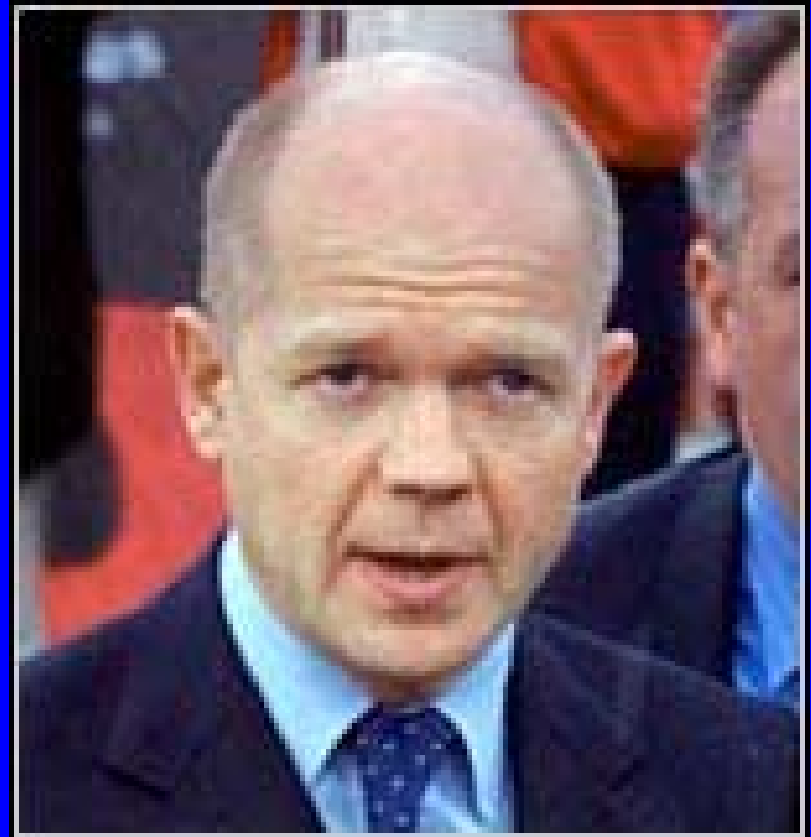# Who lost the June 2001 General Election?

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Towards a digital election

- 2001 Election: www.psr.keele.ac.uk website had 39 party sites, 270 local party sites
- Next Election:?

The need to archive

- Historical record - Brewster Kahle's 44 day life of a website
- Academic reference
- Trusted digital repository
- International cooperation

Domain.uk experiment

- 6 month experiment to select and capture 100 UK websites
- audit change, loss, links etc. over time
- produce a report on where to go next
- pdfs separate experiment

Selection

- Inclusions:
- major issues: Election, GM Crops
- Dewey sample
- suggestions

- Exclusions:
- govt sites
- registration
- fly/databases
- copyright content
- uncontactable

Discovery

- Search engines
- RDN news headlines feeder
- Notification lists
- Reviews
- Suggestions

Process

- E-mail selected site for approval
- Measure site for links, size etc.
- Bluesquirrel whack
- Revisit every three weeks
- Save to F drive on server

Website profile 1

	May	Dec
Sites inactive		8%
Change of URL		4%
Dead sites		5%
Self-archiving	1%	5%
Bobby compliant	6%	10%

Website profile 2

	May	Dec
HTML	98%	95%
Average size	34kb	30kb
Links to	708	832
Links from	33	33
Updated between whacks	36%	58%

Futures

- Make available via website

- Scaling up (2004 CSR bid)

- Selection + Harvesting (NEDLIB)

- Nomination form on BL website

- Archiving in DLS

- International and national collaboration