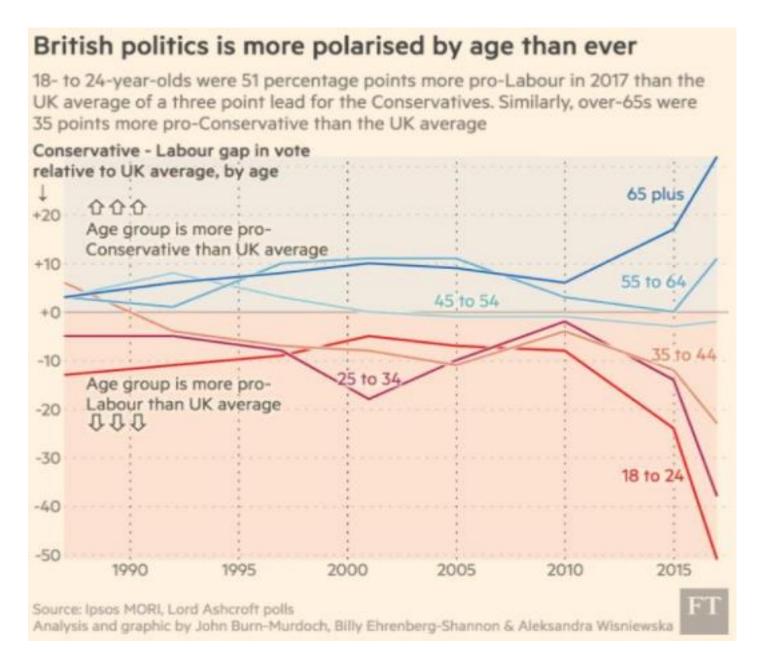


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### Underpinned by age – the new divide



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