

Baumgartner, POLI 203 Spring 2016

Framing

Reading: Radelet and Borg,
Baumgartner DeBoef Boydstun

April 11, 2016

Catching Up

- My class on traffic stops for Fall 2016 was cancelled. I'll just be teaching POLI 421 on Framing.
- Instead of the traffic stops class, I'm going to team-teach a "super course" on diversity with Profs. Sharon P. Holland (American Studies / AAAD) and Jennifer Ho (English / Comp Lit / Asian-American Studies). Large lecture, Spring 2017, open to all, covering lots of issues relating to race, gender, multiculturalism. No course number yet, but it will be in Spring 2017. All three of us will teach it.

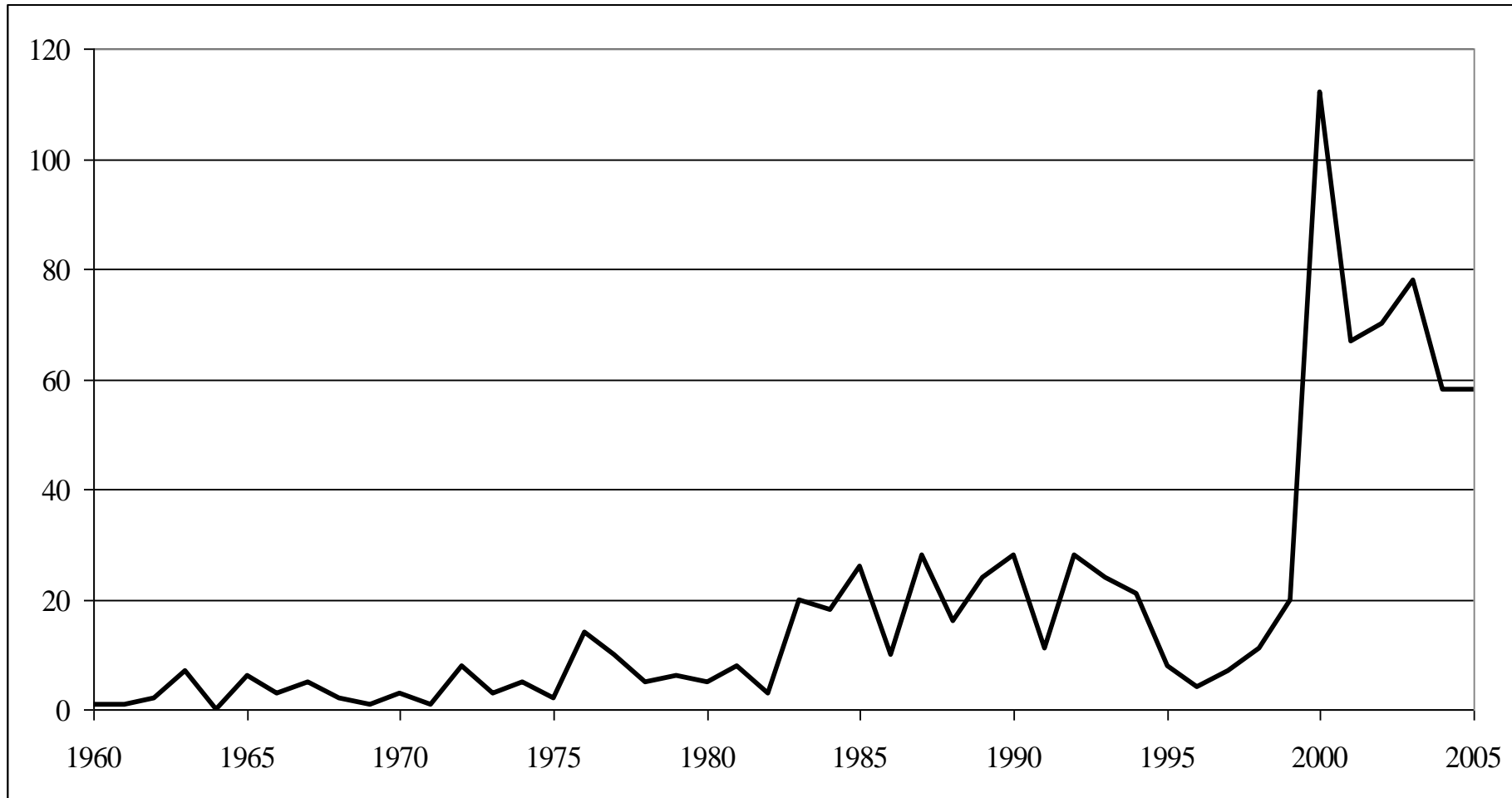
Tonight's speakers: Jim Coleman, Jamie Lau

- <https://law.duke.edu/news/wrongful-convictions-clinic-client-freed-after-serving-nearly-24-years-crime-he-didnt-commit/>
- Howard Dudley freed just about 2 weeks ago after 24 years.
- LaMonte Armstrong, others have come from their work.
- They can also discuss the “brutal triage” of innocence claims – they have to pick and choose.
- So come with your questions.

Today's guest at 4:10 or so

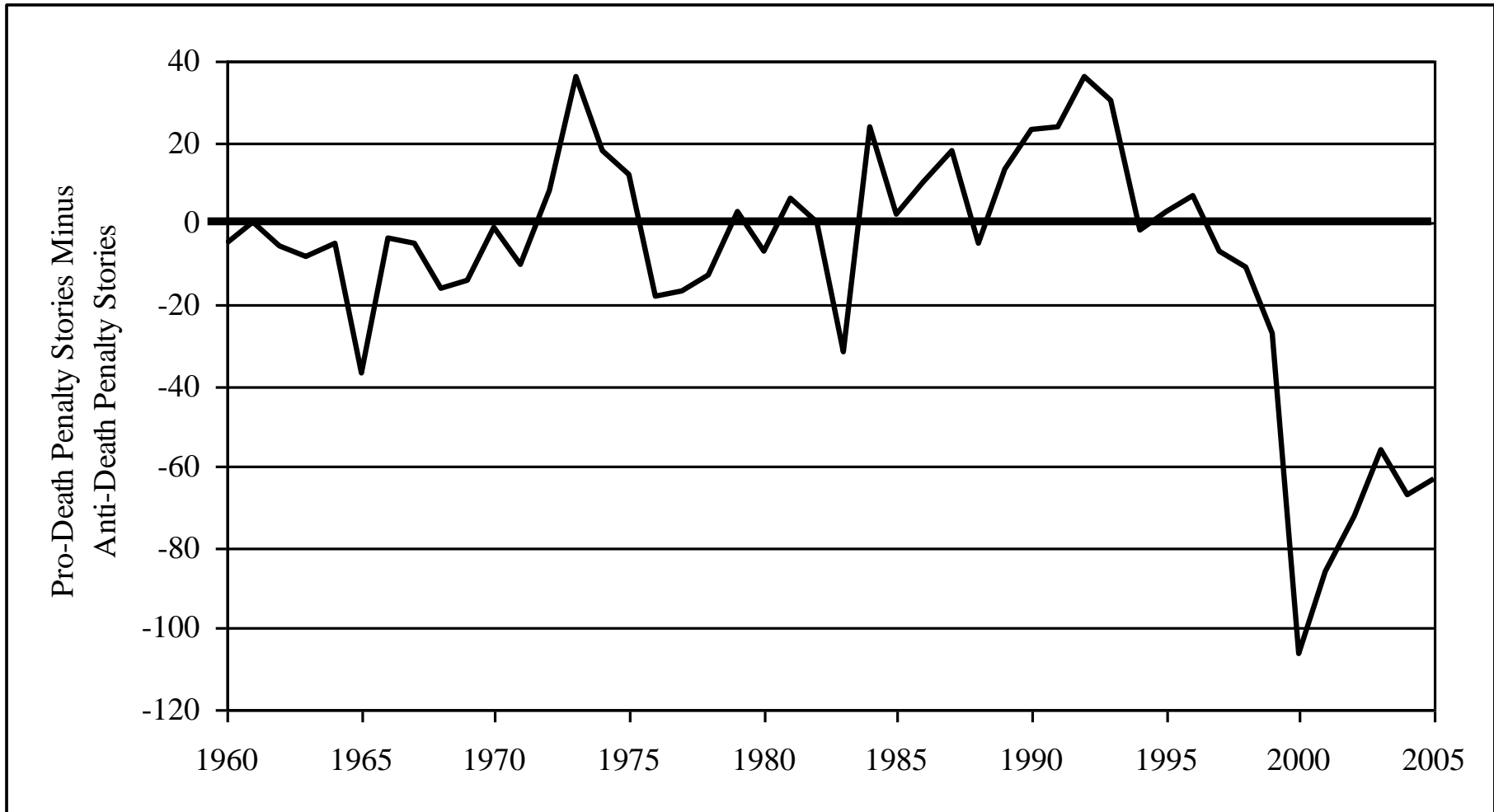
- Elizabeth Hambourger, Staff Attorney, CDPL
- She coordinates visitors and correspondents for all NC death row inmates, but can also answer your questions.

The Rise of the “Innocence” Frame



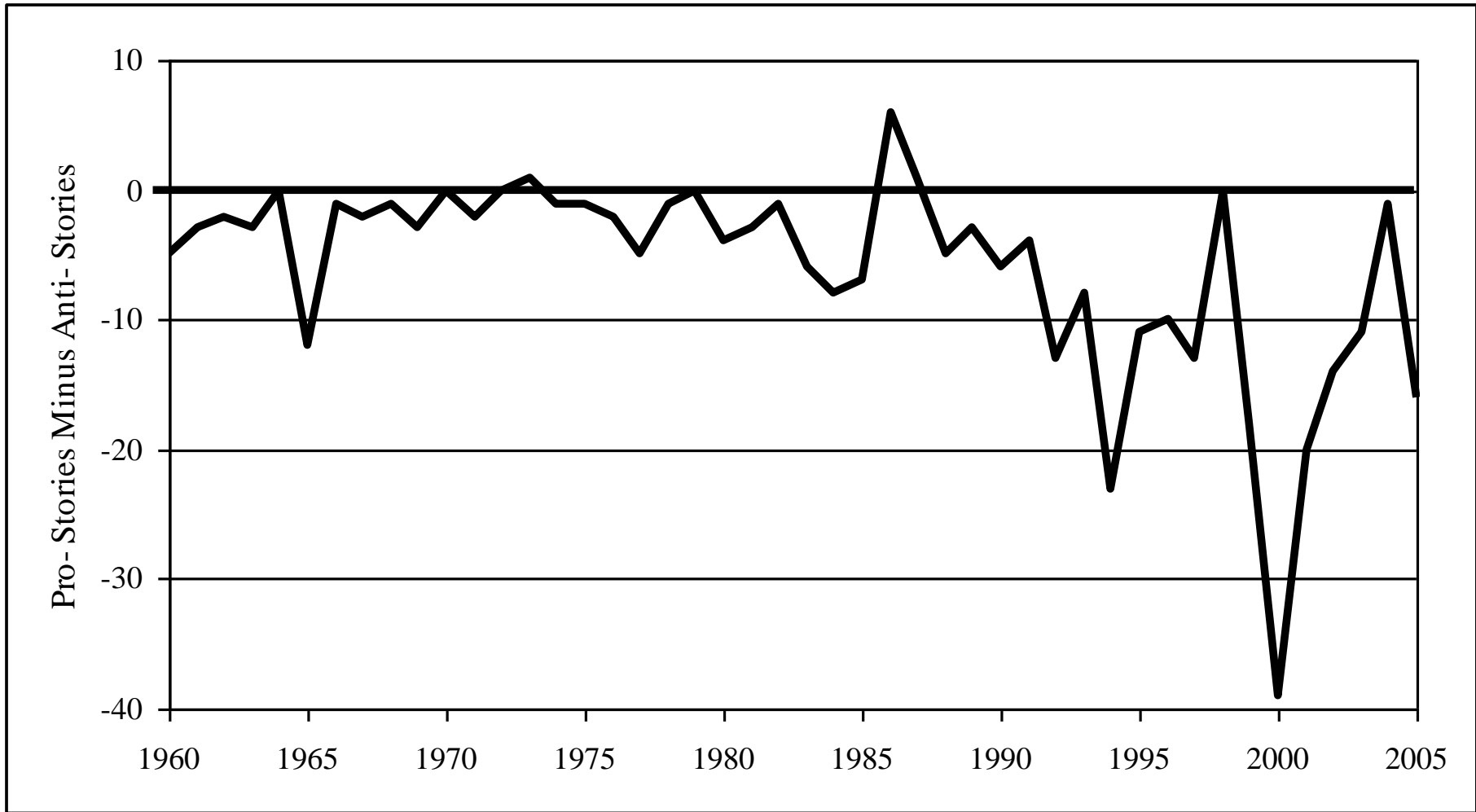
Includes: Innocence; Evidence; System-is-Broken; Mention of the Defendant

The “Net Tone” of NYT Coverage

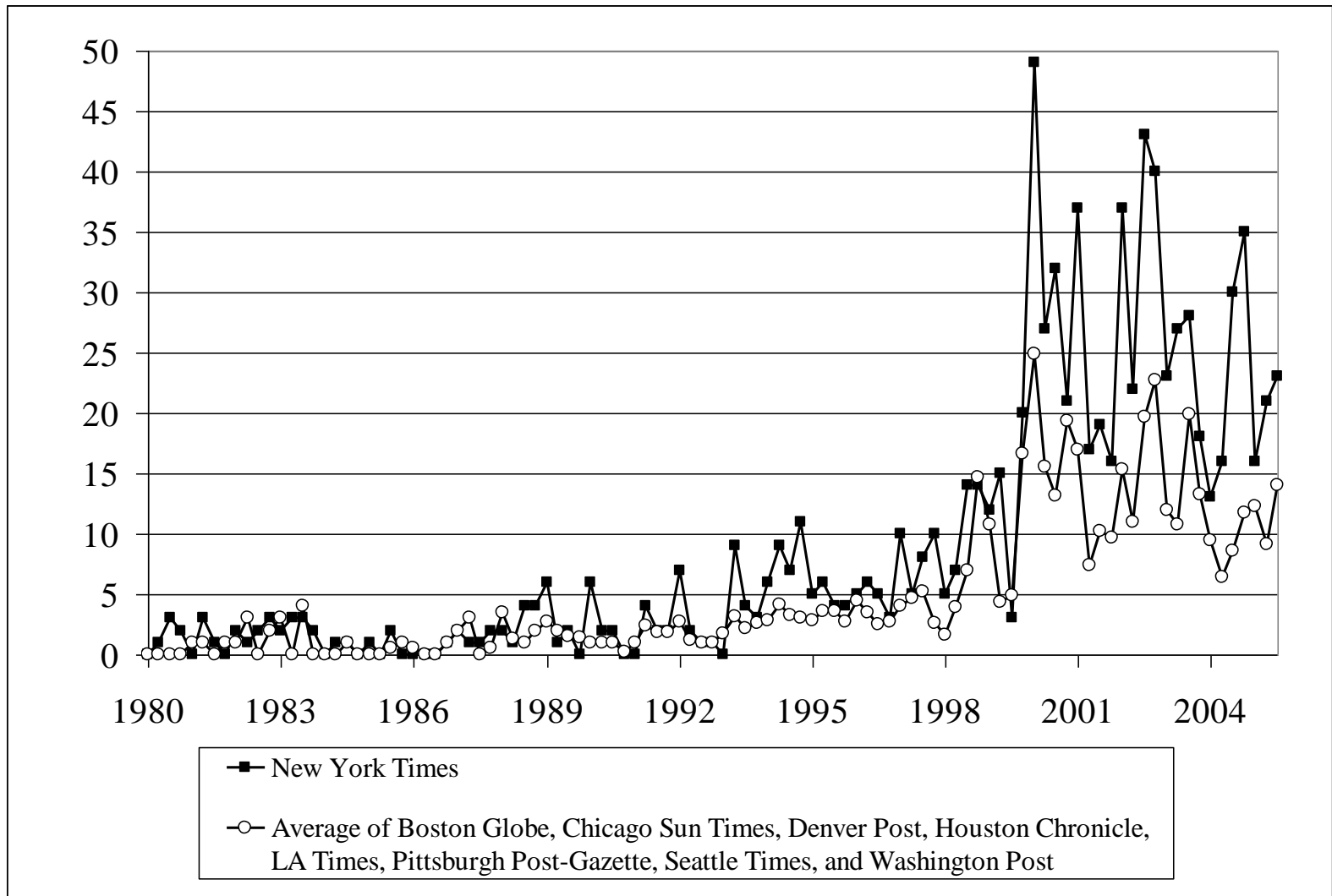


Shows number of pro- minus number of anti-death penalty stories per year

Net Tone from *Readers' Guide*

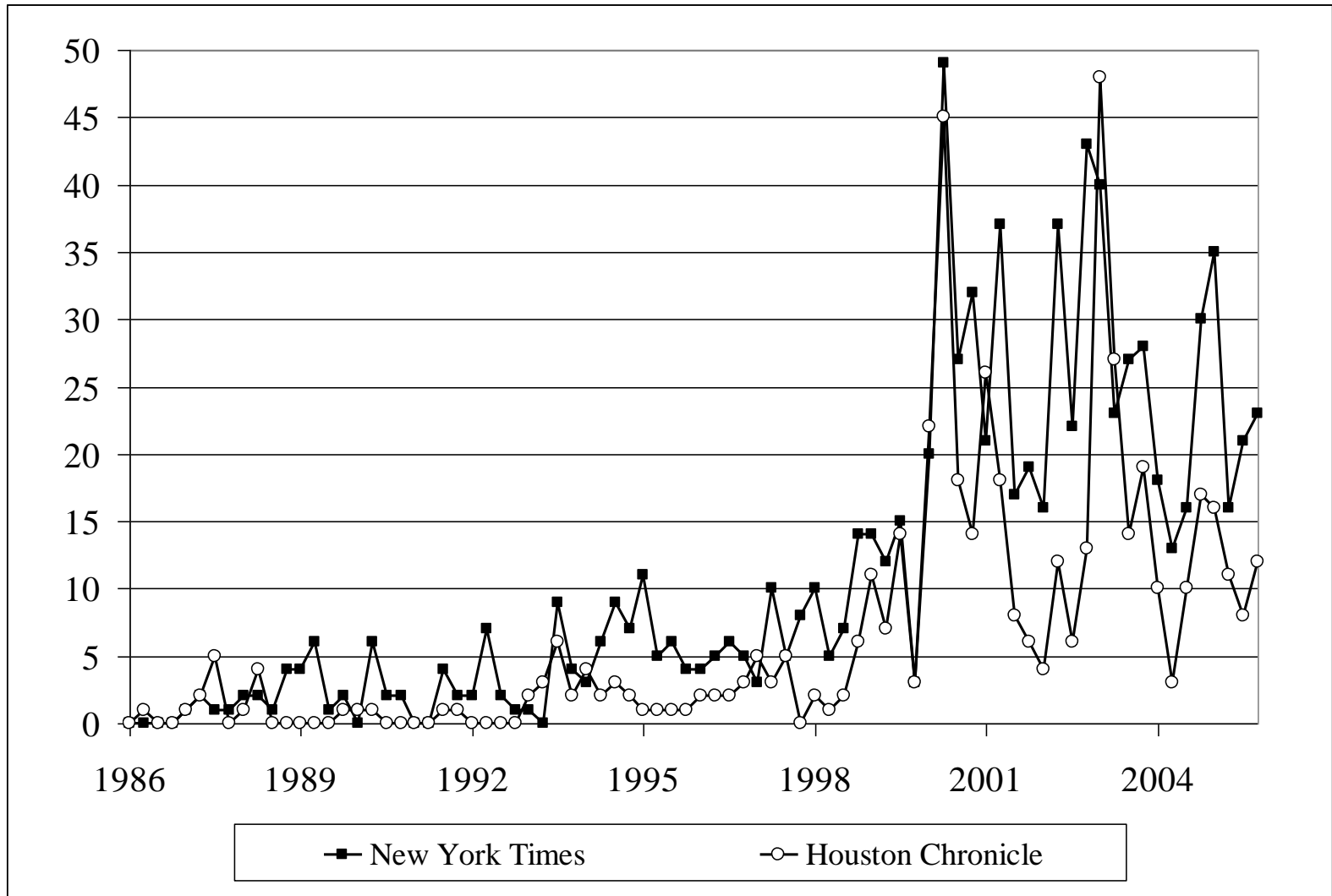


Innocence Frame: *NYT* vs. Other Major Papers

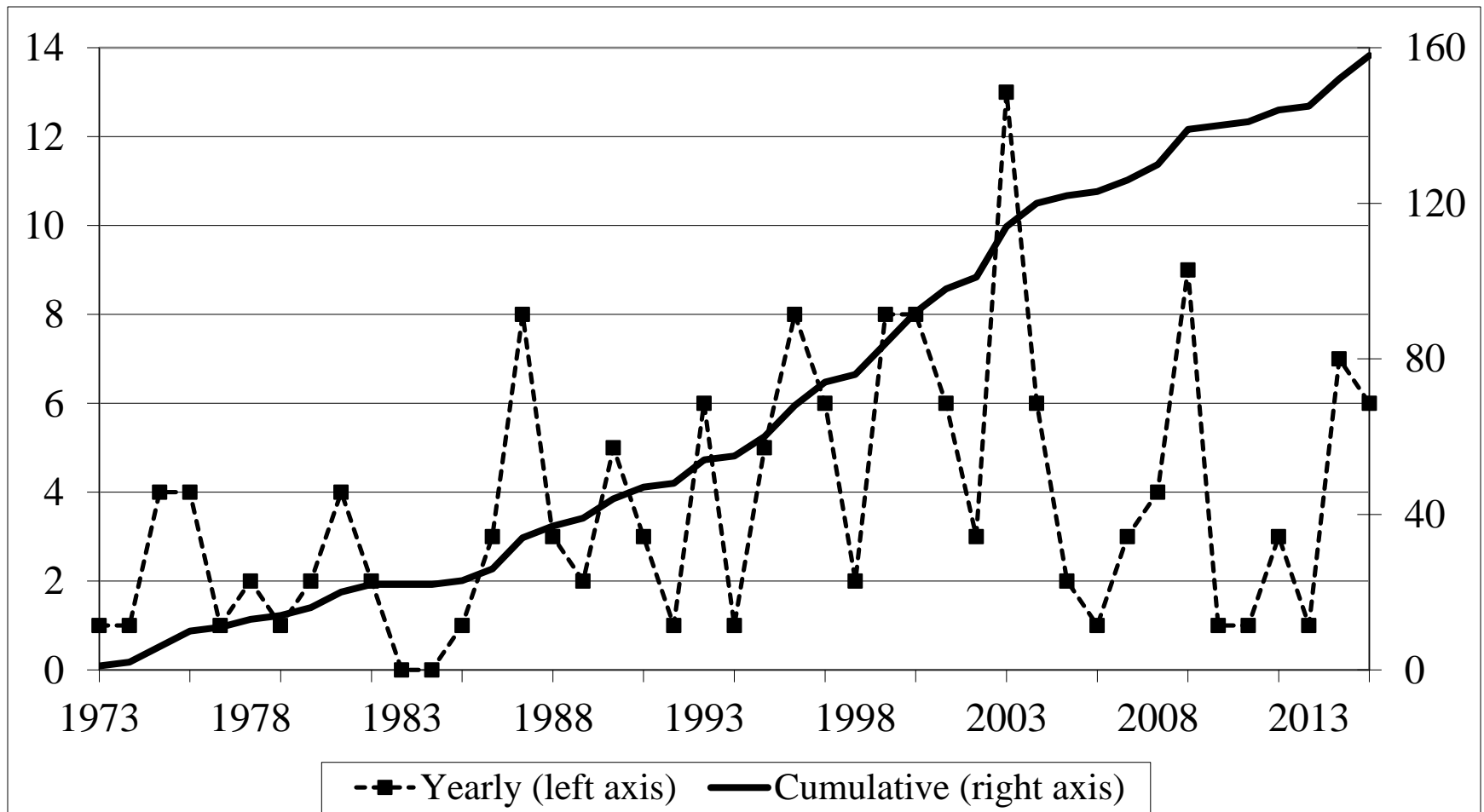


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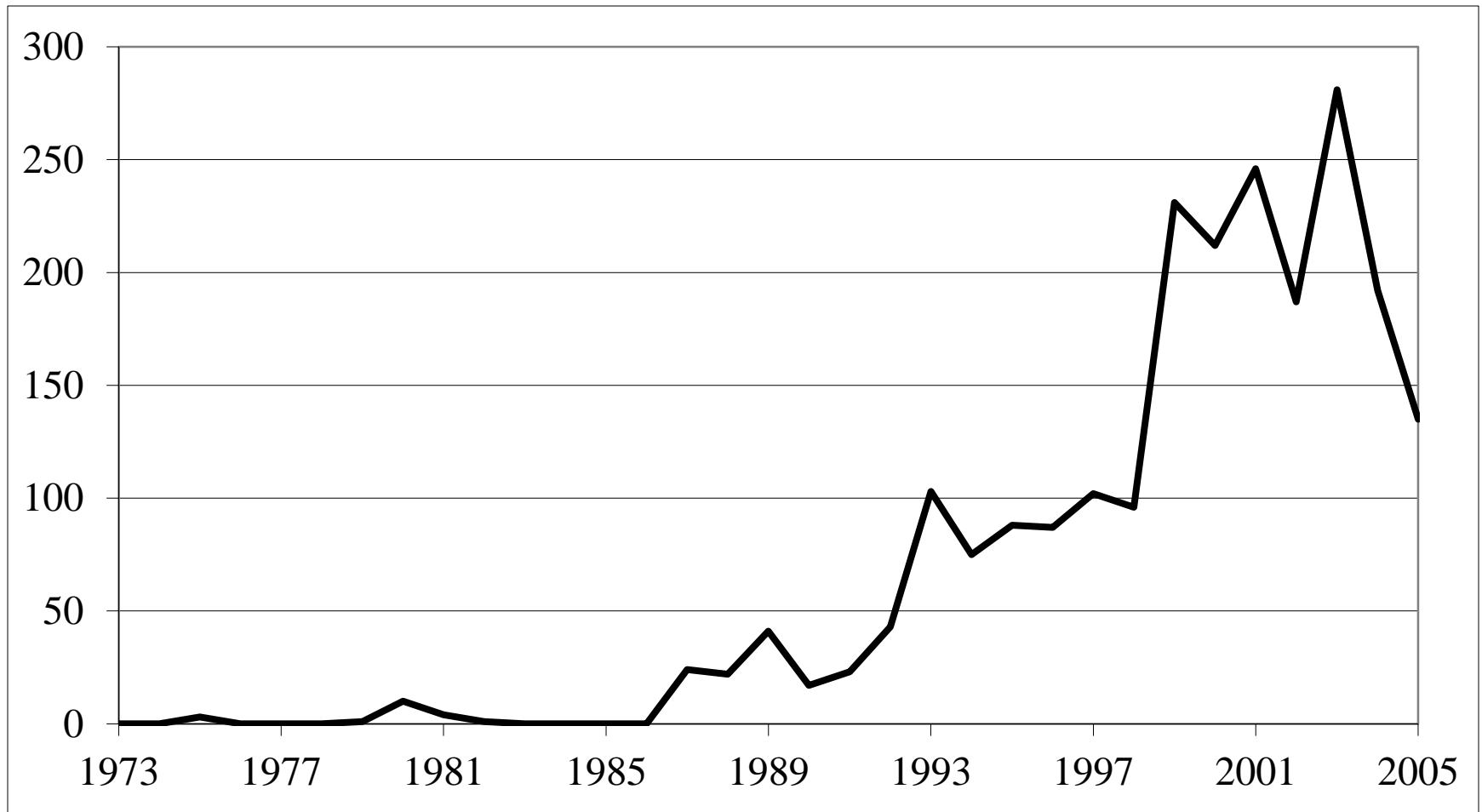
NYT vs. Houston Chronicle



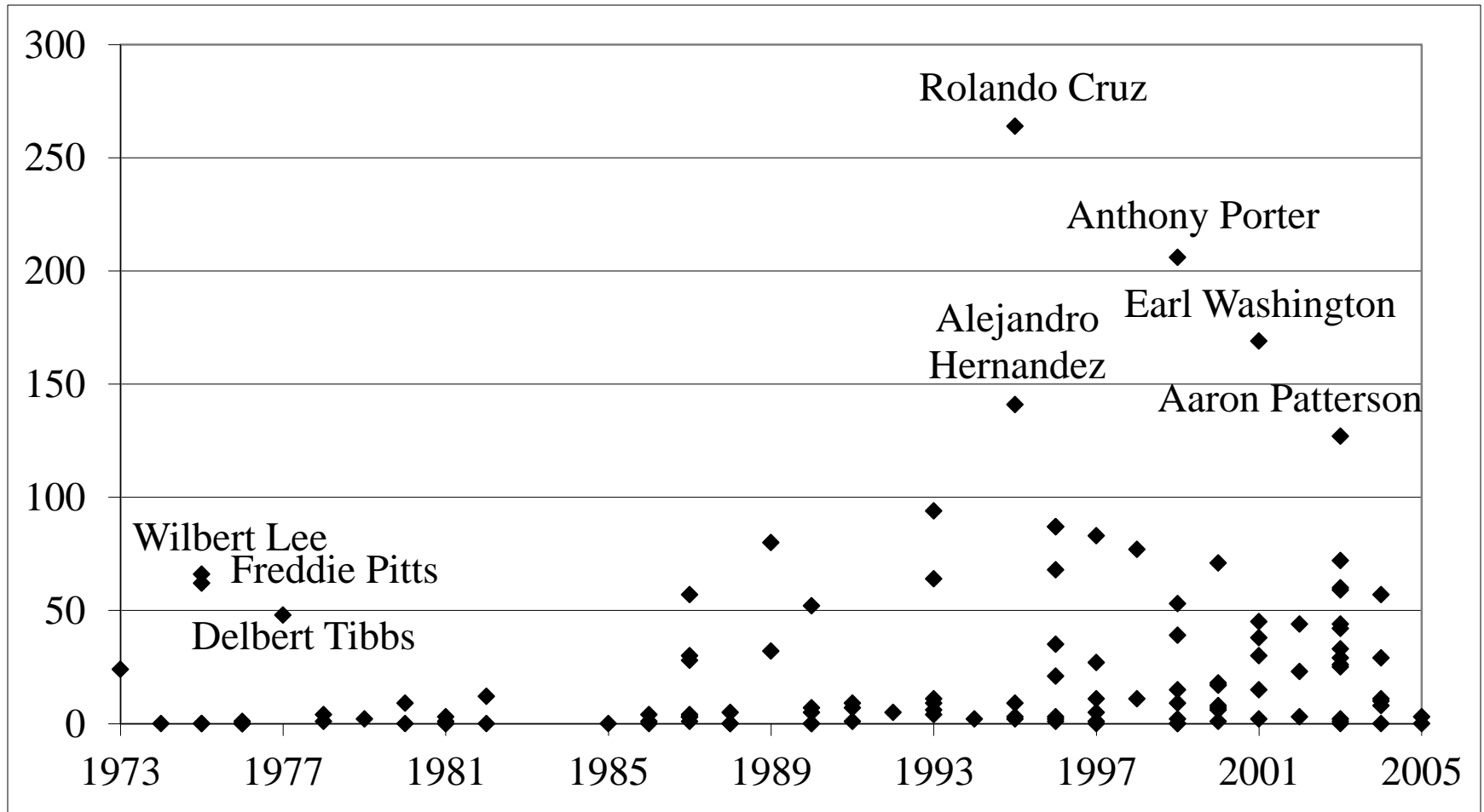
Exonerations over Time: No big bump,
but 158 as of today. (Over 1,700
including non-death sentence cases)



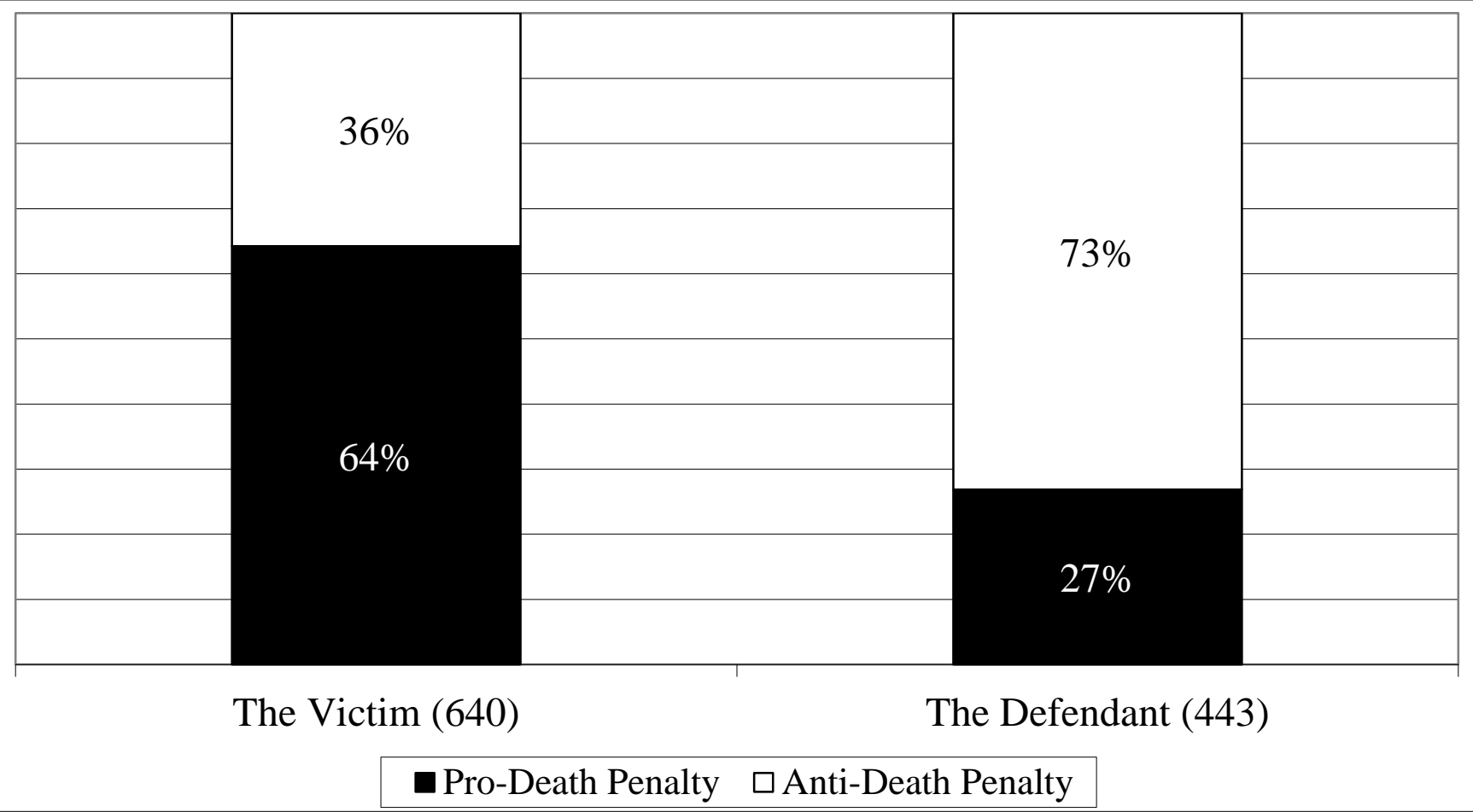
Lexis Nexis hits on “exonerations”



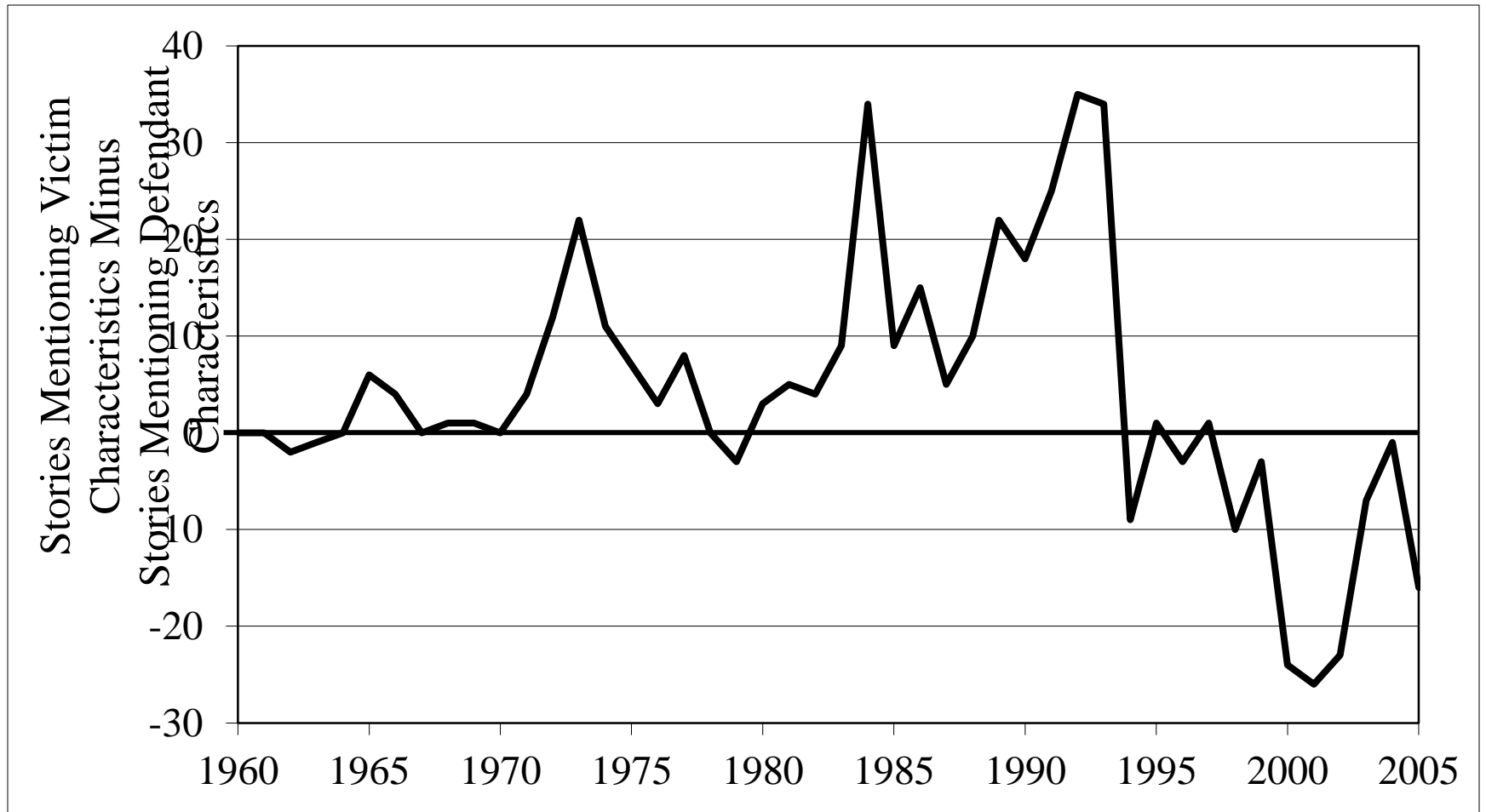
News Coverage of Individual Exonerations: Grows over time.



Mention the Victim: pro-DP story.



From Victim to Defendant



A chronology of innocence

- 1983 Centurion Ministries
- 1985 MacArthur Justice Center, U Chicago Law
- 1988 Scheck and Neufeld start working on DNA
- 1990 DPIC created
- 1992 Scheck and Neufeld create Innocence Project, Cordozo School of Law
- 1992 In Spite of Innocence published
- 1992-2000 80 more innocence projects created
- 2000 Ill. Gov George Ryan declares moratorium after revelations of torture in Chicago, false confessions and exonerations.
- 2003 Gov. Ryan commutes the sentences of all 163 Ill. Death row inmate, and grants pardons of innocence to another 4.
- 2007 NY, NJ abolish; 2009 NM; 2011 IL; 2012 CT; 2013 MD; 2015 NE. All but NY by vote in the legislature.

- How do frames change: organization, social movements. Think of police violence. Think of gay rights. Frames don't just change; someone pushes the new frame and fights a battle to change the culture.
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Organizations, Social Movements, and Frames

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A mature movement

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