The Five Giants and the Ministers who Made a Difference
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Ignorance
Rab Butler
Kenneth Baker
Idleness
Clement Atlee
Margaret Thatcher
Geoffrey Howe
Gordon Brown
Squalor
Aneurin Bevan
Harold Macmillan
Michael Heseltine
Want
Hugh Dalton
Barbara Castle
Norman Fowler
John Hutton
Steve Webb
Disease
Aneurin Bevan
Enoch Powell
Barbara Castle
Kenneth Clarke
Alan Milburn
What makes a ministerial giant?

Politics?

• 10 Conservatives
• 9 Labour
• 1 Lib Dem

School Education?

• 11 Public School (8 Conservative, 3 Labour)
• 4 Grammar School (2 Conservative, 2 Labour)
• 3 Comprehensive (2 Labour, 1 Lib Dem)
• 1 Special
• 1 None (post-13)
What makes a ministerial giant?

University?

• 16 Oxbridge
• 1 LSE – postgraduate. But one major omission…..

Subject?

• 9 Law
• 6 Economics (4 PPE at Oxford)

Other?

• 9 out of 9 Labour had some connection with Fabian Society (like the LSE)
Simon Stevens
Andrew Adonis