



air pollution
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Interesse in de loop der tijd ?



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The role of the media in staging air pollution in London

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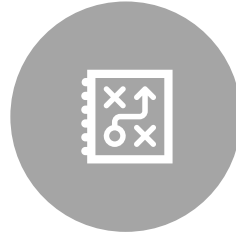
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- 1997-2017: 5 'leading' newspapers: The Guardian, The Financial Times, The Independent, The Daily Telegraph and The Times
- Automatic search via NEXIS & manual check
- 1594 articles which deal with air pollution/quality in London/the UK in the strict sense





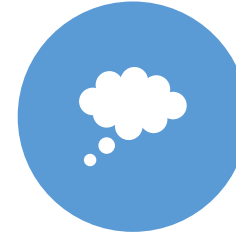
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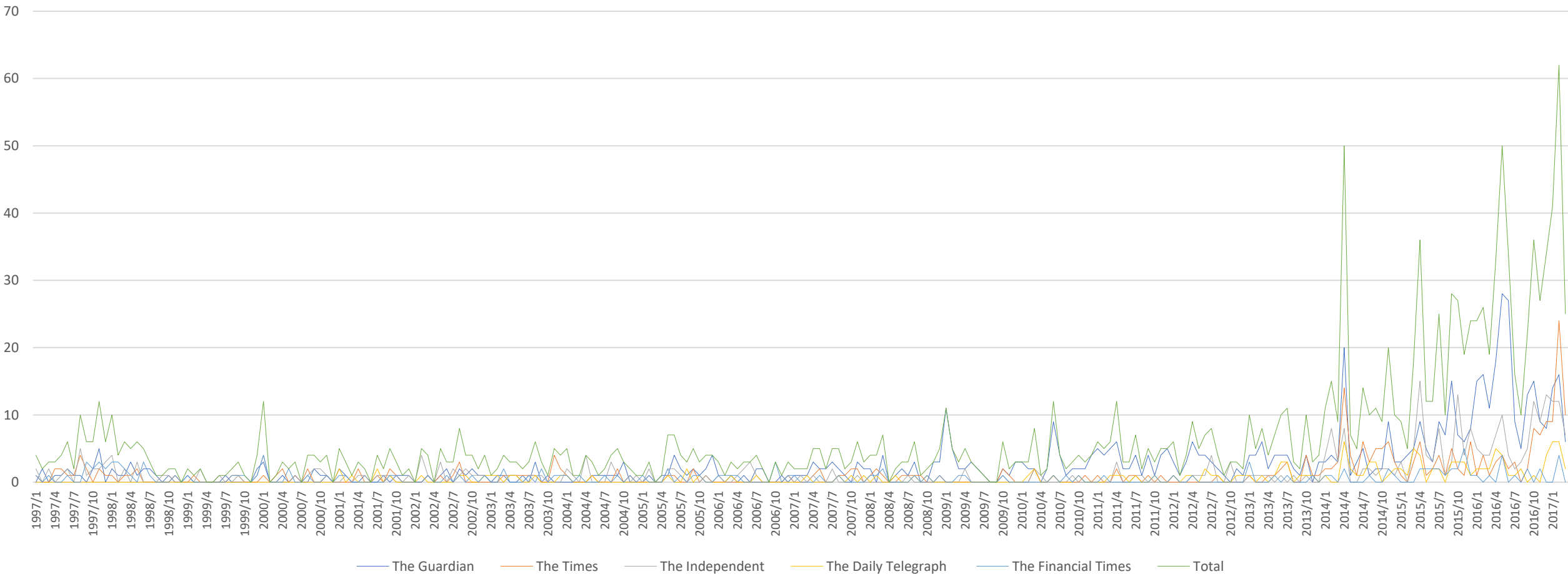


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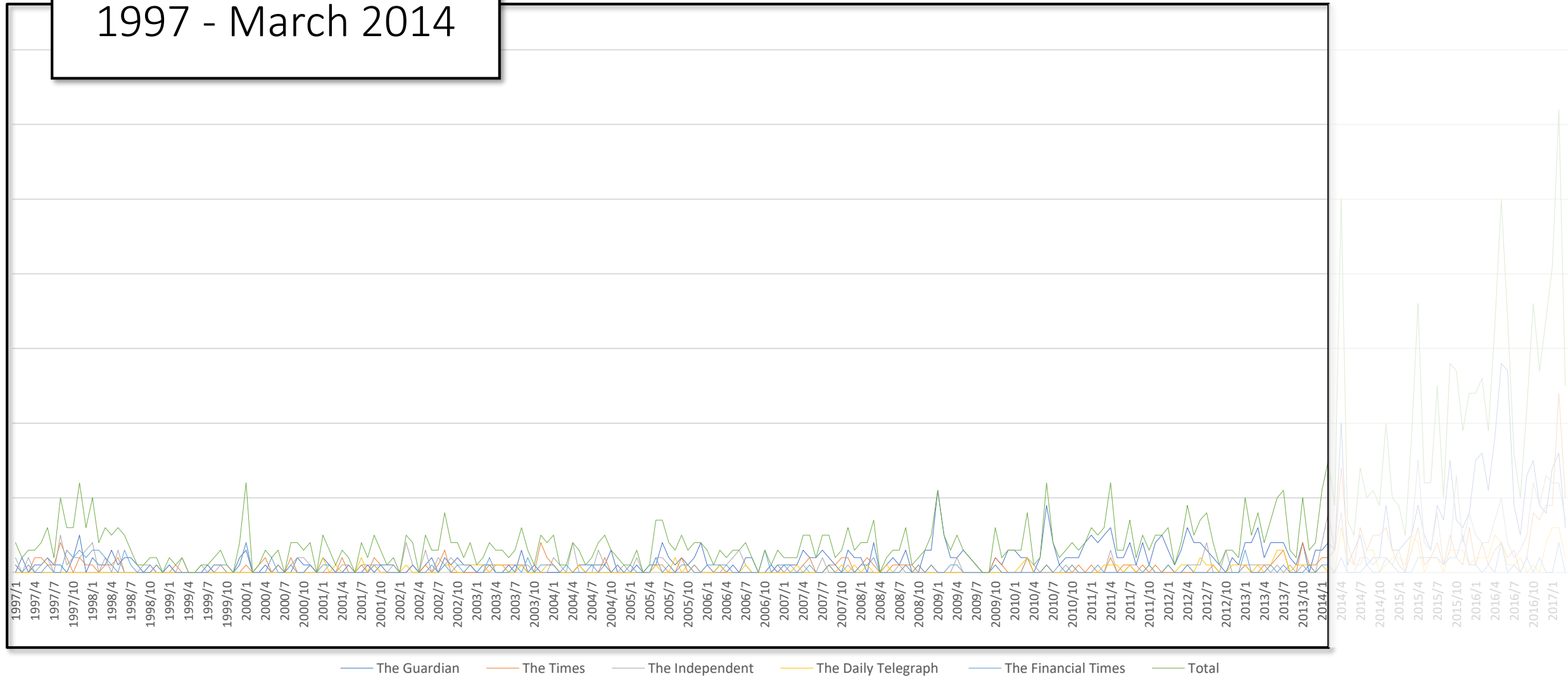
METHODOLOGY

RESULTS

Media coverage of air pollution in the UK 1997-2017



1) Critical discourse
period of January
1997 - March 2014



Key elements are present, but the interest doesn't catalyse:

- 'Single' articles
- Attempts to stage the topic, but without much success
- ⇔ all important topics are present and story lines start to unfold
- Building up to what comes to an explosion in 2014?

City air worse than nuclear fallout

David Rose

April 3 2007, 1:00am,
The Times

Everyday hazards such as inhaling polluted city air or other people's cigarette smoke are potentially worse for your health than being exposed to the radioactive fallout of an atomic bomb, according to new research.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/4180402/Asthma-risk-greater-if-children-play-outside.htm>

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Asthma risk greater if children play outside

By David Derbyshire, Medical Correspondent

12:01AM GMT 01 Feb 2002

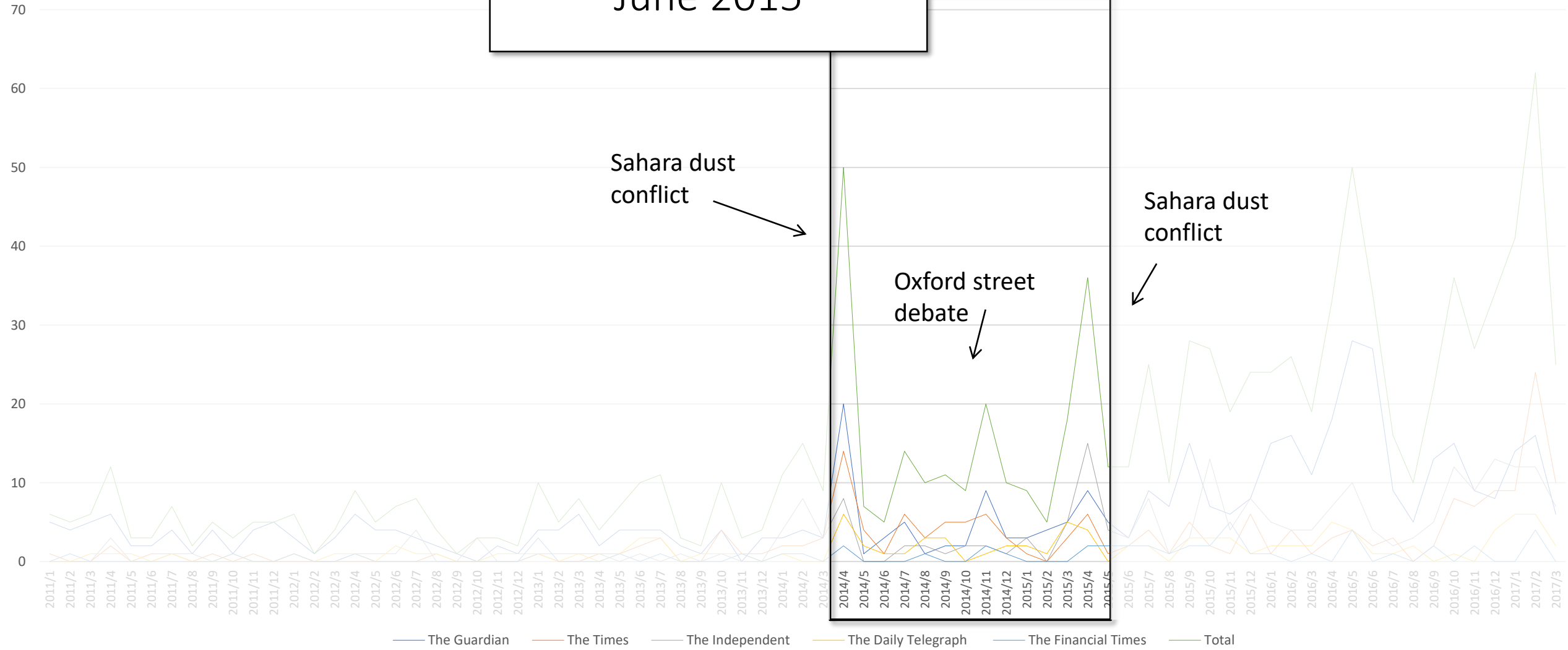
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Leading article: The Government must act now on air pollution

Sarah Fulford-Brown, 45, moved to Lytham St Annes in Lancashire from central London eight years ago. Two of her three children had serious asthma, particularly her daughter Georgina, who was four at the time. Now, away from the pollution of the capital, both Georgina and her younger brother Benedict have made full recoveries.

2) Critical discourse period of April 2014 - June 2015



- The issue is taken up by key actors, but is also dismissed
 - **David Cameron:** "*a naturally occurring weather phenomenon*"
 - **Boris Johnson:** "*I'm urging people just to have a little balance here. I cycled this morning and it seemed perfectly fine to me. I think we need to keep a little bit of a sense of proportion*"
- A controversy is created ⇒ (media) outrage
- First conflict line: the 'seriousness' and 'nature' of the crisis

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News > UK

Oxford Street is the most polluted place in the world, say scientists

Buses are to blame for high levels of NO2

Christopher Hooton | @christophhooton | Monday 7 July 2014 12:17 |

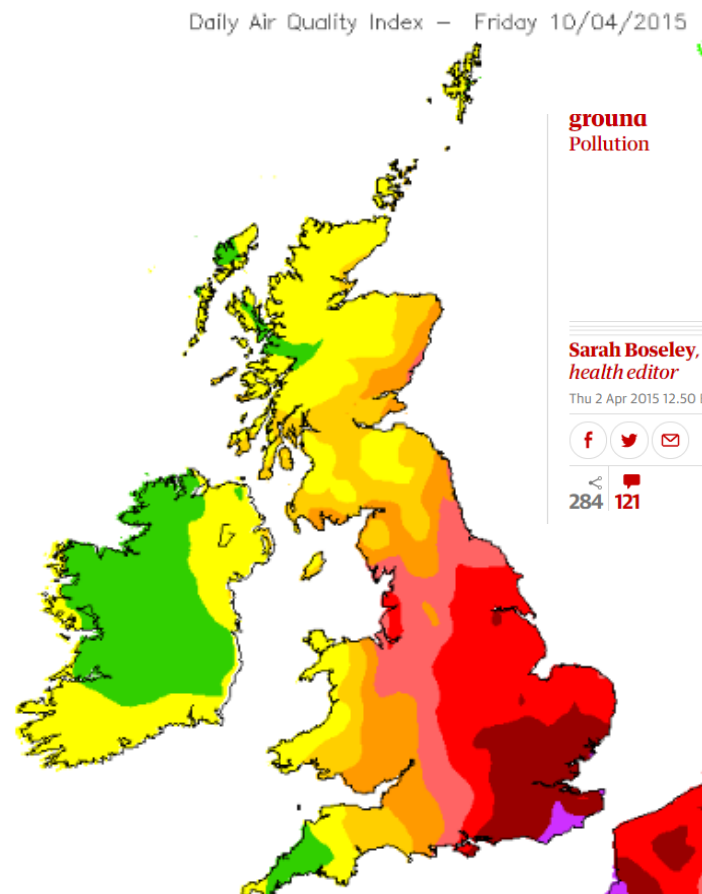
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- Start of cyclic iterative process: a self-reinforcing spiral of public interest and media coverage
- Media professionals search actively for newsworthy items
- New events are more easily taken up and further influence the debate
- July 2014: Oxford Street debate

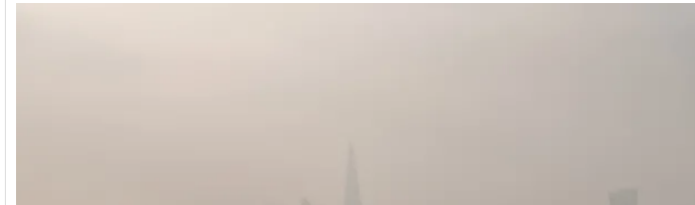
- The issue is taken up by key actors, but at the same time dismissed
- Boris Johnson: a *'ludicrous urban myth'*; London's air is *'better than Paris and other European cities'*
- Conflict/controversy is key!
- November 2014: Boris Johnson admits the scientists *'are right'* ⇒ consensus *'established'* ⇒ small dip in media interest

The episode is blamed on a combination of dirty air from the continent, the fine weather conditions and Saharan dust, which contributed to several days of serious pollution one year ago. Temperatures are expected to reach almost 20C in some areas on Friday.



Air pollution may cause more UK deaths than previously thought, say scientists

Current figures of almost 30,000 UK deaths a year from air pollution do not factor in lethal nitrogen dioxide from diesel engines and wood, oil and coal burning, say experts

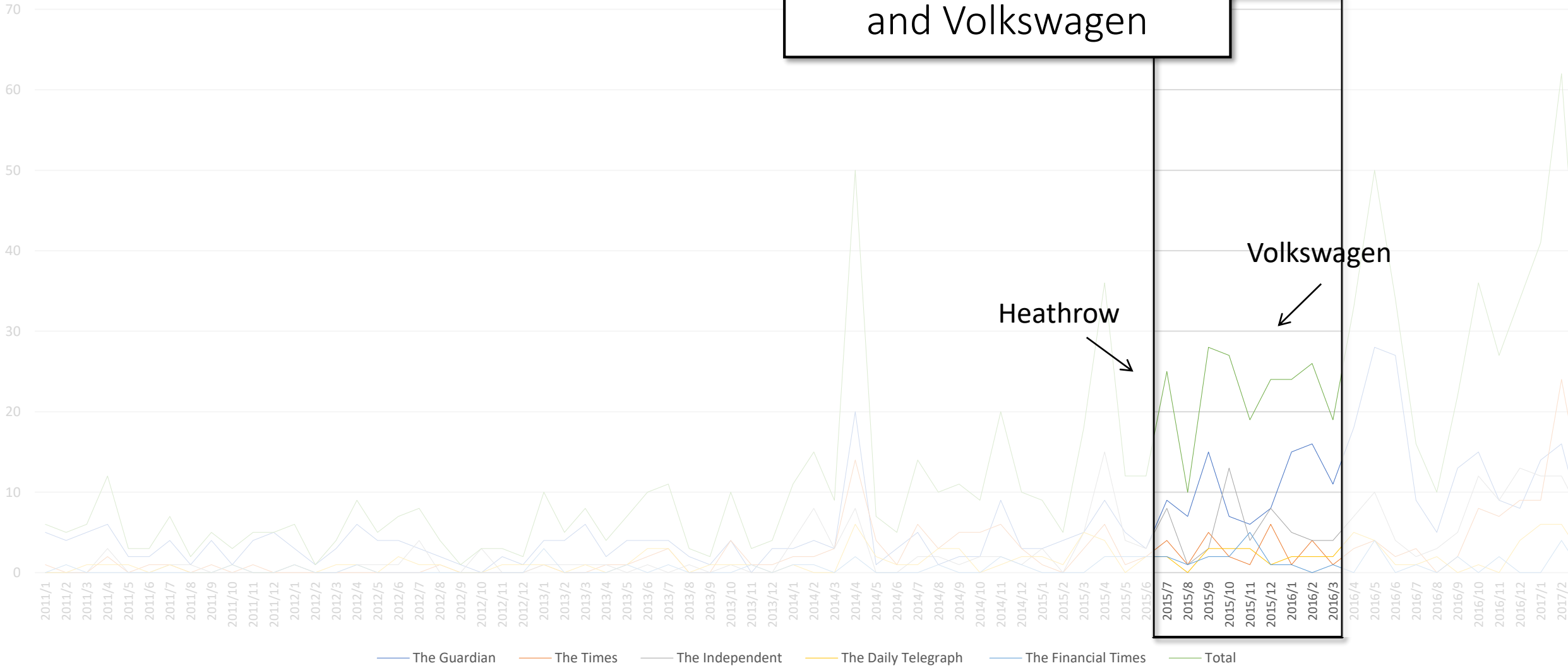


- April 2015: journalists successfully play last year's game
- The story is made even more spectacular

↔ The conflict seems to be overcome with this smog episode

- !) New conflict lines will be needed to put the topic centrally on the public agenda again

3) Critical Discourse period of July 2015 – March 2016: Heathrow and Volkswagen



1 July 2015: UK government's Airports Commission recommends a third runway at Heathrow. Air pollution figures centrally in the debate

⇒ The conflict moves beyond the nature and seriousness of the problem to its societal root causes

The image shows a collage of news articles from The Guardian and the Financial Times. The top section features a Guardian article titled "Heathrow expansion risks deepening London's air pollution crisis" by Arthur Neslen, with a photo of the author. Below it is a Financial Times article titled "A third runway could throw air quality standards and UK climate targets to the wind". The Financial Times page also includes a navigation bar with categories like "WORLD", "UK", "COMPANIES", "TECH", "MARKETS", "GRAPHICS", "OPINION", "WORK & CAREERS", "LIFE & ARTS", and "HOW TO SPEND IT". A teal banner on the FT page says "Get a fresh start." Below this are three small news snippets: "IAG hits out at regulator over Heathrow deal", "Drone makers in talks to end flights into sensitive areas", and "Defence secretary calls for anti-drone technology". The bottom section of the collage shows an FT opinion piece titled "A convincing case for expansion at Heathrow" with the sub-headline "Cameron must end years of dithering and back the Davies plan". The background of the collage features a large image of a British Airways airplane flying over a snowy, mountainous landscape.



The conflict is one of concerned citizens against the ignorant government and profit-seeking business sector

VW scandal hits other EU carmakers

Share price performance (rebased)



Sep 18
US regulator
exposes VW's
cheating



**Other European
carmakers***

Sep 22
VW says up to 11m
vehicles are affected



Volkswagen

Sep 25
VW appoints
Matthias Müller
as new CEO

Source: Thomson Reuters Datastream * BMW, Daimler, Peugeot, Renault

Pollution

London breaches annual air pollution limit for 2017 in just five days

Brixton Road in Lambeth has already broken legal limits for toxic air for the entire year, with many other sites across the capital set to follow

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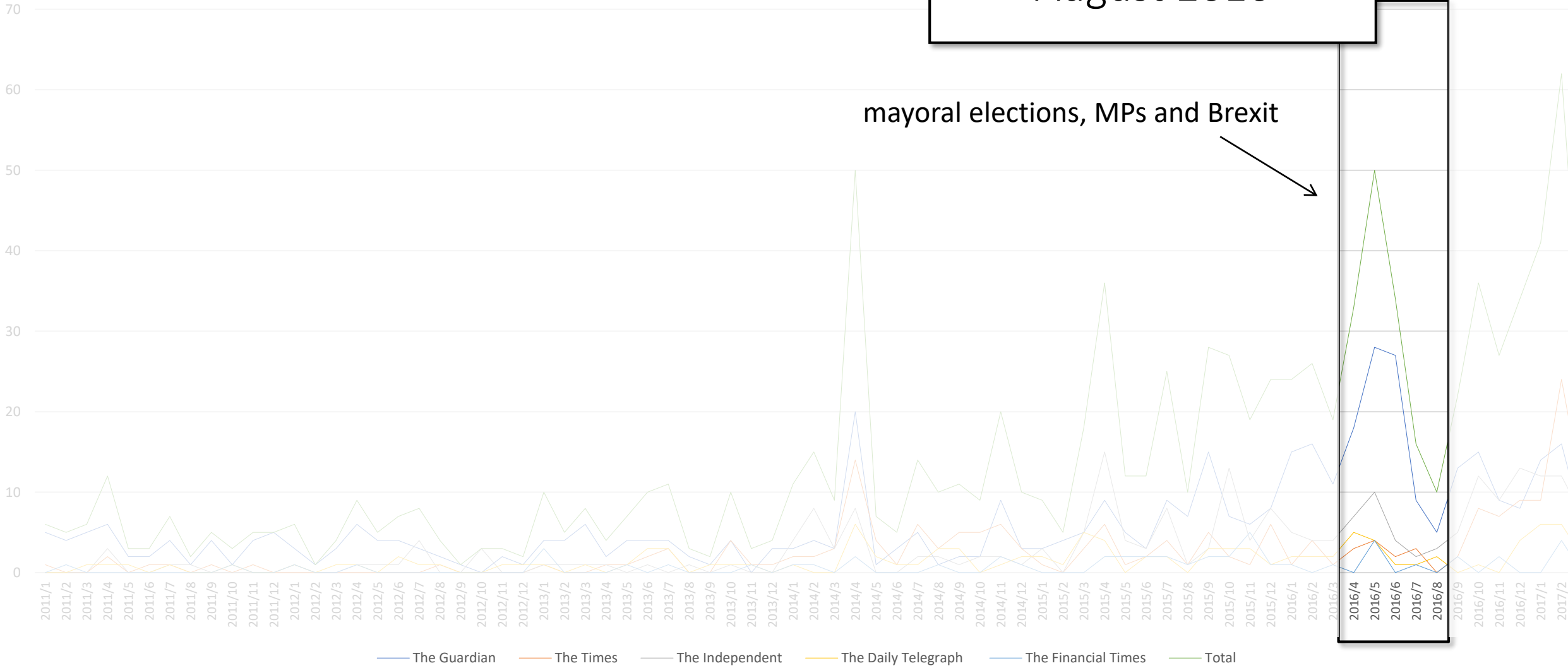
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The focus on new fault lines does not mean old fault lines have completely disappeared

⇒ Complex web of always more conflict lines coming together

4) Critical discourse period of April–August 2016



Pollution

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MPs: UK air pollution is a 'public health emergency'

Cross-party committee of MPs says the government needs to do much more to tackle the crisis, including a scrappage scheme for dirty old diesel cars

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London's mayoral rivals compete for green vision

Concern mounts that other global capitals offer a more pollution-free future



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What has the EU ever done for you? Quite a lot, actually



They cleaned up our beaches, gave us paid holiday time, improved our air quality, made our holidays cheaper - and even ensured that a bottle of wine costs less than it ever has

Hannah Fearn | @hannahfearn

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New shift in conflict lines: air pollution is taken up as a key political priority of the highest level and becomes part of the electoral struggle

⇒ strategies for change

- Which governance level can deal most adequately with air pollution? European, national, city-level, local?
- What is the power of the different policy levels and how do they relate to each other?
- The game of multilevel governance is played out in several ways

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Sadiq Khan joins air pollution court case against UK government

Mayor of London will submit statement and evidence in high court case brought by ClientEarth on the air pollution crisis in the capital

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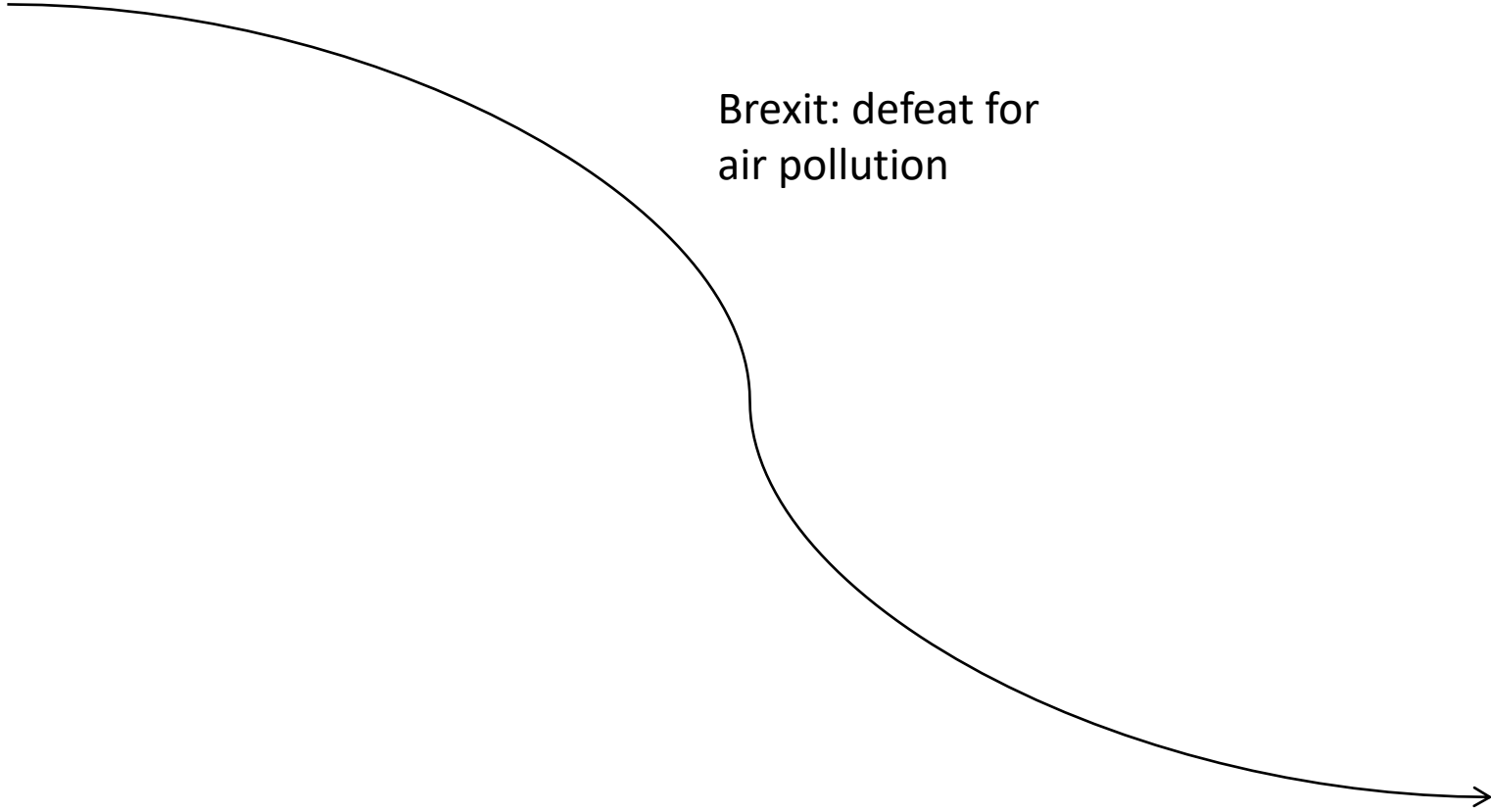
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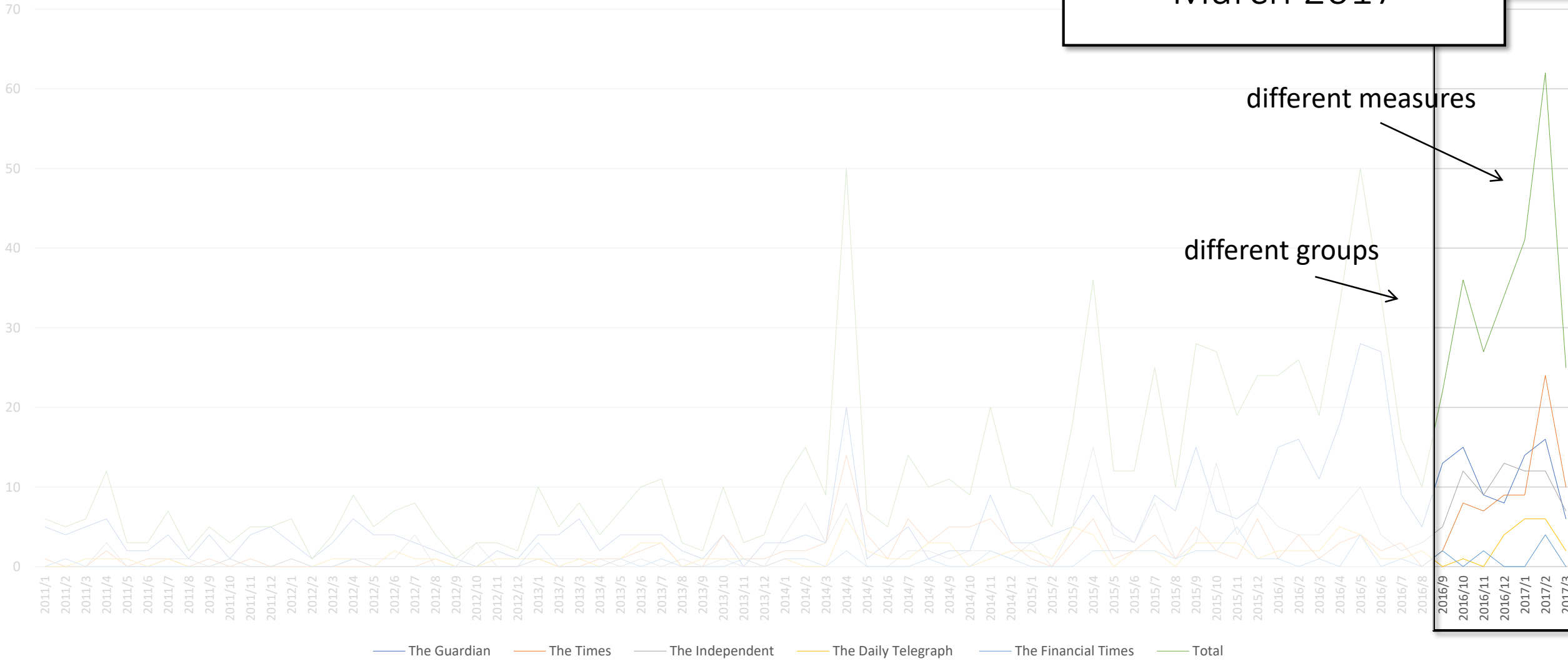


Election of Sadiq
Khan: triumph for
air pollution

Brexit: defeat for
air pollution



5) Critical discourse period of Sept. 2016 - March 2017



Conflict line 1: social divisions: 'we are not all affected in the same way'

Black Lives Matter protest stops flights at London City airport

Police arrest seven of nine people chained to tripod on runway in protest against impact of air pollution on black people



**Matthew Weaver and
Jamie Grierson**

Tue 6 Sep 2016 11.44 BST

Conflict line 2: Which visions on future alternatives?

Which measures should be put in place?

Are all green measures good measures?

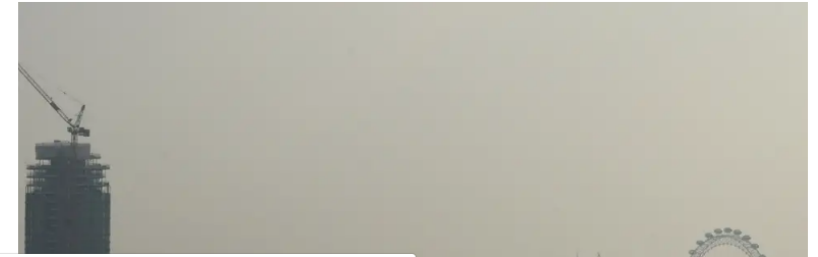
Voices

Free public transport in London is the only way to save our environment

While short-term measures alert Londoners to air pollution that is already high, our car-centric culture needs to be challenged to permanently tackle air pollution

CAROLINE RUSSELL | Sunday 11 December 2016 13:15 |

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Average speed cameras to reduce air pollution deaths

Ben Webster, Environment Editor
December 1 2016, 12:01am,
The Times



Cameras which track speed over a set distance are thought to help smooth traffic flow
ANDREW MATTHEWSIPA

VIDEO

Drivers of toxic diesels must pay to enter cities

Ben Webster, Environment Editor |
Graeme Paton, Transport
Correspondent

November 3 2016, 12:01am,
The Times



Britain has failed to draw up plans to ensure that it meets EU limits on air pollution, which causes more than 40,000
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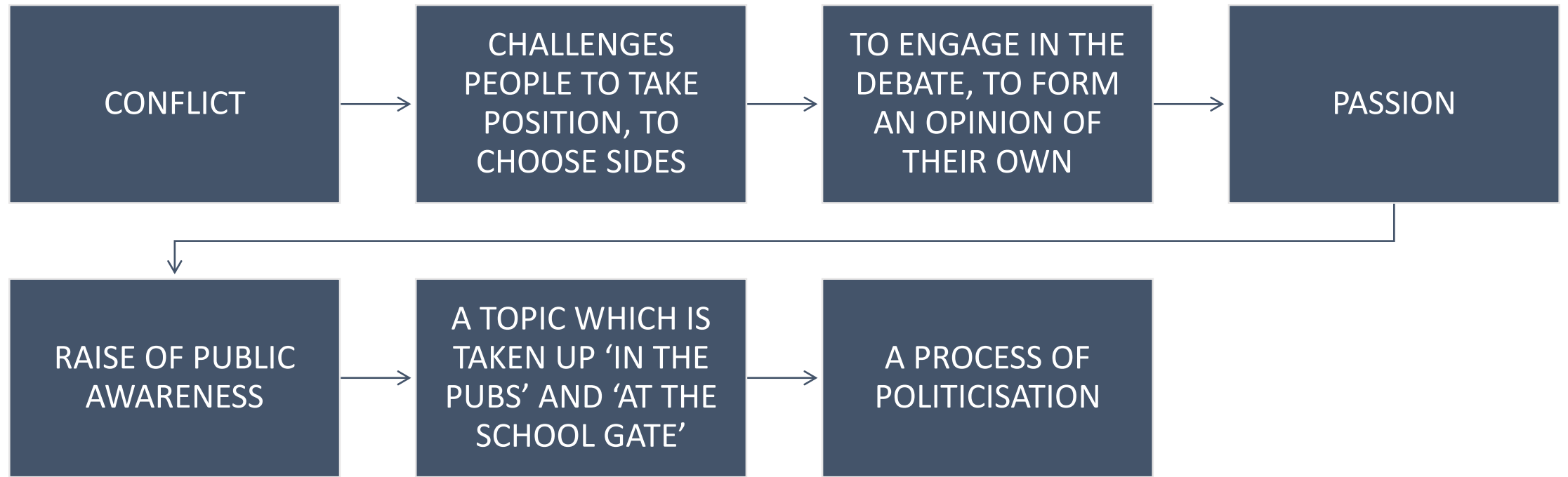
⇒ Up the spiral, more detail in the debate

- Further unfolding and mixing up of several conflict lines
 - E.g. Sadiq Khan's pledge to pedestrianise Oxford Street
 - Boris Johnson's plea to leave the EU: '[Have] fines fuelled the current heightening of Mr Johnson's hostility towards the EU?' (The Guardian, 31 May 2019)
- + single news items in much higher numbers

⇒ Self-reinforcing cyclic iterative process whereby higher media coverage and public awareness mutually reinforce each other

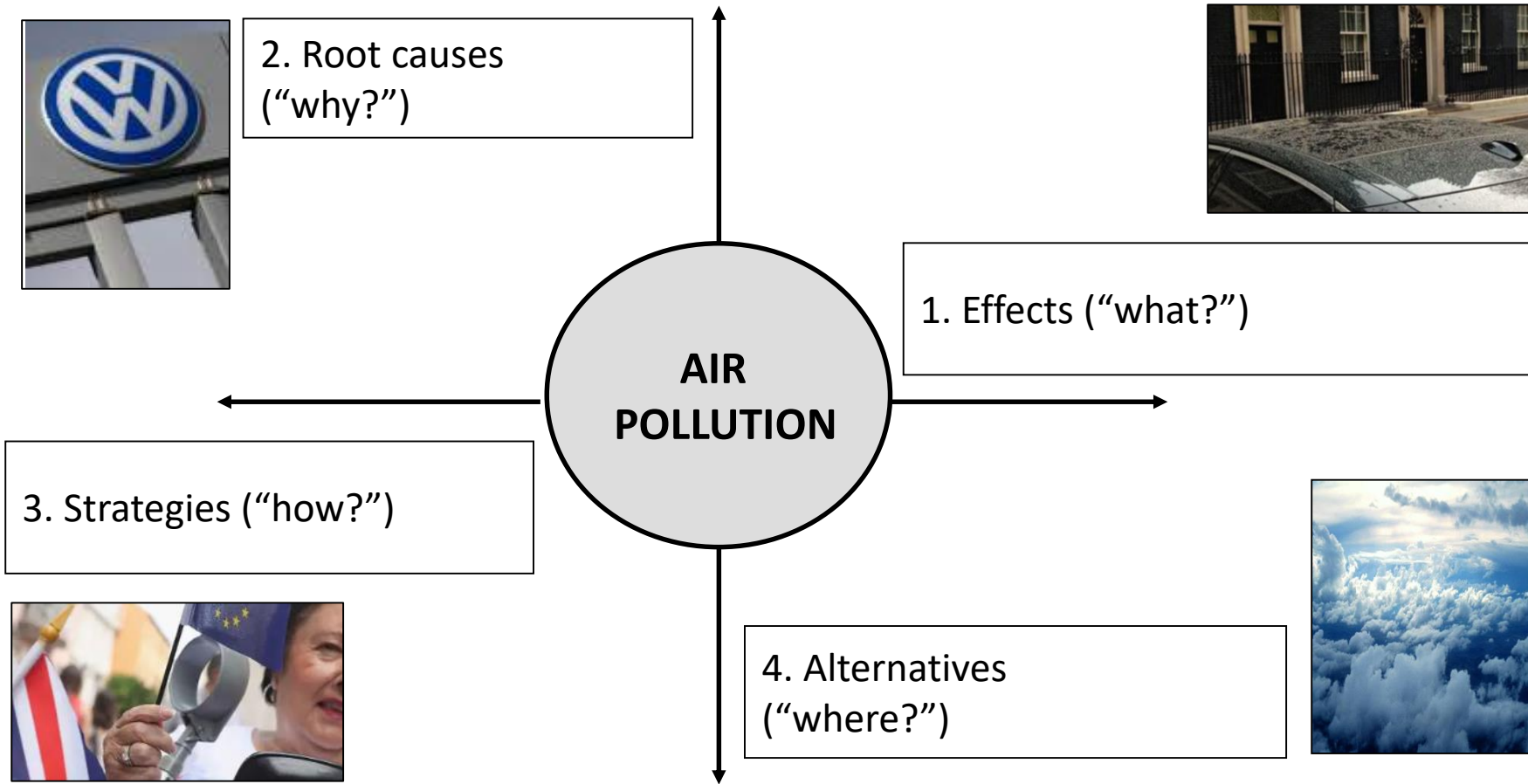
⇒ Conflict is a crucial driving factor





!) Not debate because there is interest, but interest because there is debate

The conflict lines can be mapped onto Jensen's (2002) model of different levels of knowledge and awareness formation in environmental education.



Risks

- Stories are published which aren't double-checked
- Call for quick fixes, rise of gimmicks
- People might become passively anxious

The smart bus stop traps harmful pollutants via a filtration system, and is said to create 95 percent cleaner air in the central spots where Londoners are most vulnerable to toxic air pollution.



Airlabs unveiled a series of 'anti-pollution bus stops' in London in 2017 CREDIT: AIRLABS

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Coming to an end

- Level of 'saturation'
- New issues which take the foreground

What we don't talk about when we only talk about Brexit

Jonathan Freedland



Warming oceans, war in Yemen, the fate of the Uighurs, Gaza ...
We've been too busy with the backstop to notice the world



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