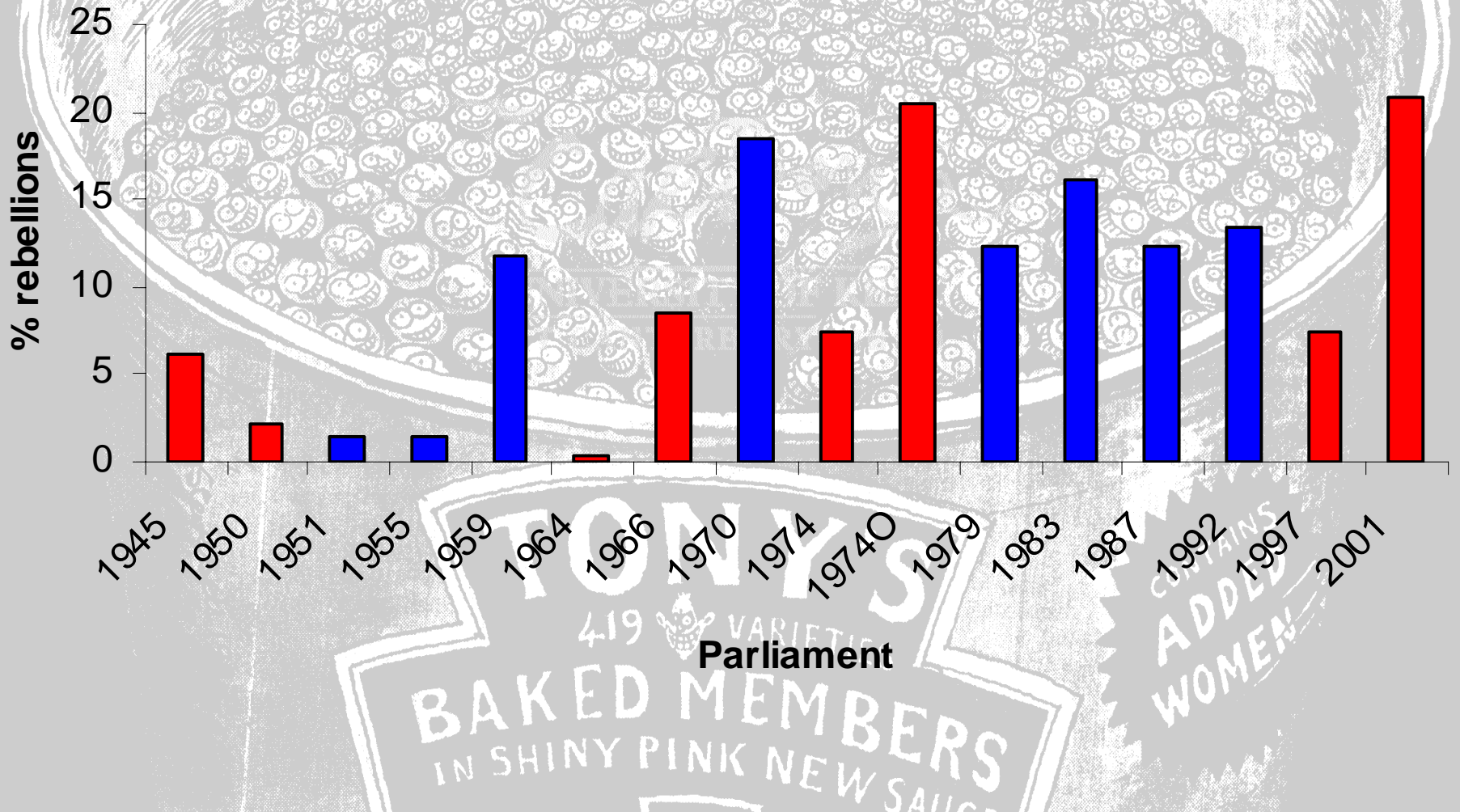


The PLP, 2001-2005 (and beyond)



% rebellions, 1945-2005



Largest rebellions since 2001

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Iraq	139
Top Up Fees	72
Foundation Hospitals	65
Prevention of Terrorism	62
Faith Schools	46
Immigration	43
Firefighters	41

The rebel top ten

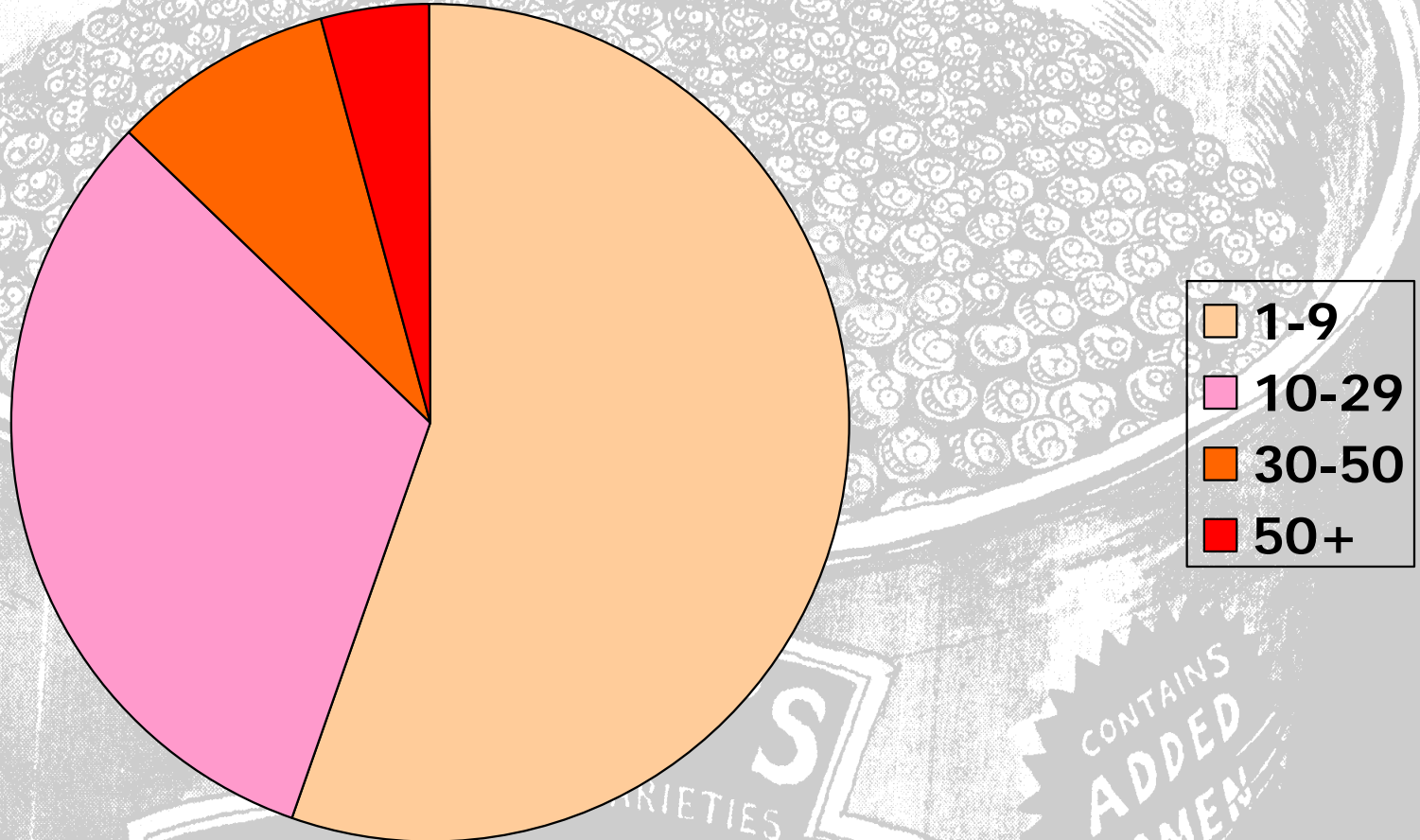
Jeremy Corbyn	148
John McDonnell	135
Dr Lynne Jones	103
Robert Marshall-Andrews	102
Brian Sedgemore	98
Robert Wareing	97
Alan Simpson	96
Kelvin Hopkins	87
Harry Barnes	81
Dennis Skinner	76

The poodles 'myth': 1997-2001

- 96 separate rebellions
- 4th largest average in post-war period
- 133 rebels in total
- Rebellion on increase before the 2001 election



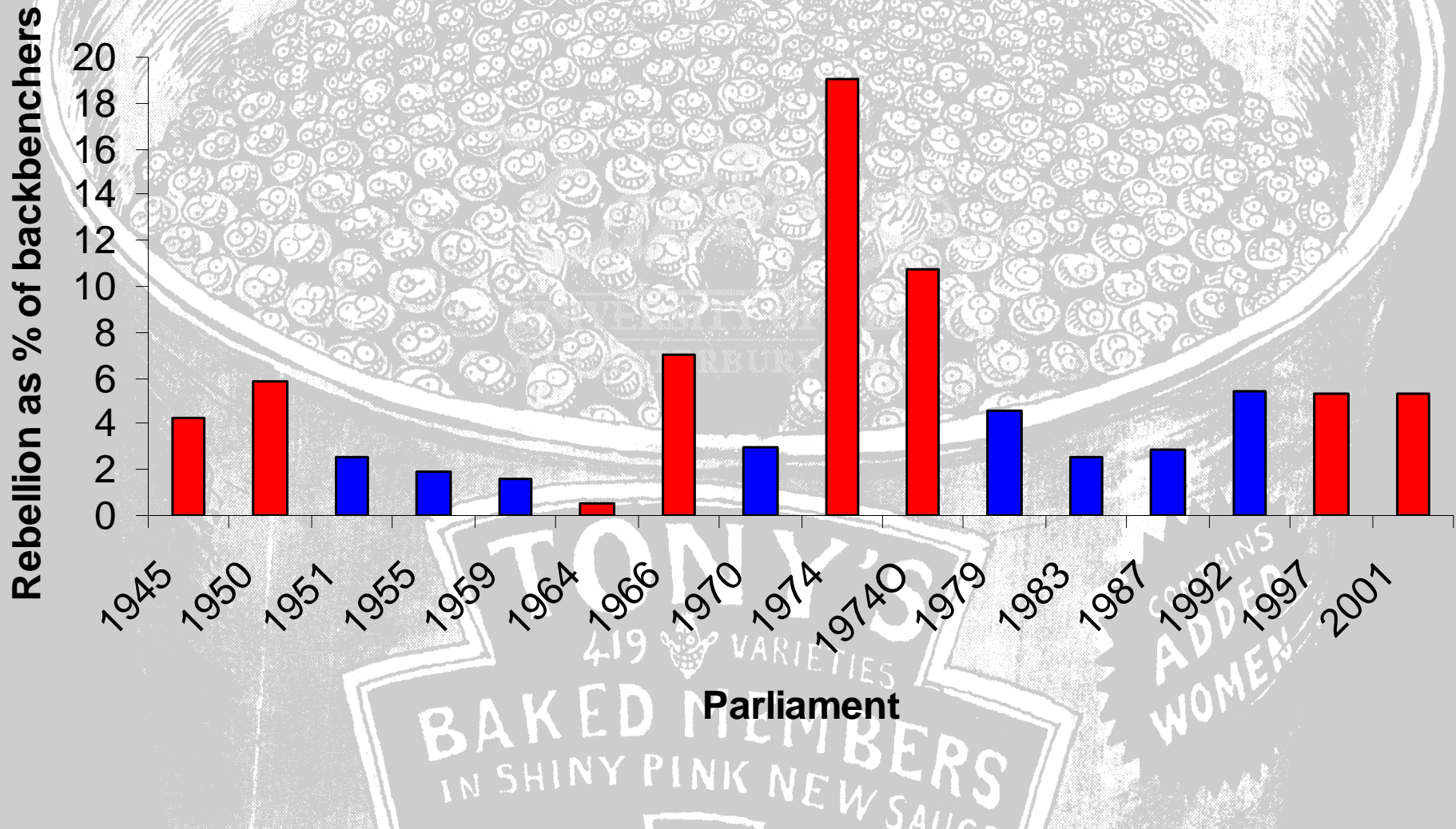
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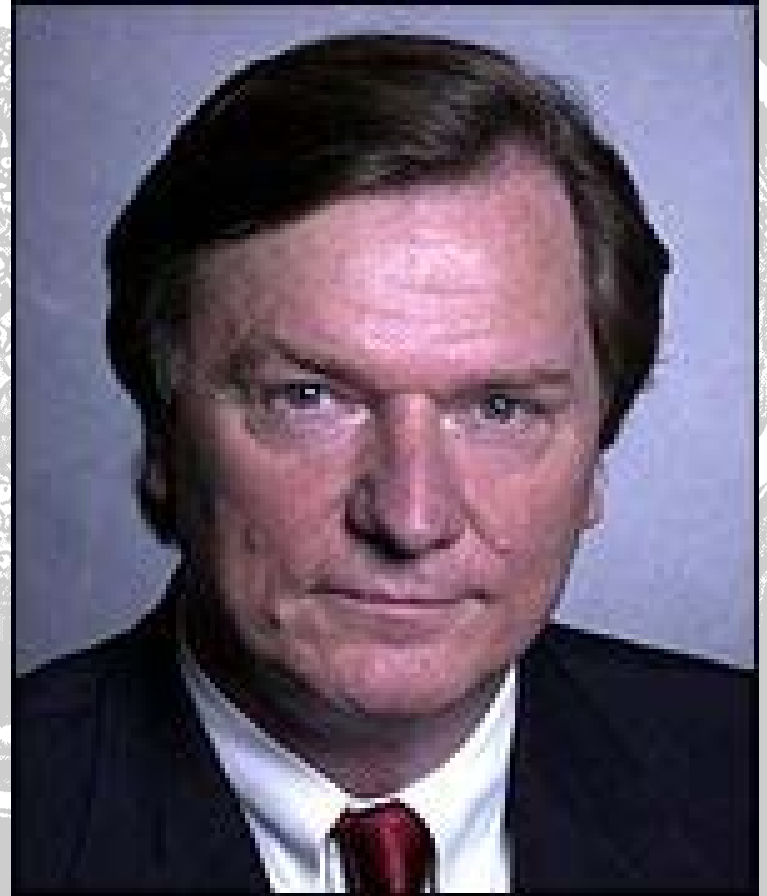
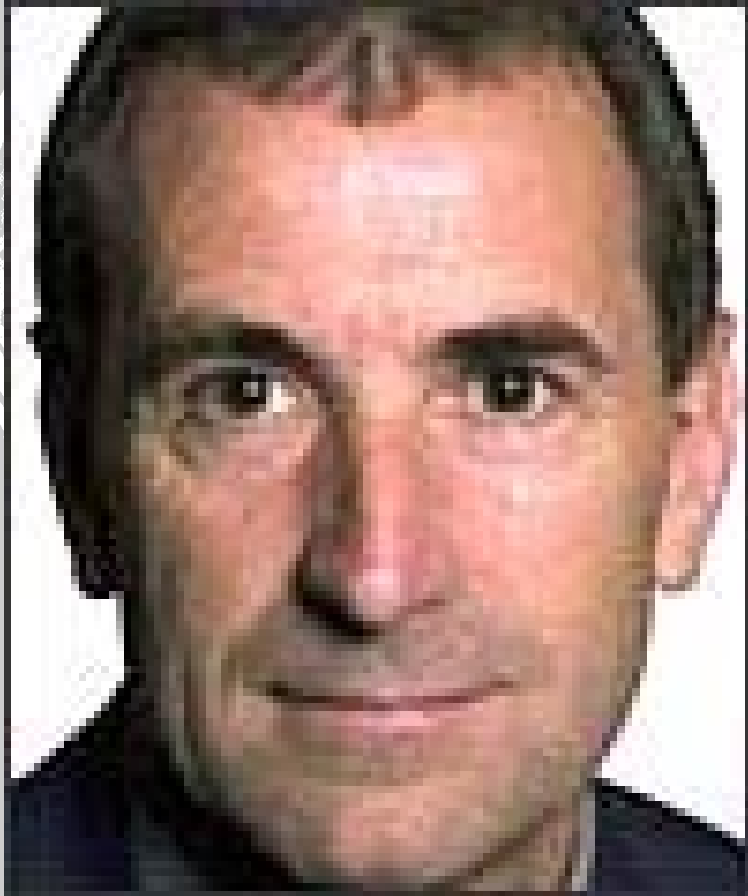
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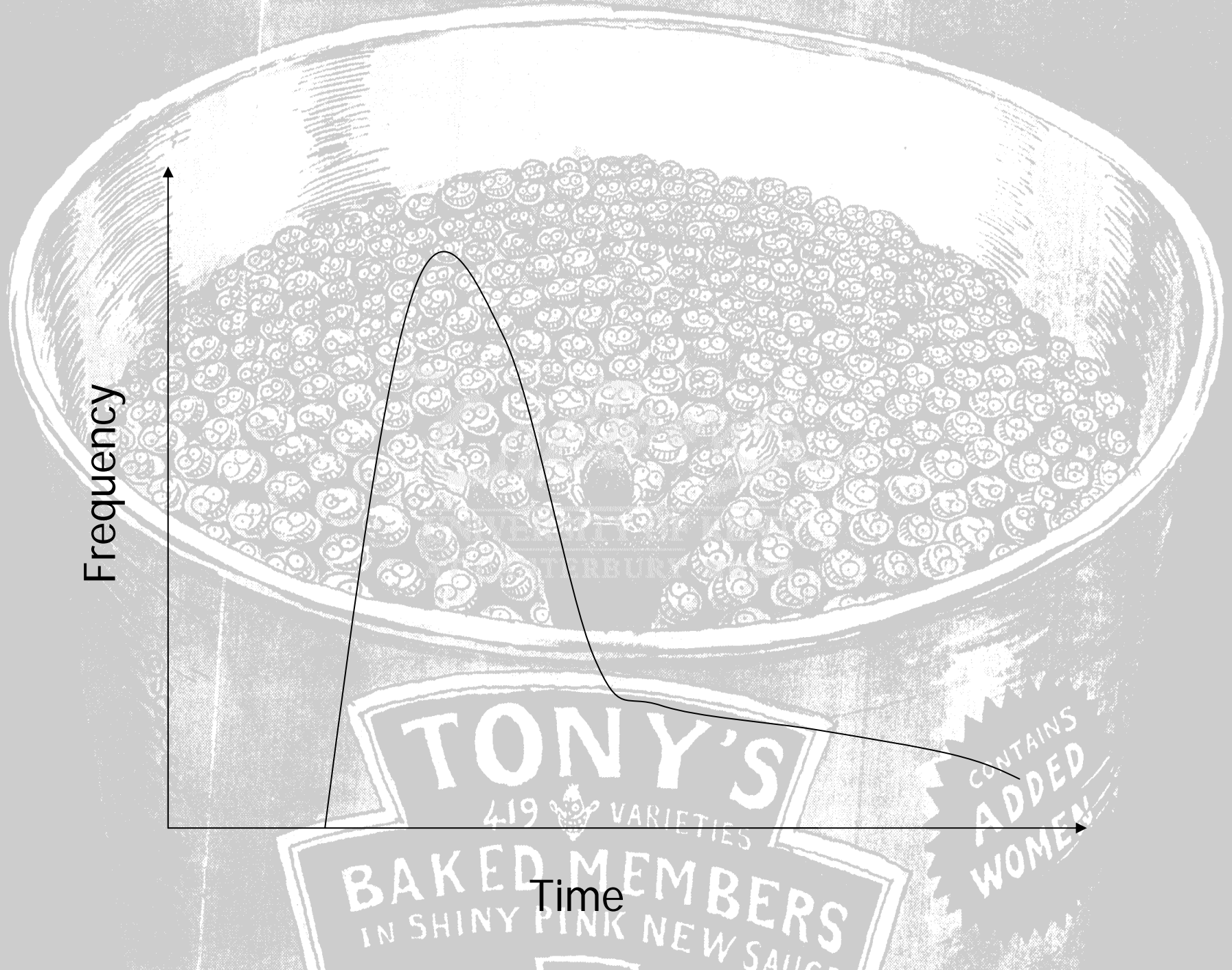
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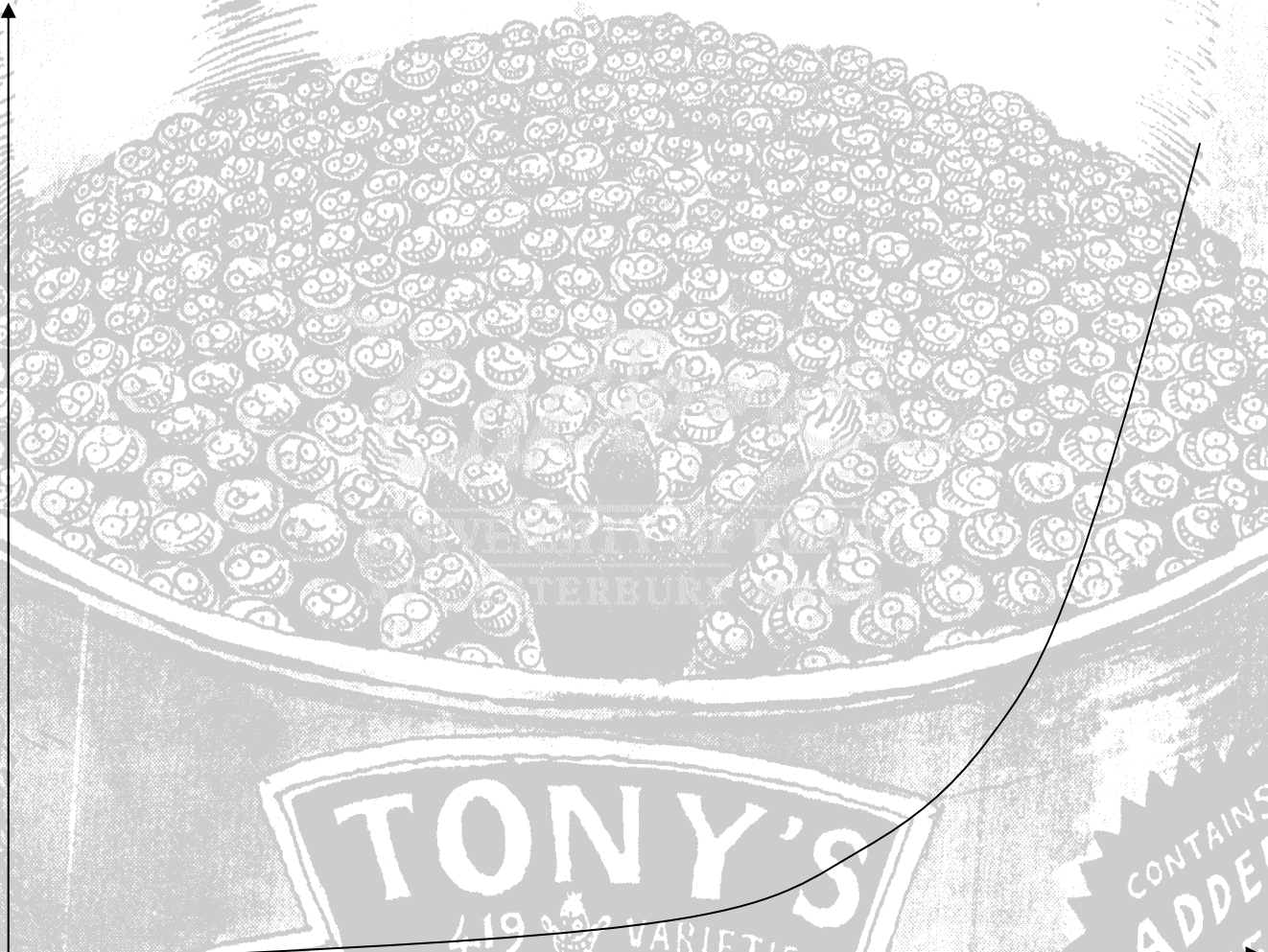
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Costs of being naughty, 2003

- Super loyal: 80%

- Loyal: 50%

- Rebel: 0%



Reshuffle strategy

- Punishment for deviants
- Recycling of ministers
- Offer hope to the frustrated
- Redemption to occasional sinners



No defeats, but...

- Select Committee appointments
- Withdrawn proposals for Lords Reform
- Changes (emasculated?) of Foundation Hospitals
- Changes to top-up fees
- Changes to anti-terrorism legislation
- Fox hunting
- And after 2005?

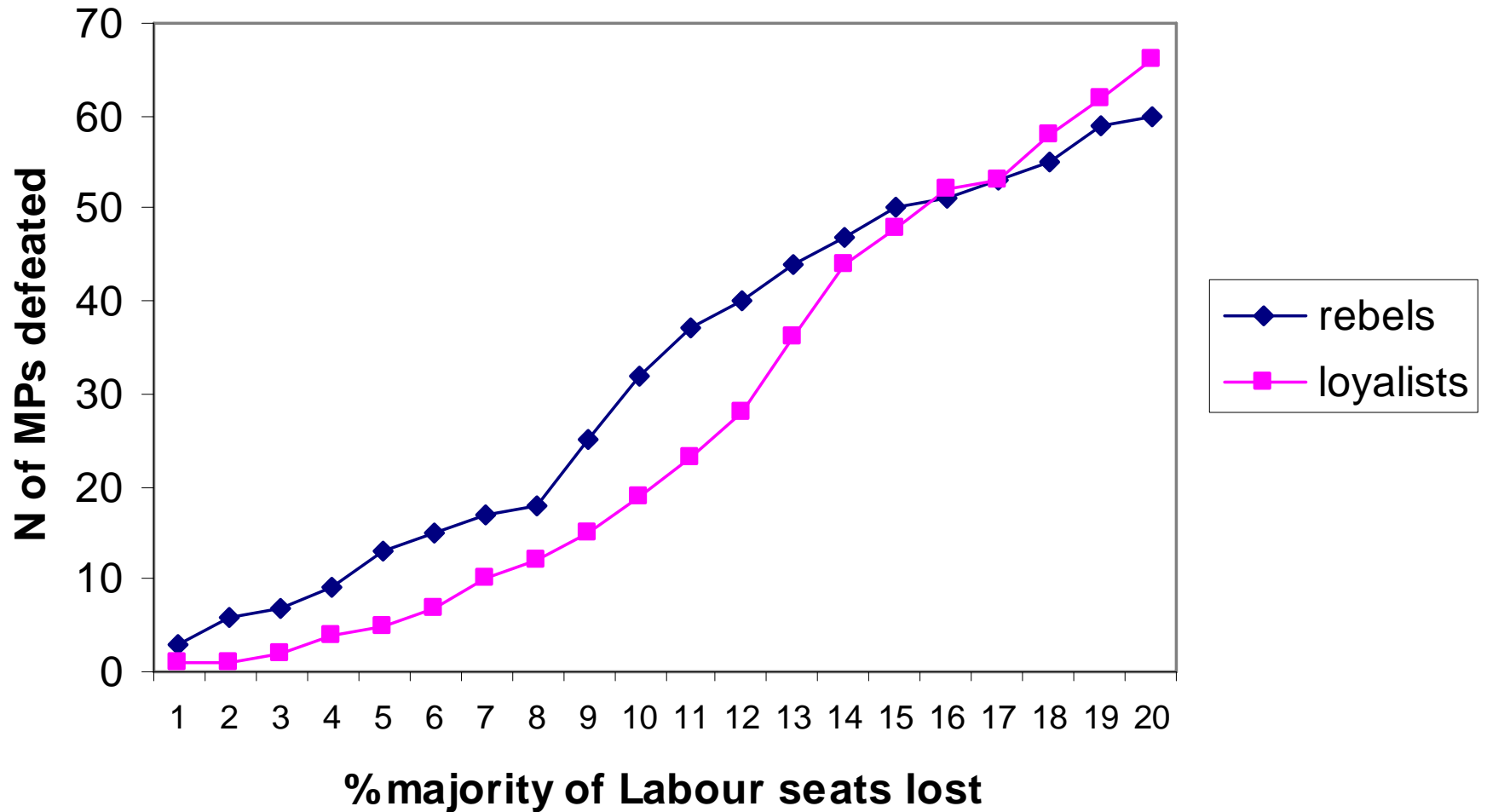


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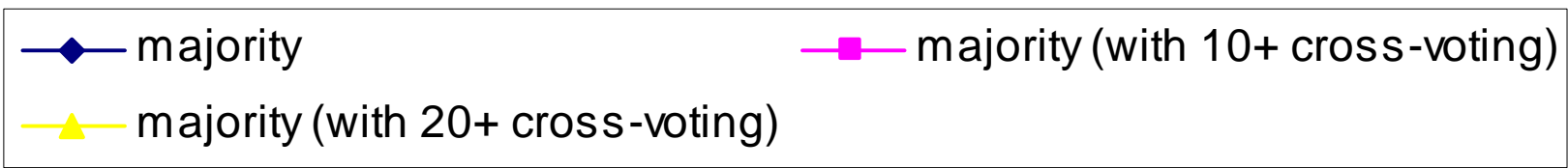
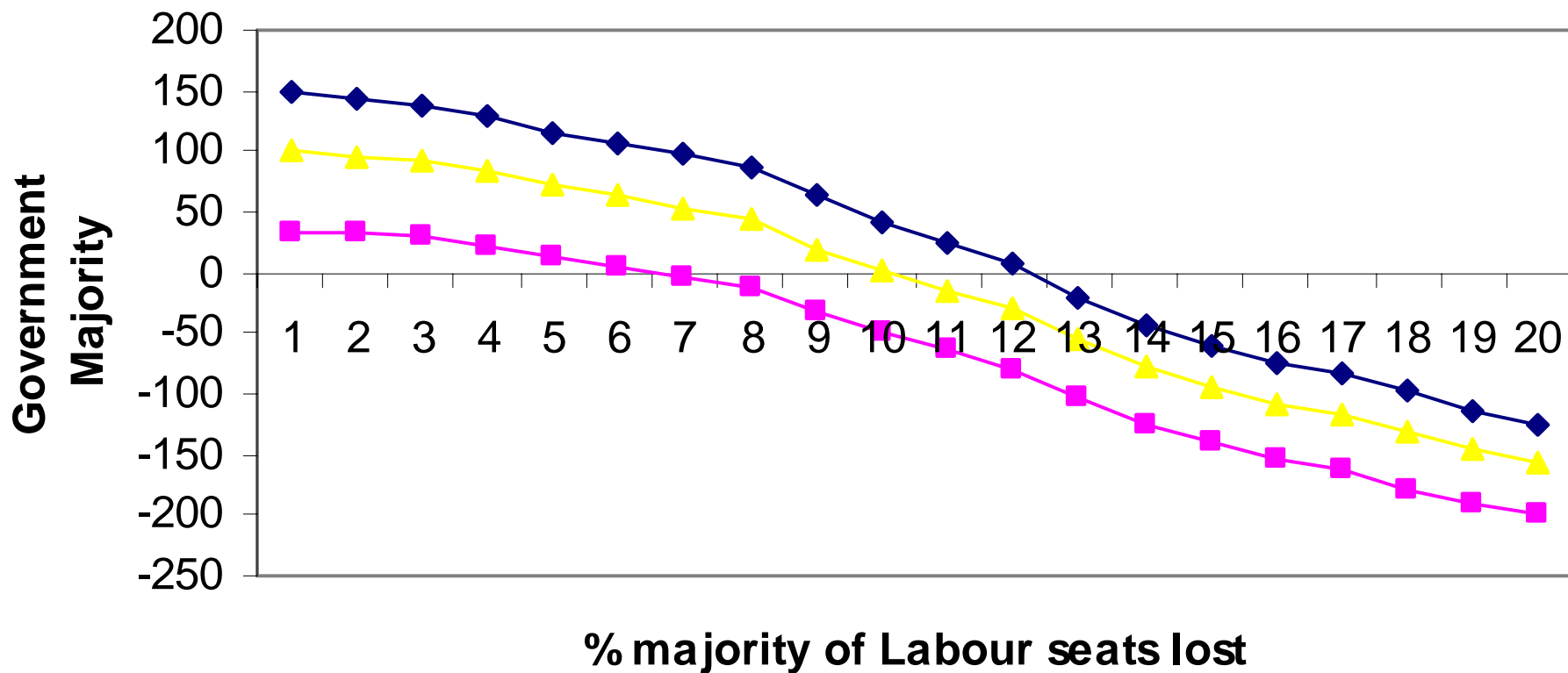
- 70% rebelled, cf 51% for PLP as whole
- Includes 10 of most rebellious 30
- 12% of PLP going, cf 33% of hardcore rebels



Labour MPs defeated



Real and nominal majorities, 2005-



Final thoughts

- Will rebels do better at polls?
- (Who knows?)
- Smaller majority – better behaved MPs?
- (Yes, but it's not auto-corrective)



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