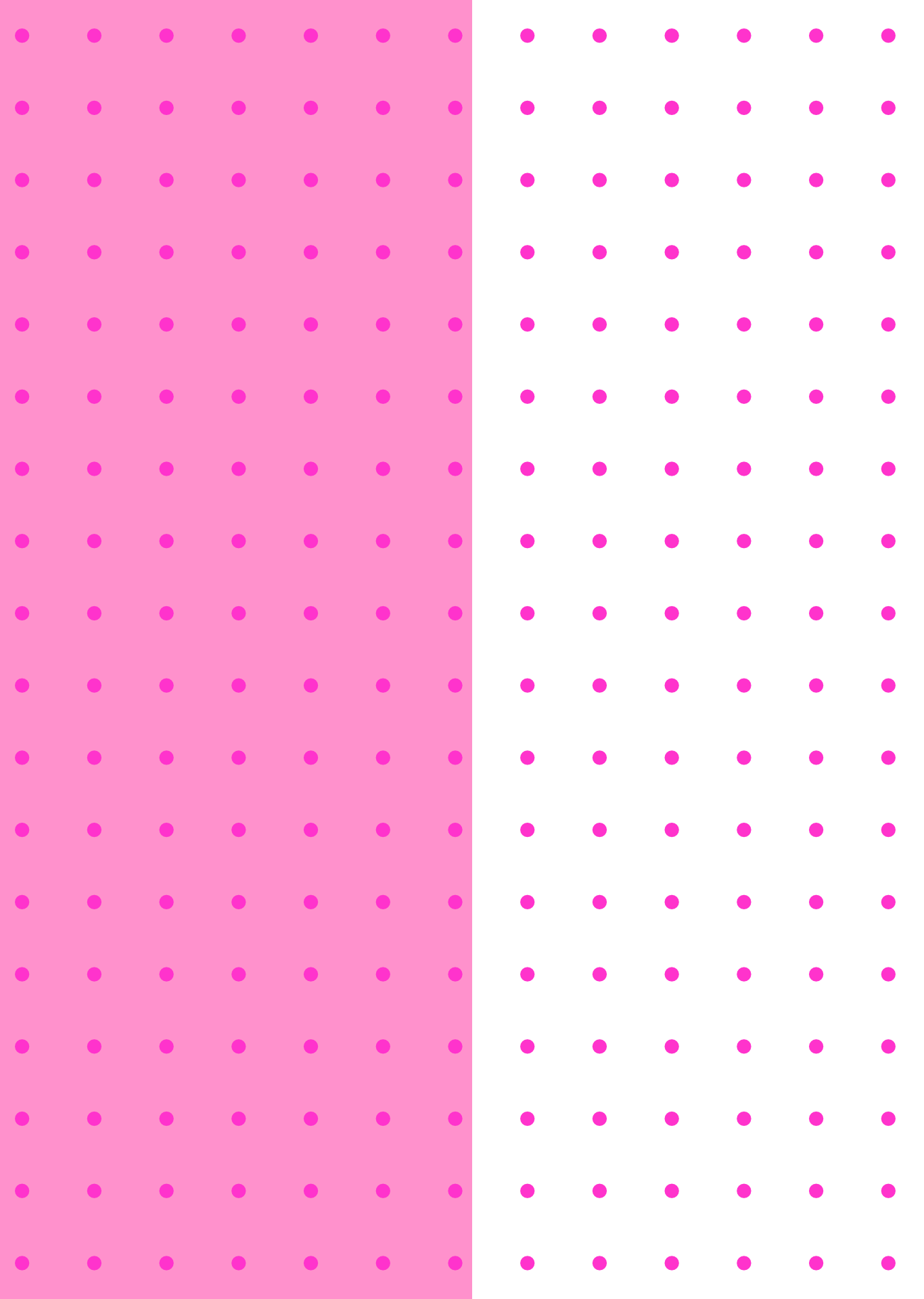


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The General Election, digested

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A Labour government

Majority of 172 – but shallow support; rise of smaller parties

Missions: economic growth and opportunity plus crime, NHS, energy

Serious ministerial appointments: Kyle, Vallance, Philipson, Smith

Limited opportunity for public spending: no increase to income tax, national insurance or VAT, or corporation tax

Repairing HE relationships and recognising the value of HE – but there is still the imperative to “be useful” – and a long list of issues to fix that are not universities



Manifesto, TL;DR

Securonomics: industrial strategy, statutory local growth plans, ten-year R&D settlements, infrastructure, housing, start-ups and spin-outs, New Deal for Working People, devolution

Opportunity: post-16 education strategy, Skills England, support aspiration for university, strengthen quality and access, "secure future" for higher education funding



Change



My plan for change



Labour's first steps for change



Mission-driven government



Strong foundations



Kickstart economic growth



Make Britain a clean energy superpower



Take back our streets



Break down barriers to opportunity



Build an NHS fit for the future



Serving the country



Britain reconnected



Labour's fiscal plan



Manifesto accessibility

Change.

Labour Party Manifesto 2024

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At this election we can change Britain.

We can stop the chaos, turn the page, and start to rebuild our country.

In-tray and pressing issues

University finances and risk of insolvency/disorderly market exit

Student finance, cost of living, wellbeing and engagement

International recruitment and interaction with research financing

Industrial relations and the impact of widespread restructures and redundancies

The higher education regulator, its remit, relationships, and approach

The Lifelong Learning Entitlement

Pensions

Franchising

Free speech and the prospect of more culture wars

