

Office for
Students



The University Question

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OfS

We aim to ensure that...

Every student, whatever their background, has a fulfilling experience of higher education that enriches their lives and careers.

Participation

Objective 1

All students, from all backgrounds, with the ability and desire to undertake higher education, are supported to access, succeed in, and progress from higher education.

Experience

Objective 2

All students, from all backgrounds, receive a high quality academic experience, and their interests are protected while they study or in the event of provider, campus or course closure.

Outcomes

Objective 3

All students, from all backgrounds, are able to progress into employment, further study, and fulfilling lives, and their qualifications hold their value over time.

Value for money

Objective 4

All students, from all backgrounds, receive value for money.

Myths about the OfS

- They are HEFCE Mark II
- They are against the sector
- They are obsessed with marketisation
- There will be a fault-line between OfS and UKRI
- In the end they'll bail out institutions that struggle financially

The Economy

1903: SHEFFIELD CAMPAIGN FOR A UNIVERSITY

Why the people should support it

Because:

- The University will be for the people
- The fees for instruction will be as low as possible
- By means of scholarships [open to] any child of the working man who shows ability...

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A University will underpin the economy

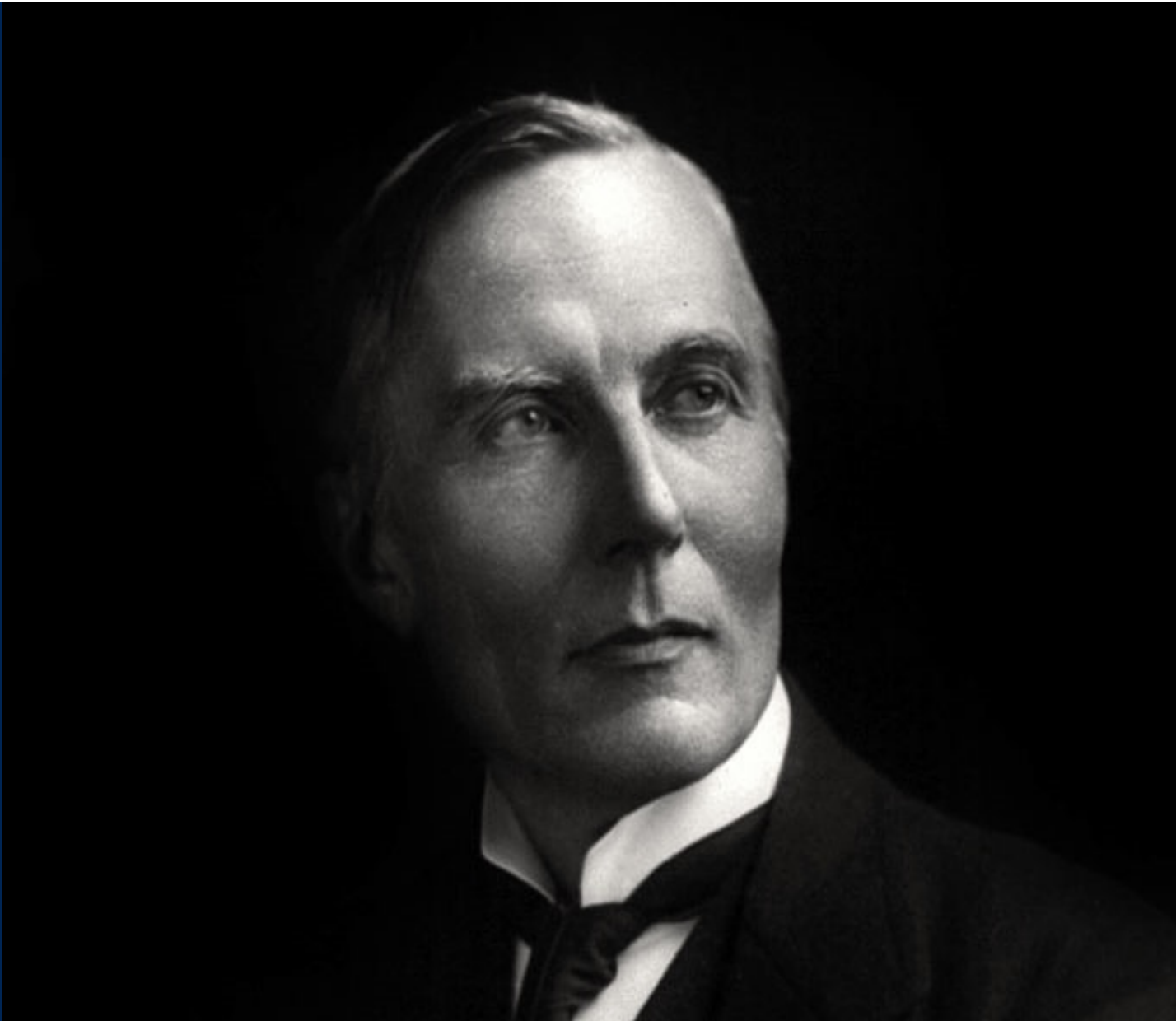
- If Sheffield is to keep its industries and prosperity, it must provide facilities for discovering new scientific methods to apply to those industries...
- The trained skill of those engaged in the trades will bring more trade to the district...

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Funding

- Much money is required. Masters are giving. Each working man can give a little. There are many working men in Sheffield; if all give, a large sum can be raised...
- Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool and Manchester already have a University. Is Sheffield to be left behind?

The University question affects the whole nation. England must “wake up”.



Number of degree apprenticeship entrants nationally

2016 – 17	1,700
2017 – 18	4,500
2020 – 21	20,000* predicted

*Assumes 130% growth rate – half the rate between 2016-17 and 2017-18. Source: OfS analysis.

Projected degree apprenticeships in 2020

University of Sheffield

414

University of Warwick

1,400

Nottingham Trent
University

1,500

Sheffield Hallam
University

2,350

University of Exeter

803

University of
Wolverhampton

1,500

Figures show expected total enrolments at each university.

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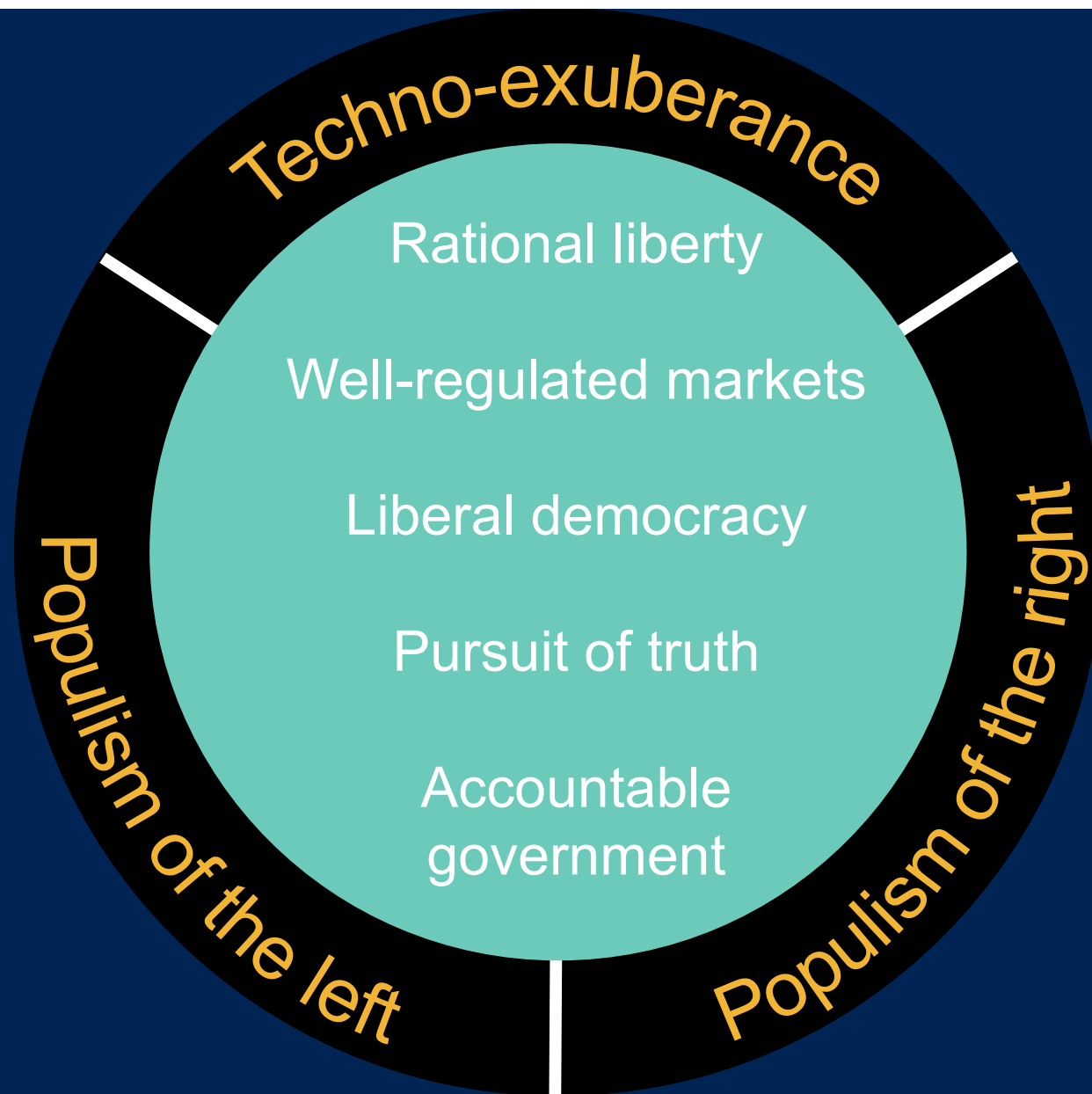


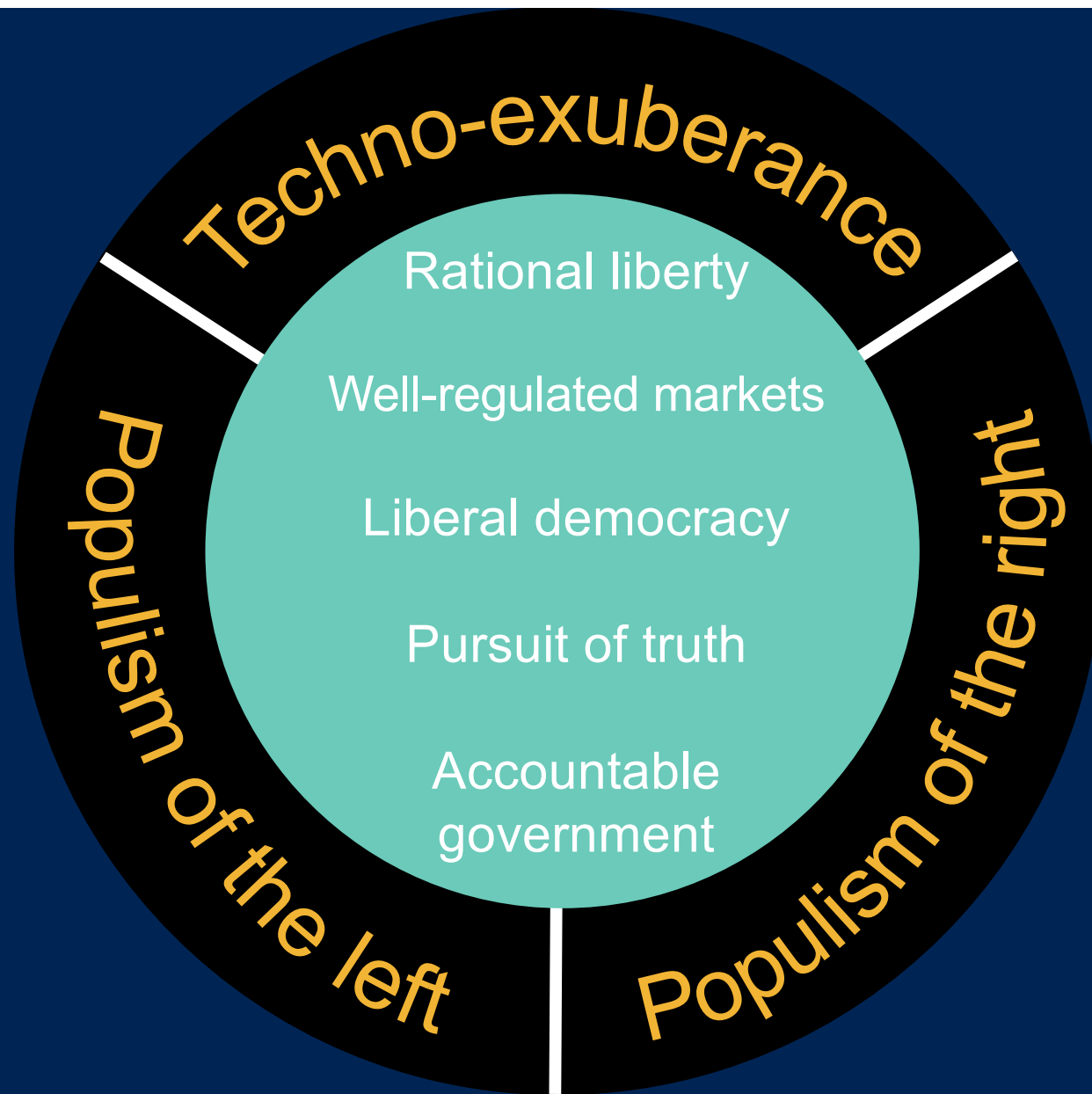
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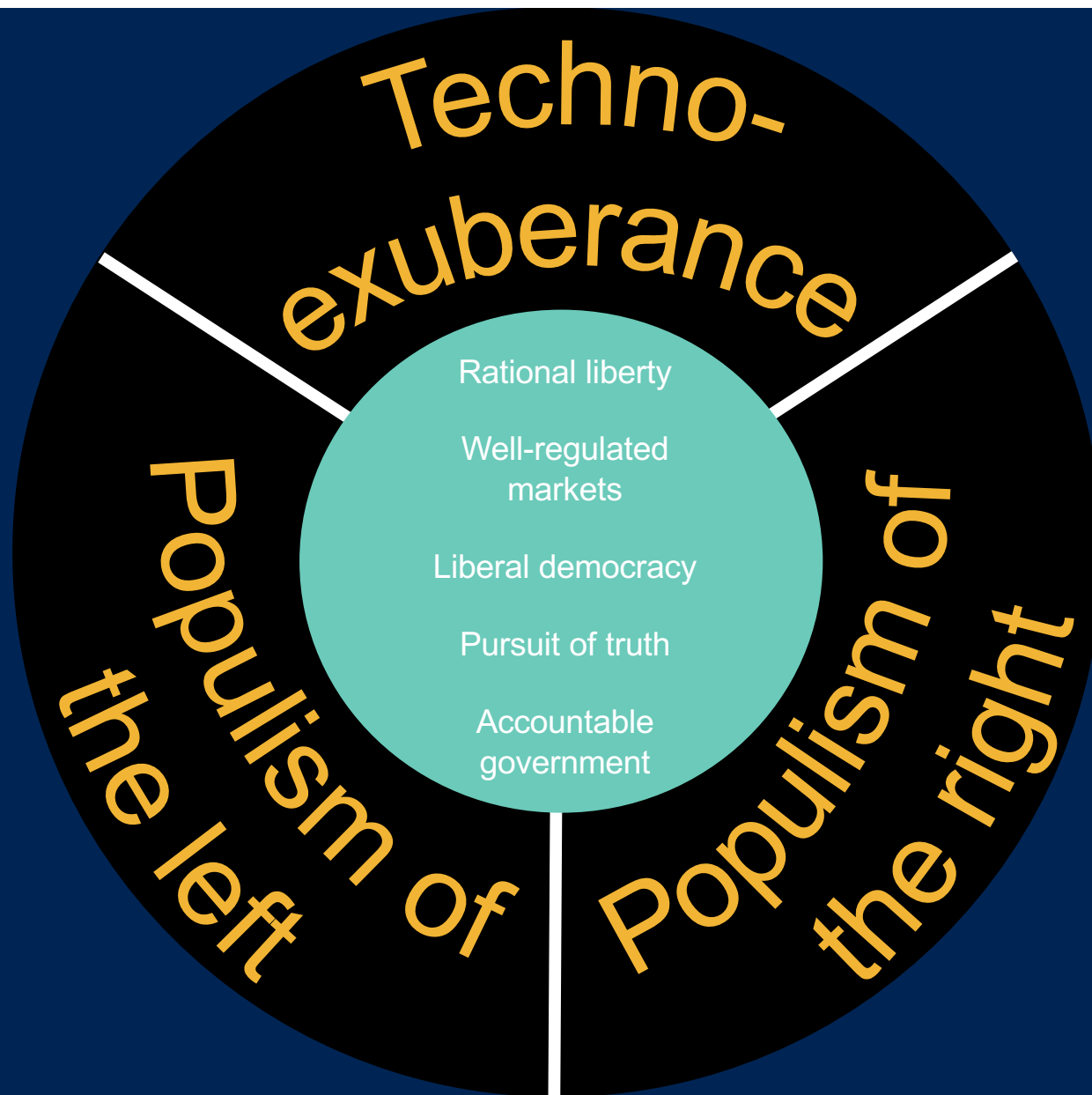
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The Shrinking Circle









THE AGENDA for the 21st CENTURY

- Ambitious about access, success and progression
- Great teaching, great research and great combinations
- Combinations of theoretical and applied learning
- Rigour about standards, flexible about routes
- Constant evaluation and refinement
- Active engagement in communities and the economy
- Brilliant communication – people need to know what you do

**Don't take the values for granted –
inclusivity, diversity and the pursuit of
truth have to be promoted**

Don't let reason sleep