

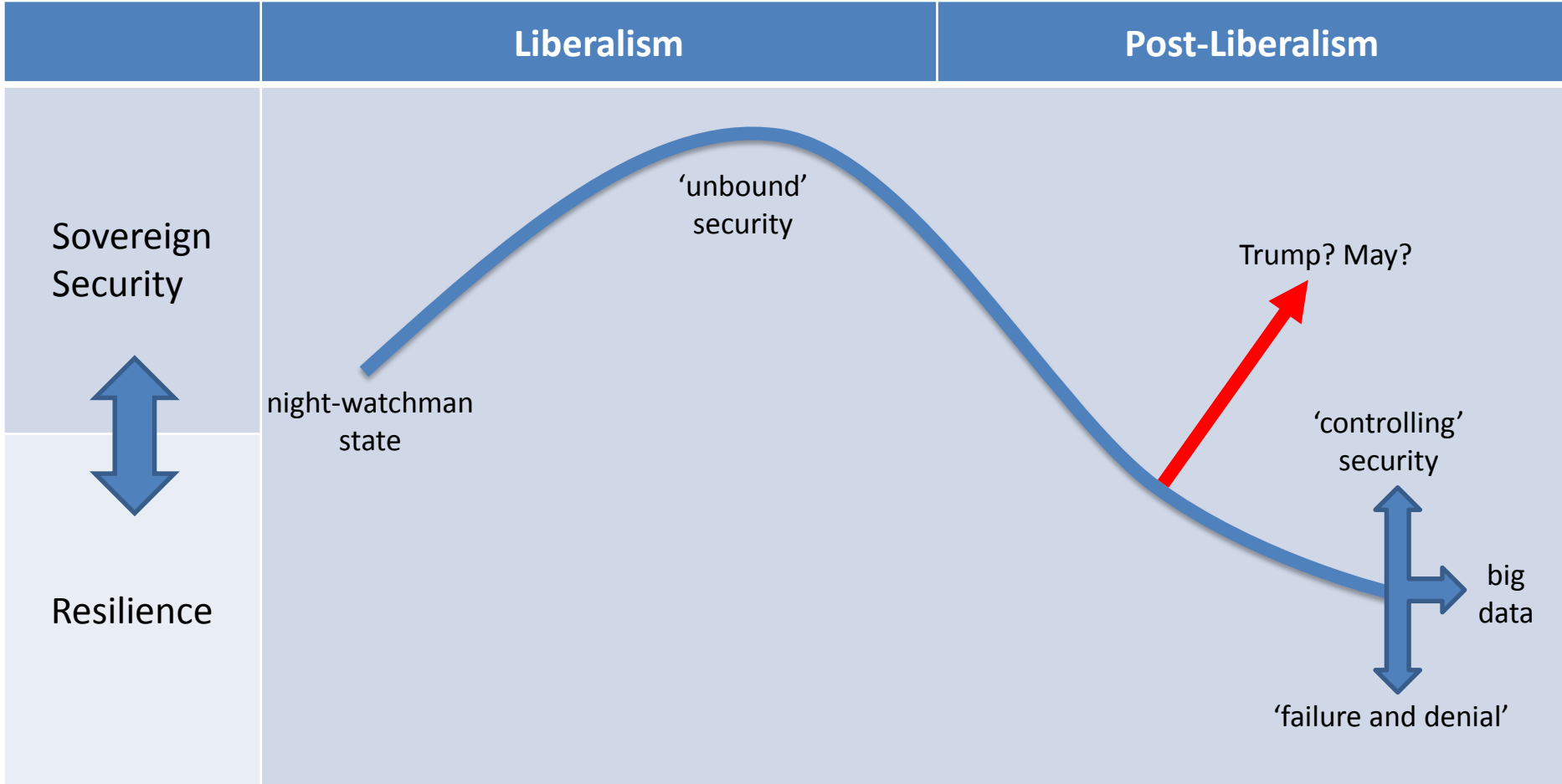


**Strong Again?
Sovereign Security after the
'Post-Liberal Takeover'**

Jan Pospisil, PSRP, Edinburgh Law School

.....
www.politicalsettlements.org

Security and Post-Liberalism



Security-Resilience Divide



- Khan-Trump twitter feud (*season one*)

Khan: 'What I do know is part and parcel of living in a great global city is you gotta be prepared for these things, you gotta be vigilant, you gotta support the police doing an incredibly hard job, you gotta support the security services.'

Trump Jr: 'You have to be kidding me?!: Terror attacks are part of living in big city, says London Mayor Sadiq Khan'





Investigation

- Speeches of Pres Trump, PM May (before election)
- Two UK Policy Documents (Review of NSS, EU Exit Plan)
- Crude qualitative content analysis



Emerging Themes



- Security needs reduced interdependencies
- Social security takes center stage
- Security is doable



Security vs Interdependence



'Security begins at the border' (Trump)

'we also need to adapt if we are to fashion a truly global response to the mass movements of people across the world and the implications this brings for security and human rights' (May)

- Obsession with migration control
- Connection with national resurgence
- International: 'bold multilateralism' vs unilateralism?, challenges-focused, rules-based vs realist world order



Social Security



'On every single front, we are working to deliver for American workers and American families. Your safety, your jobs and your wages guide our decisions.' (Trump)

'It will mean recalibrating how we approach policy development to ensure that everything we do as government helps to give a fair chance to those who are just getting by' (May)

- Social policy linked to security: social security, migration control, external threats





'Doing' Security

'Right now, the world is a mess. But I think by the time we finish, I think it's going to be a lot better place to live.' (Trump)

'The public must have confidence in our ability to control immigration.' (May)

- 'Doing security': not if, but how
- Conditions: limiting scope, reducing interdependencies



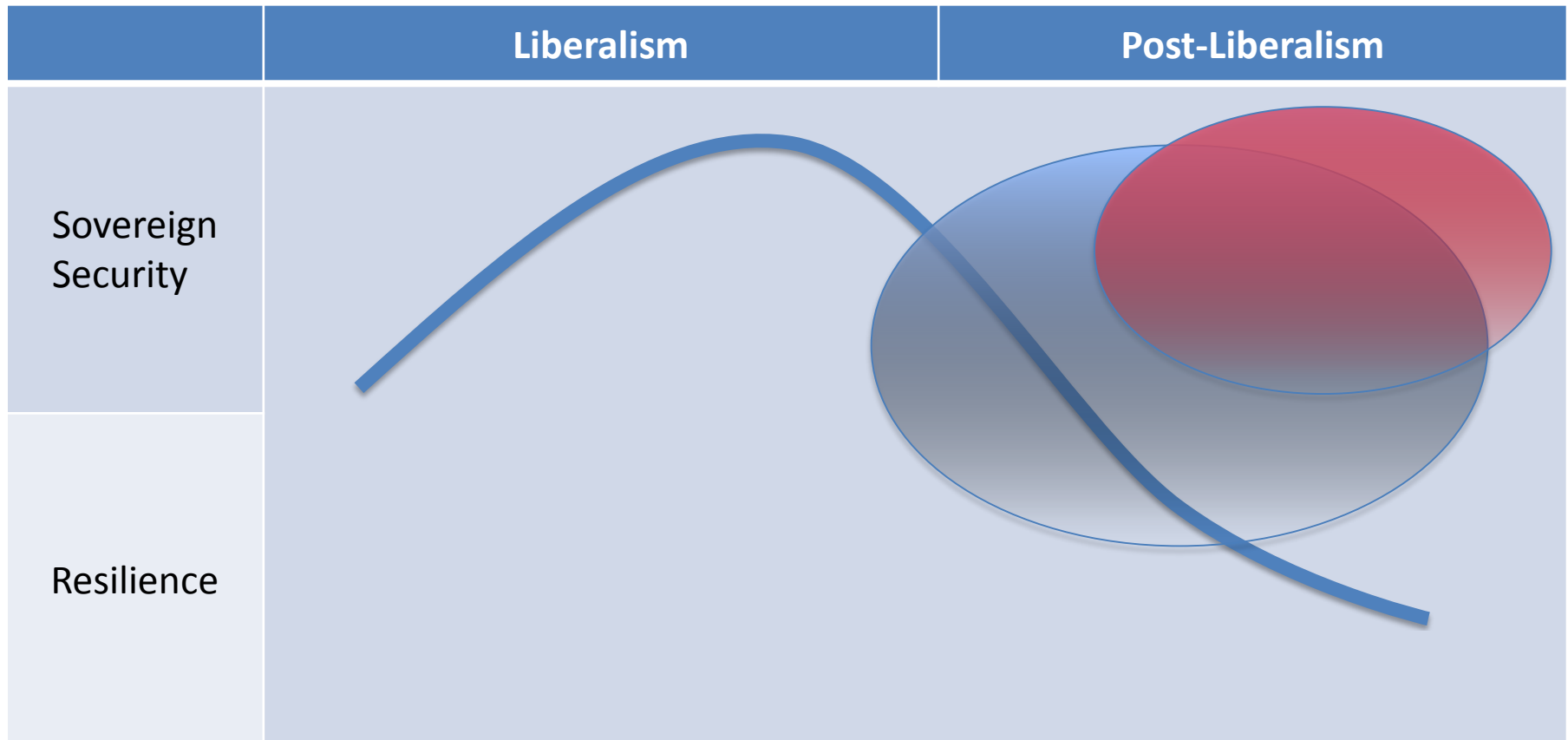


'Resilience'?

- Some elements remain:
 - crisis and disaster resilience
 - resilience of values/through values
- Risk / self-reliance discourse gone



Reinvoking Sovereign Security?



Concluding Thoughts



- Watershed or continuation?
- ‘Unbound security’ is back, as a nationalized, sovereign promise
- Security-resilience-nexus gets recalibrated
- Need to re-assess ‘resilience’ and its role
- Catalytic effect, with open outcome

