



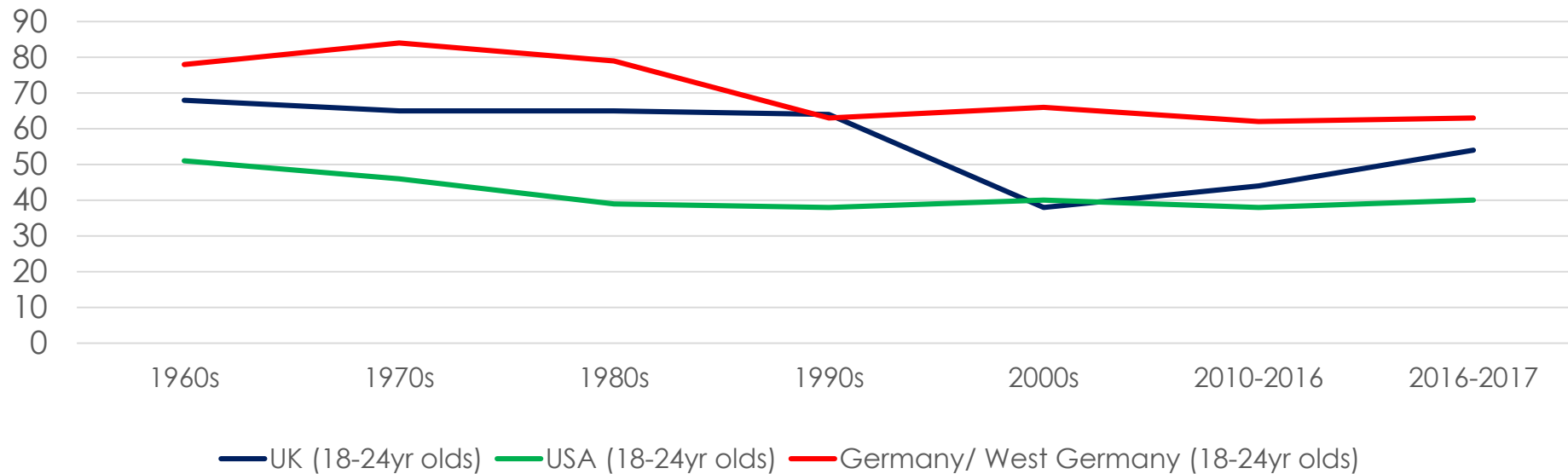
'Young Cosmopolitans': intergenerational and intragenerational differences in political participation

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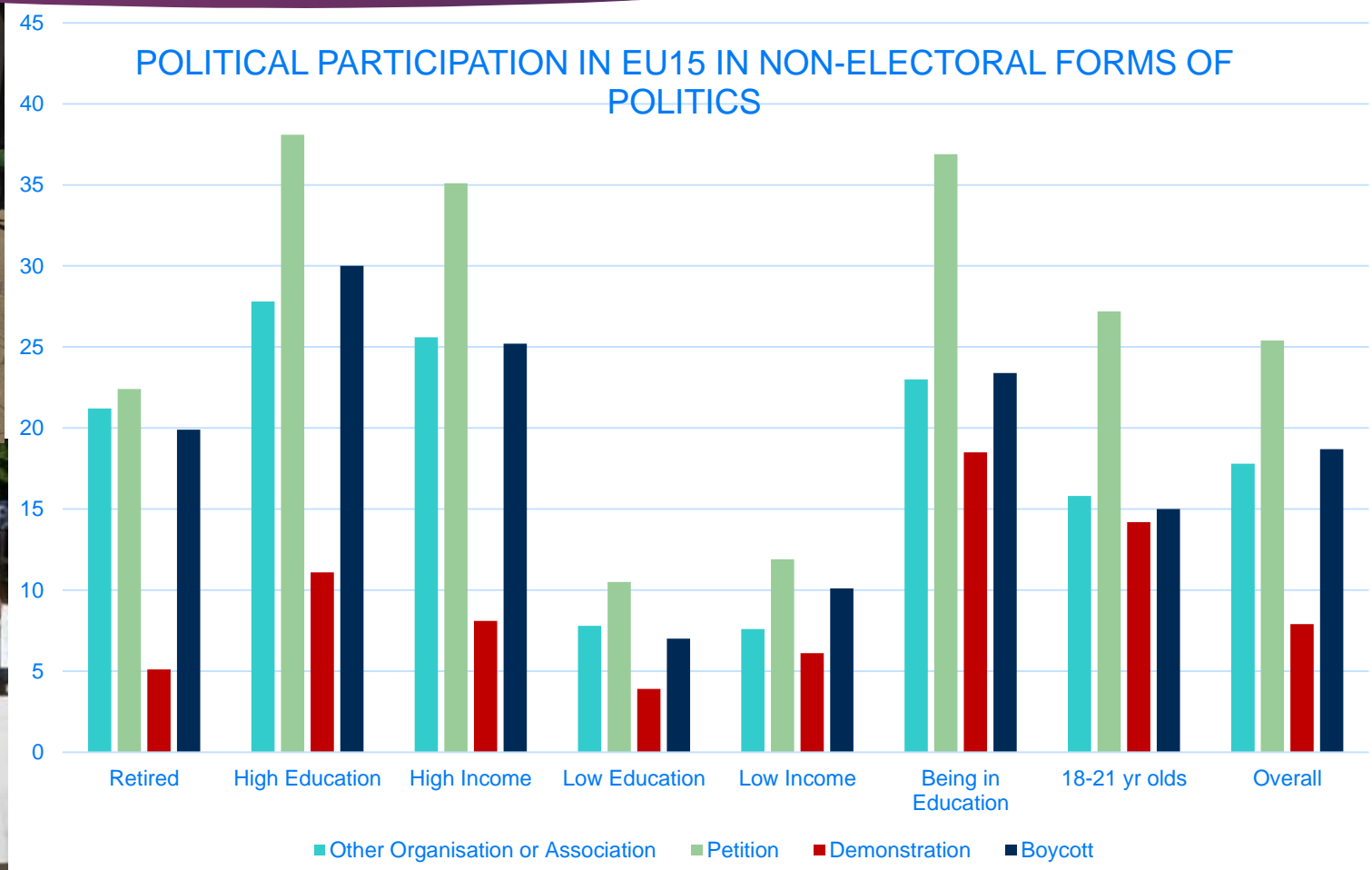
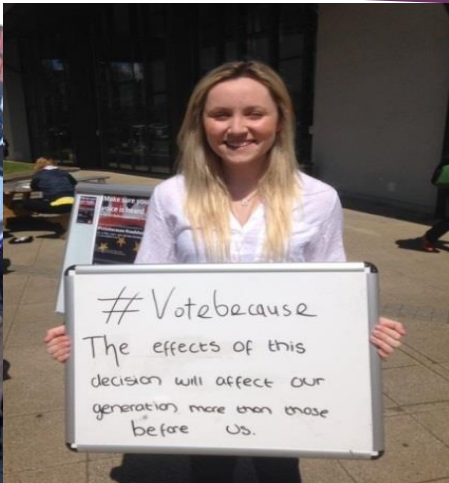
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Declining Participation Amongst (some) Young People

% Youth Electoral Turnout in the United States, the UK & Germany since the 1960s

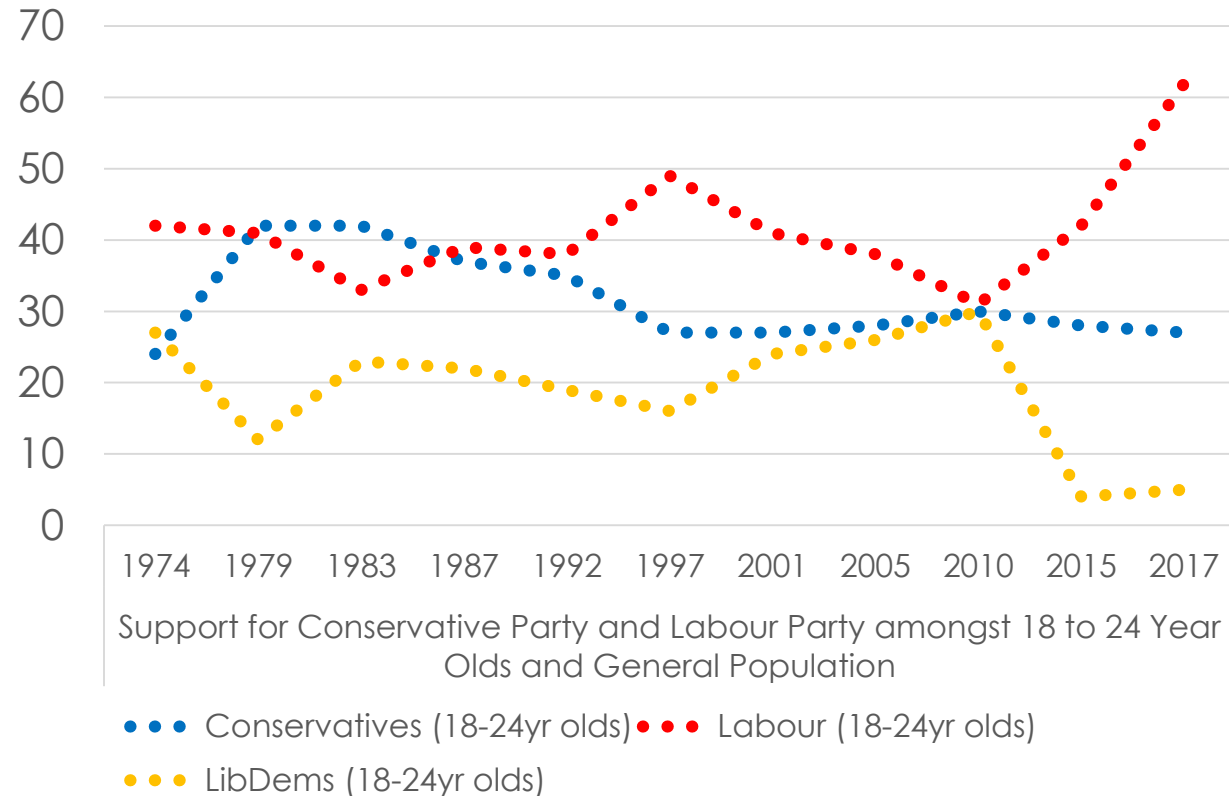


Interest in Issue-Based Forms of Engagement

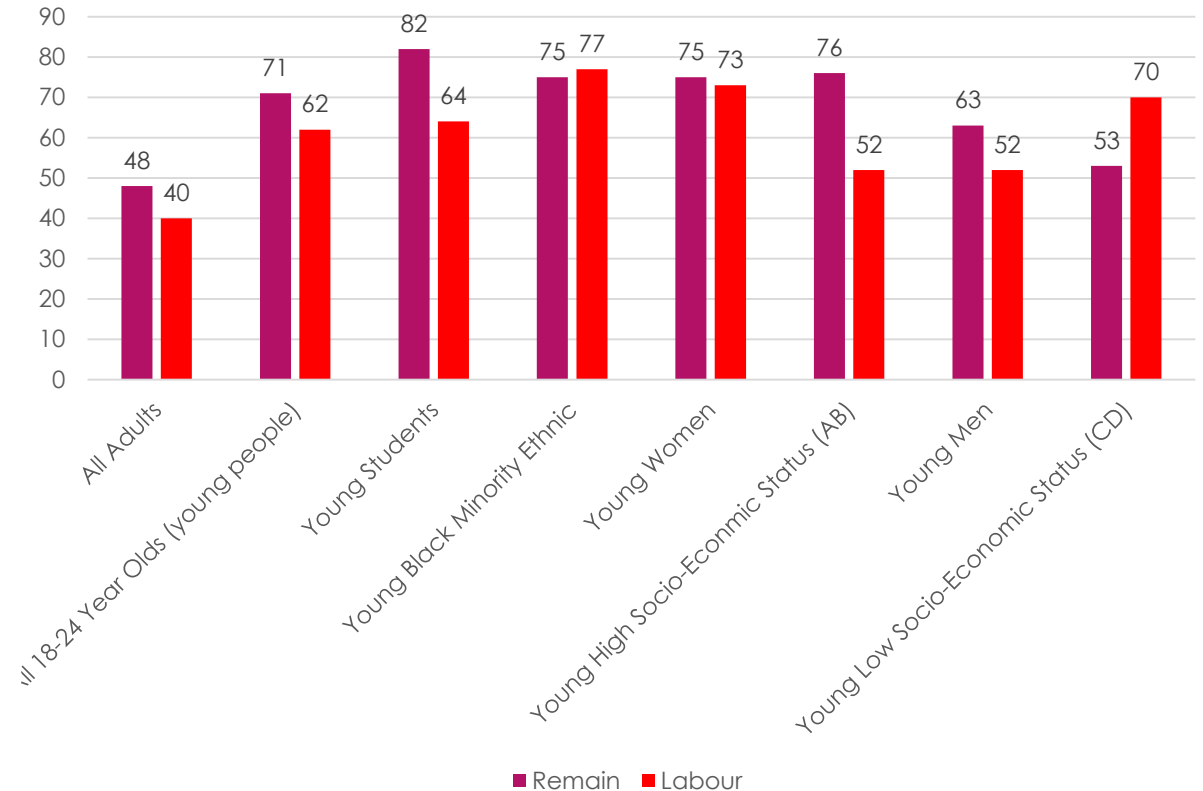


Young Cosmopolitans, the EU Referendum & 2017 General Election

% Party Support amongst 18-24 Year Olds and General Population, October 1974 to June 2017

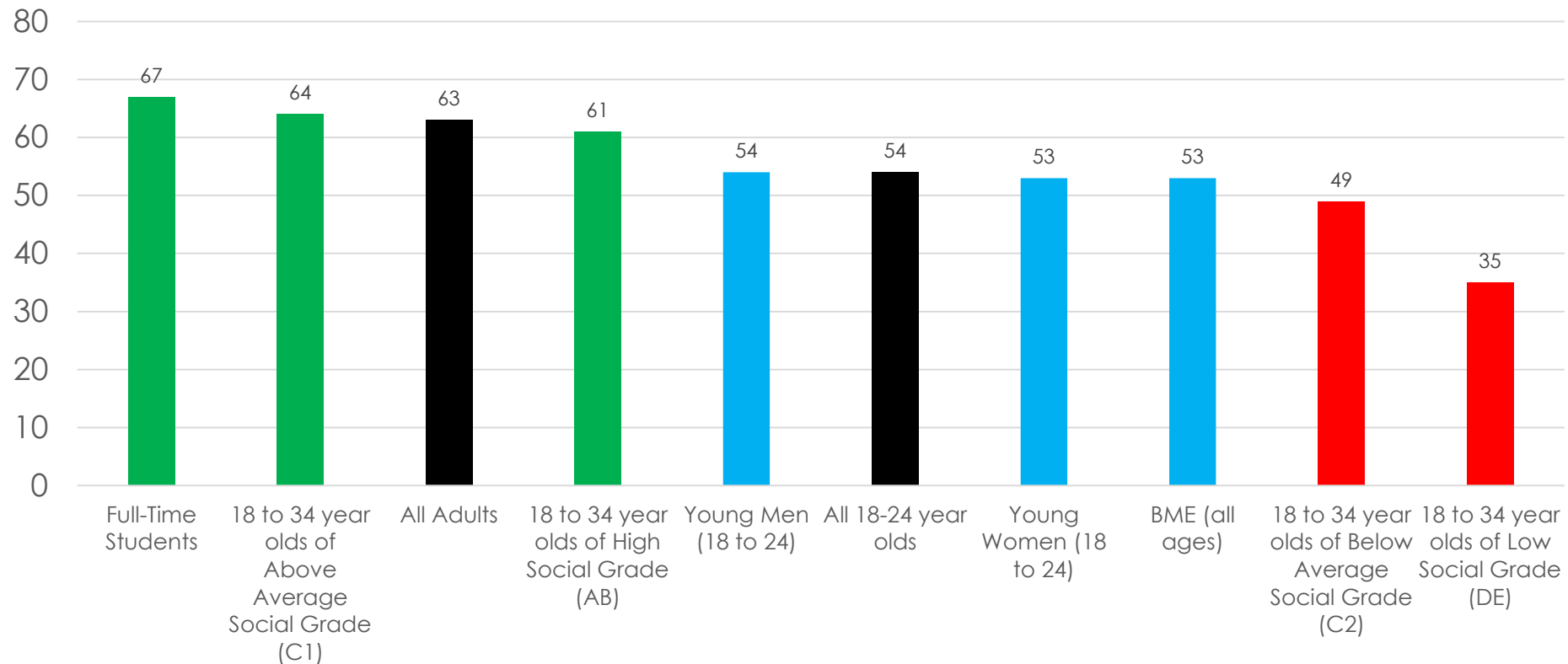


% of 18 to 24-year-olds Supporting Remain in EU Referendum & Labour in 2017 Election



Youthquake 2017: for some but not for others

% Turnout (est.) of Groups of Young People in the 2017 General Election



Trends and Challenges in Youth Politics

- ▶ Cosmopolitan values in stark contrast to older generations (esp. young students, women, ethnic minorities, Londoners)
- ▶ These young people engaged in wide spectrum of political activities, but off by mainstream electoral politics
- ▶ Trends punctuated by sharp intra-generational inequalities of participation:

young people with low level of educational attainment much less likely to participate (or vote for far-right if they do! – esp. men)

- ▶ Education increases participation: attainment, political literacy, dense social networks (votes at 16?)
- ▶ Micropolitics to connect young people to everyday politics (political contacts, decentralisation e.g. London)

