"Make Us Great Again: The Causes of Declinism in Major Powers"
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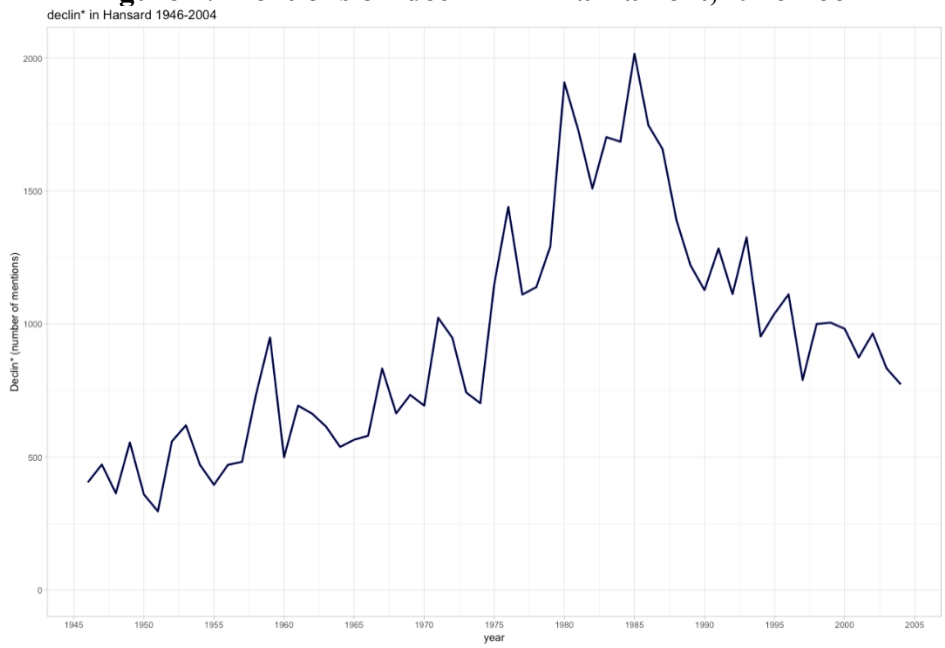
Appendix 1

Figure 1: Mentions of 'declin*' in Parliament, 1946-2004



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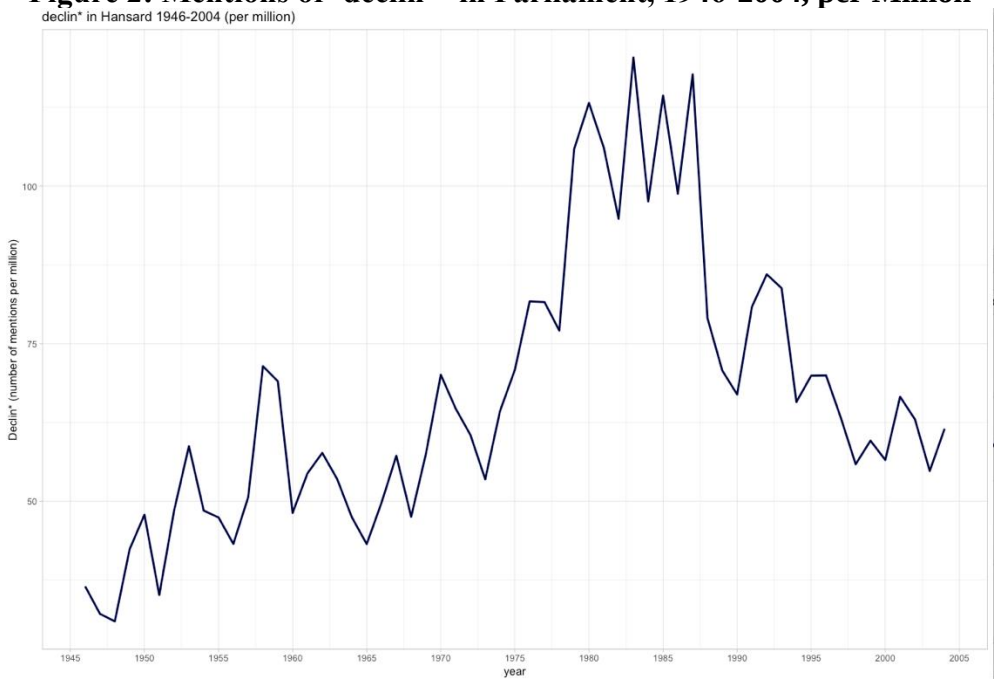


Figure 3: Speeches Mentioning 'declin*' in Parliament, 1946-2013

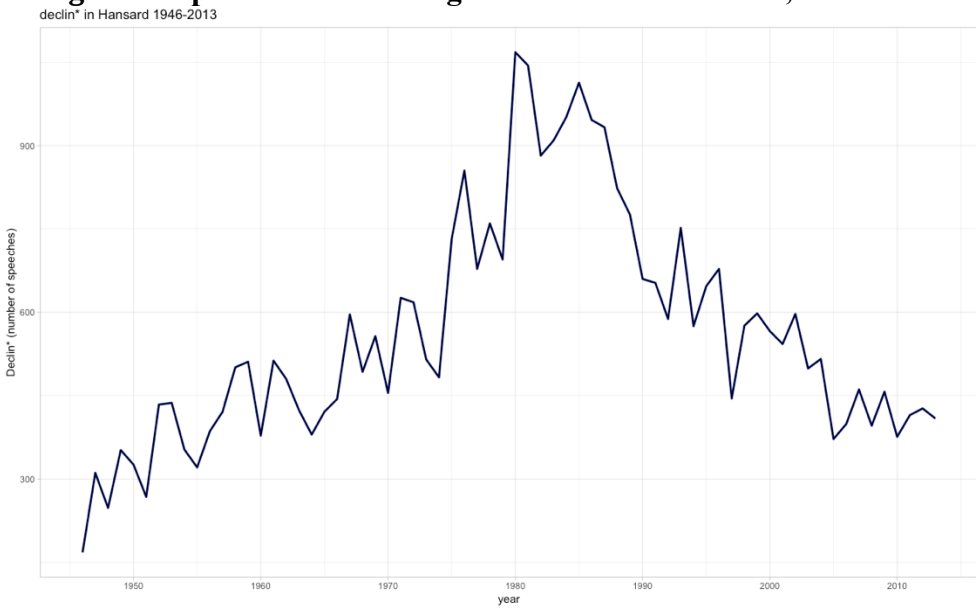


Figure 4: Refined Dictionary: Mentions of 'declin*' in Parliament, 1946-2004

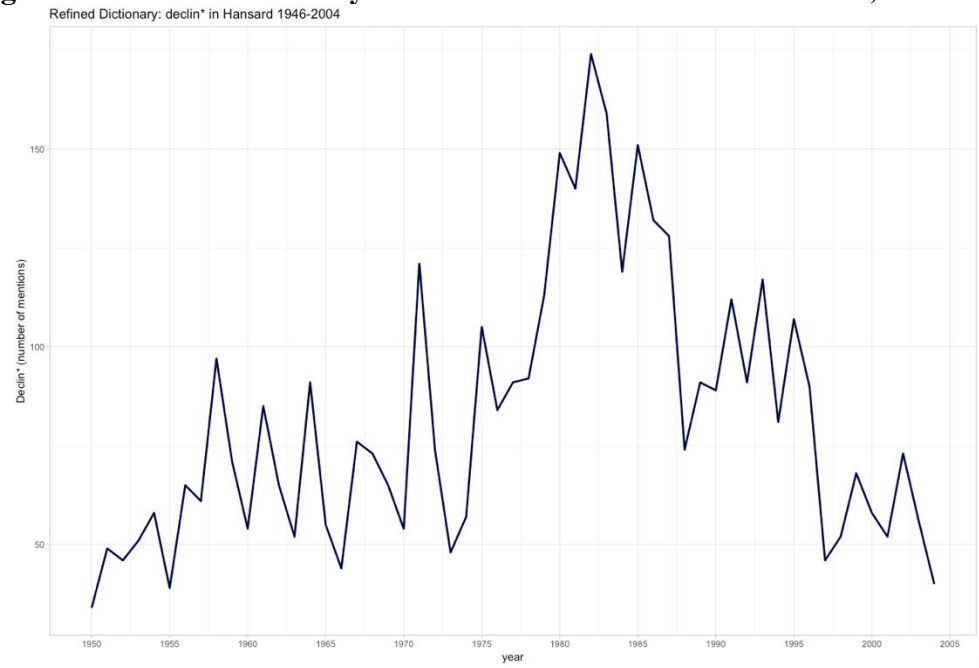


Figure 5: Mentions of Decline in the *Times of London* Editorial Section (newspaper strike in 1979)[1]

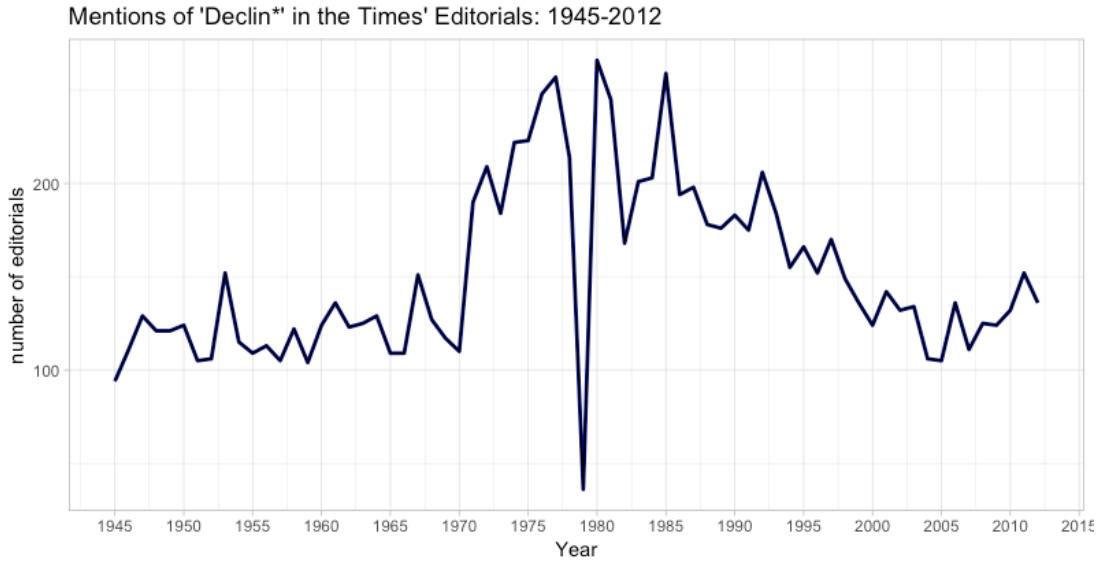
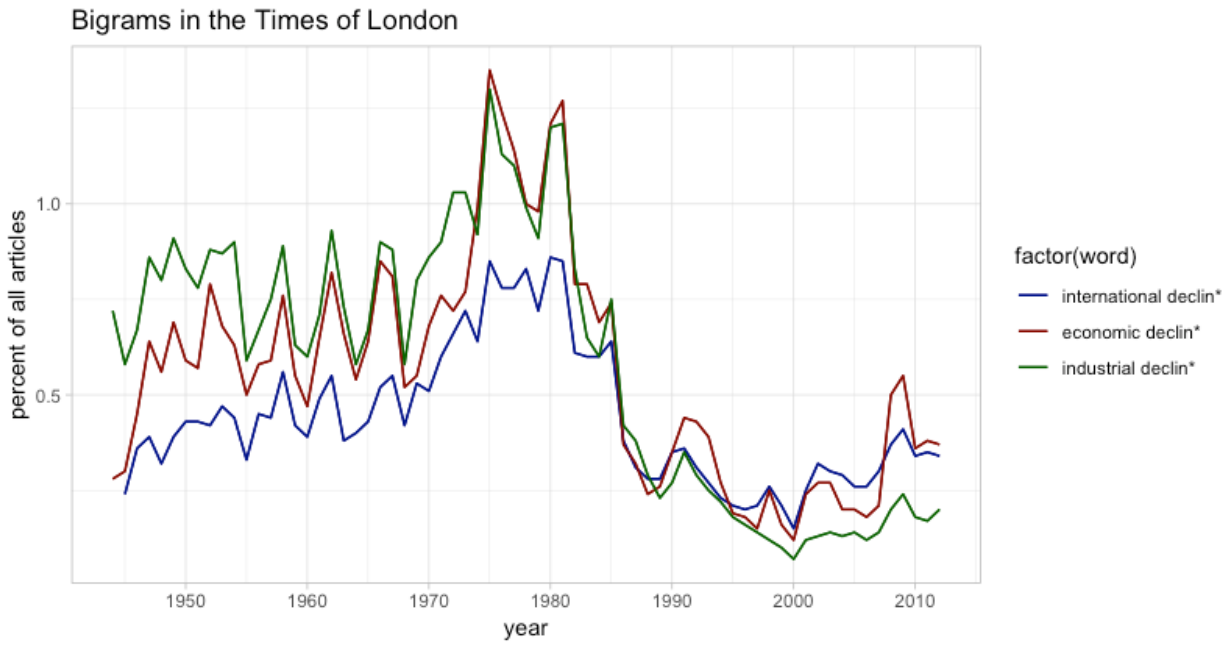


Figure 6: Bigrams in the *Times of London*



[1] The data on particular sections of the newspaper do not allow me to weight the number of editorials containing declin* by the total number of editorials.

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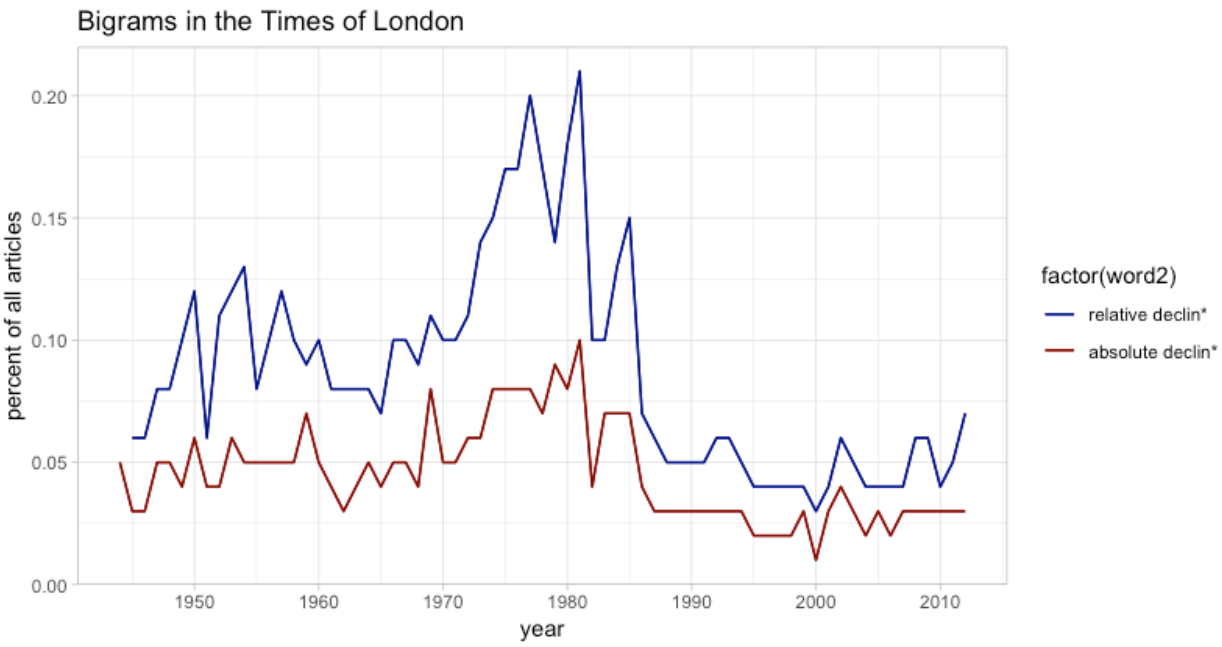
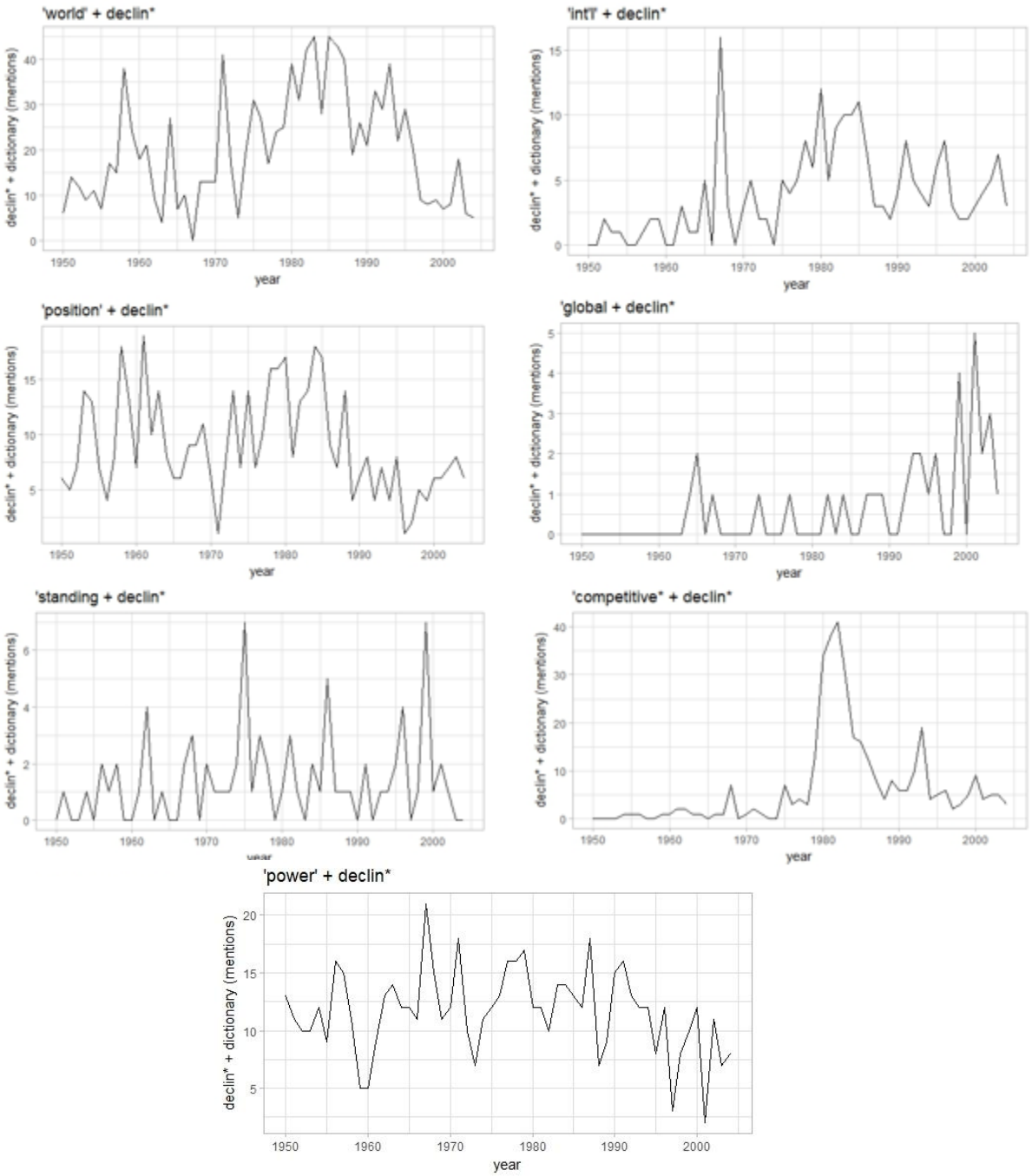


Figure 8A: Occurrences of Dictionary Terms alongside “declin*” in Parliament



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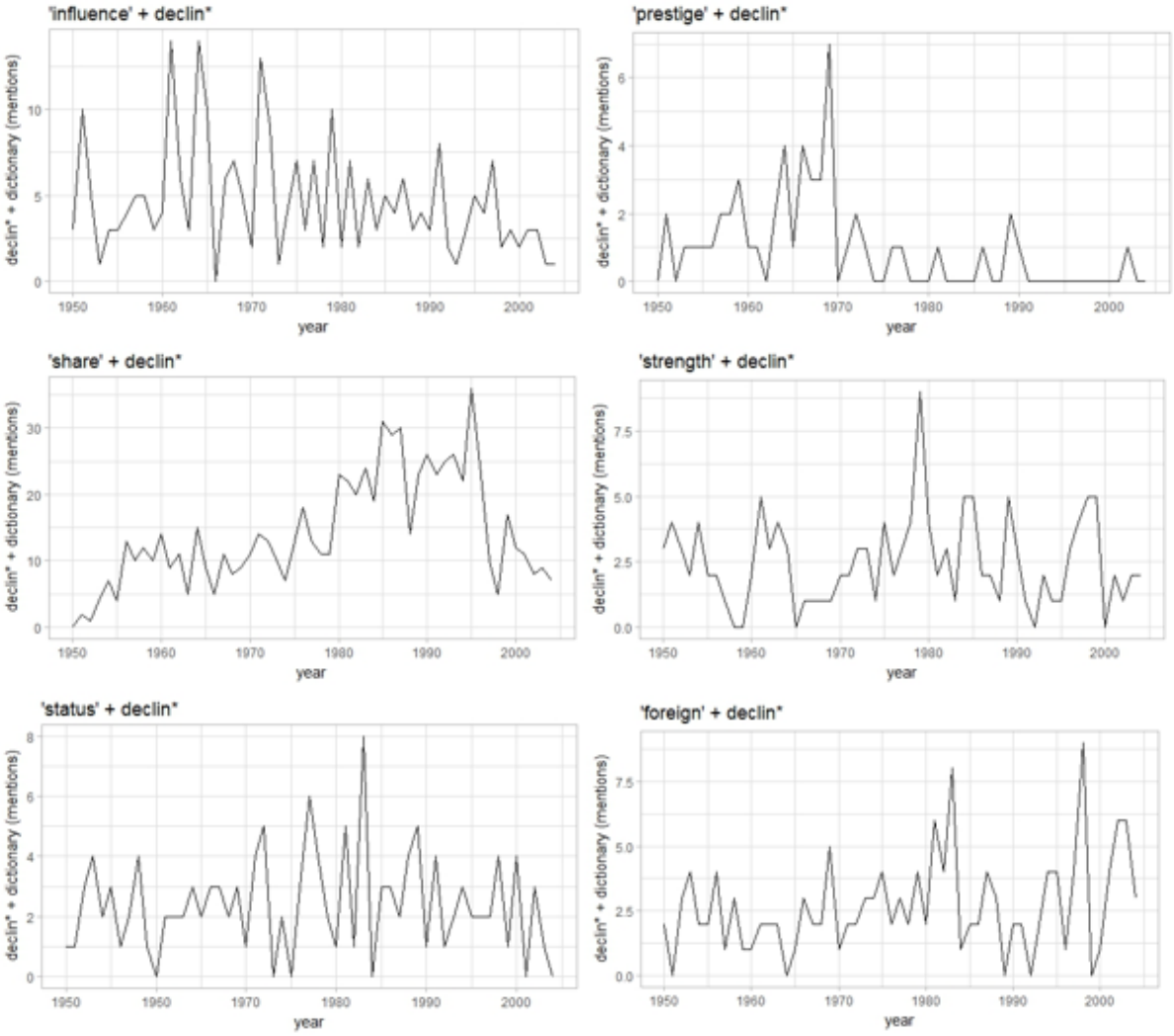


Figure 9: Mentions of "declined" in the *Times*

Figure 10: Mentions of "declining" in the *Times*

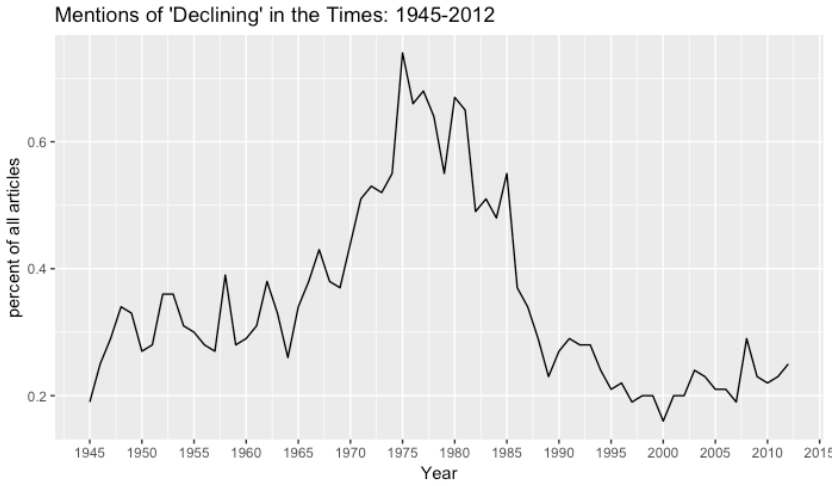
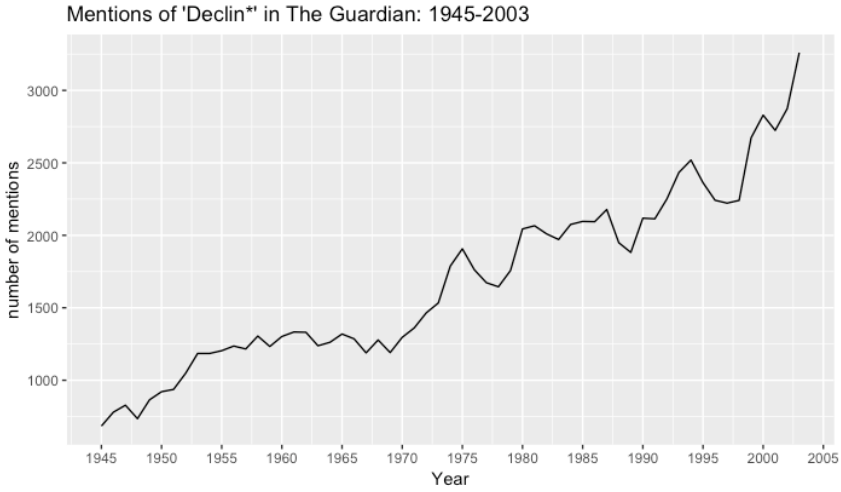


Figure 11: Mentions of "declin*" in the *Guardian*[2]



[2] Note: The *Guardian* data do not allow me to weight the number of mentions by number of words each year.

Figure 12

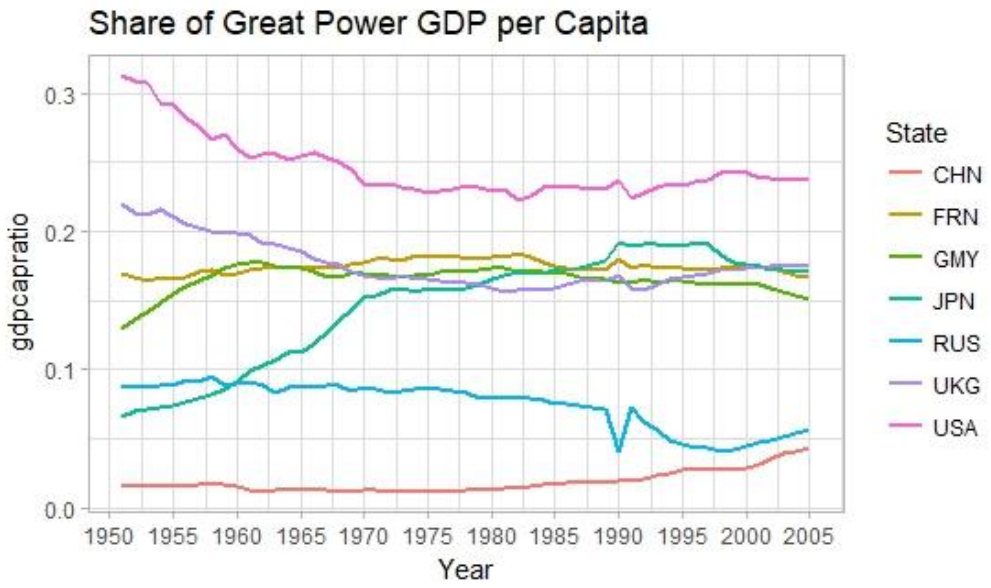
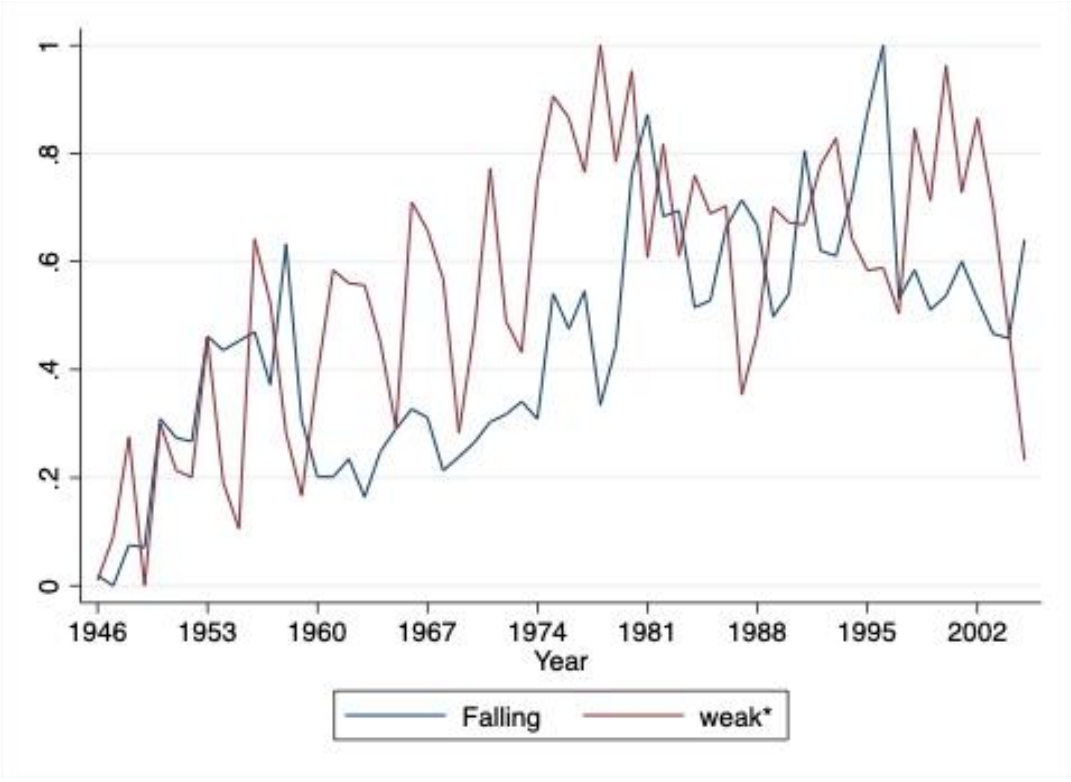


Figure 13 Mentions of 'falling' and 'weak*', 1946-2004 (Normalized terms per million)[3]



[3] The following terms did not produce enough words per million to appropriately graph: ebbing, fading, waning.

Table 1: Validation of Keywords in Context[4]

Number	KWIC
253	compete with other nations in the markets of the world, our manufacturing industry will decline, and our service industries will also suffer: Indeed, that is the crux
4218	Where nearly 10,000 people are engaged in three great shipbuilding yards: Naturally the continuing decline in the strength of the order books disturbs not only those who are concerned in
546	public services focused on the poor: However, because world commodity prices are still declining—; coffee, cocoa and so on— and oil prices have been rising,
2605	; Sir Fergus Montgomery Yes it is, and the terrible thing is that the decline started when the last Labour Government were in power:
1493	a time when it is an ominous fact that the global production of cereals has declined in the past two years for the first time since 1945: The world's
2800	today: The Motion welcomes the determination of Her Majesty's Government to reverse the decline in the economic strength and competitive power of this country … The noble Lord
464	it has seemed that every year in recent years our share of world tonnage has declined by about ½ per cent: Also, whereas total world tonnage has increased
1688	's position in the world has changed: The most important change is the relative decline in the military and economic power of this country: Militarily, we no longer
2470	This, primarily, and most importantly, depends upon a turnround of the national decline position which I have spelled out: Investment has been mentioned and blamed, as
1483	it about: At the same time, as the danger of global war is declining, instability in Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America seems to be
3581	product grows, as I hope it will, the share for defence may slightly decline, but I doubt whether any further reductions will be possible in the future other
3901	for the Research Councils by the Royal Society reveal that Britain shows the most marked decline in its share of scientific output of any major OECD country: What is worse
100	it immediately to sterling: A year later, once the foreign currency has substantially declined in value against sterling, he converts back into the foreign currency enough sterling to
2444	to do more and more, yet their position in society is, relatively, declining: This creates a certain cynicism: 287 I hope that in the reply tonight
4082	of jobs? At a time when the European Community share of world trade is declining, does he agree that the European Union should reduce burdens on industry, as
4307	be attracted, under the new regime they would be left with assignees of steadily declining covenant strength and no other recourse: Investment prospects and confidence would decline accordingly:
2340	are entitled to ask the Minister what will be our position if the order book declines substantially once the credits are exhausted: If they were not available we might find
4005	, far from providing any sustained boost to exports, were associated with the continuing decline in our share of world trade in manufactures: Devaluation offers at best a temporary
3912	by the British Government's neglect of the science base and by the dramatic relative decline in our share of world trade and in our international competitiveness: The superficial stance
2964	accountable, they must discuss it: The truth is that it reveals a serious decline in the capacity, competitiveness and effectiveness of British Industry: These problems have,

[4] Random number generator to pull 20 key words in context for validation purposes, alongside validation with historical literature.

Table 2: Dictionary Terms --
terms that appear within 9 words on either side of “declin*”

Term	Frequency alongside “declin*”
competitive*	368
foreign	151
global*	35
influence	270
international*	207
position	524
power*	690
prestige	55
share	803
standing	74
status	138
strength	142
world	1155