Social Conflict in the Early RP

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PATRICIANS and PLEBEIANS
The Twelve Tables, 449 BC

Table XI:

Intermarriage shall not take place between plebeians and patricians.

(Ban later revoked by the Lex Canuleia of 445 BC)
**Table 5** Consuls of uncertain status in the fifth century

<table>
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<th>Name</th>
<th>Year(s) in office</th>
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<tr>
<td>L. Junius Brutus</td>
<td>509</td>
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<tr>
<td>Sp. Cassius Vicellinus</td>
<td>502, 493, 486</td>
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<td>Post. Cominius Auruncus</td>
<td>501, 493</td>
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<tr>
<td>M’ Tullius Longus</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>M. Minucius Augurinus</td>
<td>497, 491</td>
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<tr>
<td>P. Minucius Augurinus</td>
<td>492</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>T. Siccius Sabinus</td>
<td>487</td>
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<tr>
<td>C. Aquillius Tuscus</td>
<td>487</td>
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<tr>
<td>T. Numicius Priscus</td>
<td>469</td>
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<tr>
<td>P. Volumnius Amintinus Gallus</td>
<td>461</td>
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<tr>
<td>L. Minucius Esquilinus Augurinus</td>
<td>458</td>
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<td>Q. Minucius Esquilinus</td>
<td>457</td>
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<td>Sp. Tarpeius Montanus Capitolinus</td>
<td>454</td>
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<tr>
<td>A. Aternius Varus Fontinalis</td>
<td>454</td>
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<tr>
<td>T. Genucius</td>
<td>451 (designate)</td>
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<tr>
<td>M. Genucius Augurinus</td>
<td>445</td>
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*Source*: Drummond, *CAH VII*² 2, 175.
## Closing of the patriciate?

### Table 6 Status of office-holders to the end of the fifth century

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<th>Period (BC)</th>
<th>Total no. of offices</th>
<th>Offices held by patricians</th>
<th>Offices held by ‘plebeians’</th>
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<tr>
<td>1 509–483</td>
<td>57</td>
<td>45 (79%)</td>
<td>12 (21%)</td>
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<td>2 482–456</td>
<td>56</td>
<td>52 (93%)</td>
<td>4 (7%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>3 455–428</td>
<td>61</td>
<td>56 (92%)</td>
<td>5 (8%)</td>
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<tr>
<td>4 427–401</td>
<td>99</td>
<td>98 (99%)</td>
<td>1 (1%)</td>
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</table>

**Note:** The period from 509 to 401 has been divided into four equal sections; the Decemvirates have been excluded. The offices include those of consul, suffect consul and military tribune with consular power. The one non-patrician office-holder in period 4 is Q. Antonius Merenda (*trib. mil. c.p. 422 BC*), a problematic case.

**Source:** Broughton, *MRR.*
Plebeian ‘State within a State’

- *Concilium plebis* – popular assembly

- *Tribuni plebis* – tribune of the plebs
  - Inviolability (*sacrosanctitas*)

- Aediles – lower magistrates

- Cult of Ceres, Liber, and Libera

- *Plebiscita* – plebeian resolutions
• 367 BC – Licinio-Sextian laws (plebiscites)
  - plebeians eligible for the consulship

• 342 BC – Another plebiscite?
  - one of the two annual consuls must be a plebeian?

• 339 BC – Another plebiscite
  - same sharing rule applied to the censorship

• 300 BC – Plebiscite of Q. & Cn. Ogulnius
  - major priesthoods were divided b/t the two orders.
The *lex Hortensia*, 287 BC

Resolutions of the *concilium plebis* are made binding on all Roman citizens, plebeian and patrician alike.
The Conquest of Italy
and
Rome’s Republican Empire

The Roman Conquest of Italy

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Men under arms – 225 BC

• 52,300 Roman soldiers

• 158,000 Allied soldiers
  » 54,000 Sabines and Etruscans
  » 20,000 Umbrians and Sarsinates
  » 20,000 Veneti and Cenomani
  » 64,000 other allied troops of unspecified origin.

Based on Polybius 2.24
Major Roads of Roman Italy
POLYBIUS

- Ca. 200 – ca. 118 BC
- Greek (Achaean) politician/diplomat
- Interned at Rome 167-150 BC
- Histories:
  - Rise of Rome from 264 to 146 BC

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Berlin, Staatliche Museen
The Punic Wars

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The Second Punic War

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