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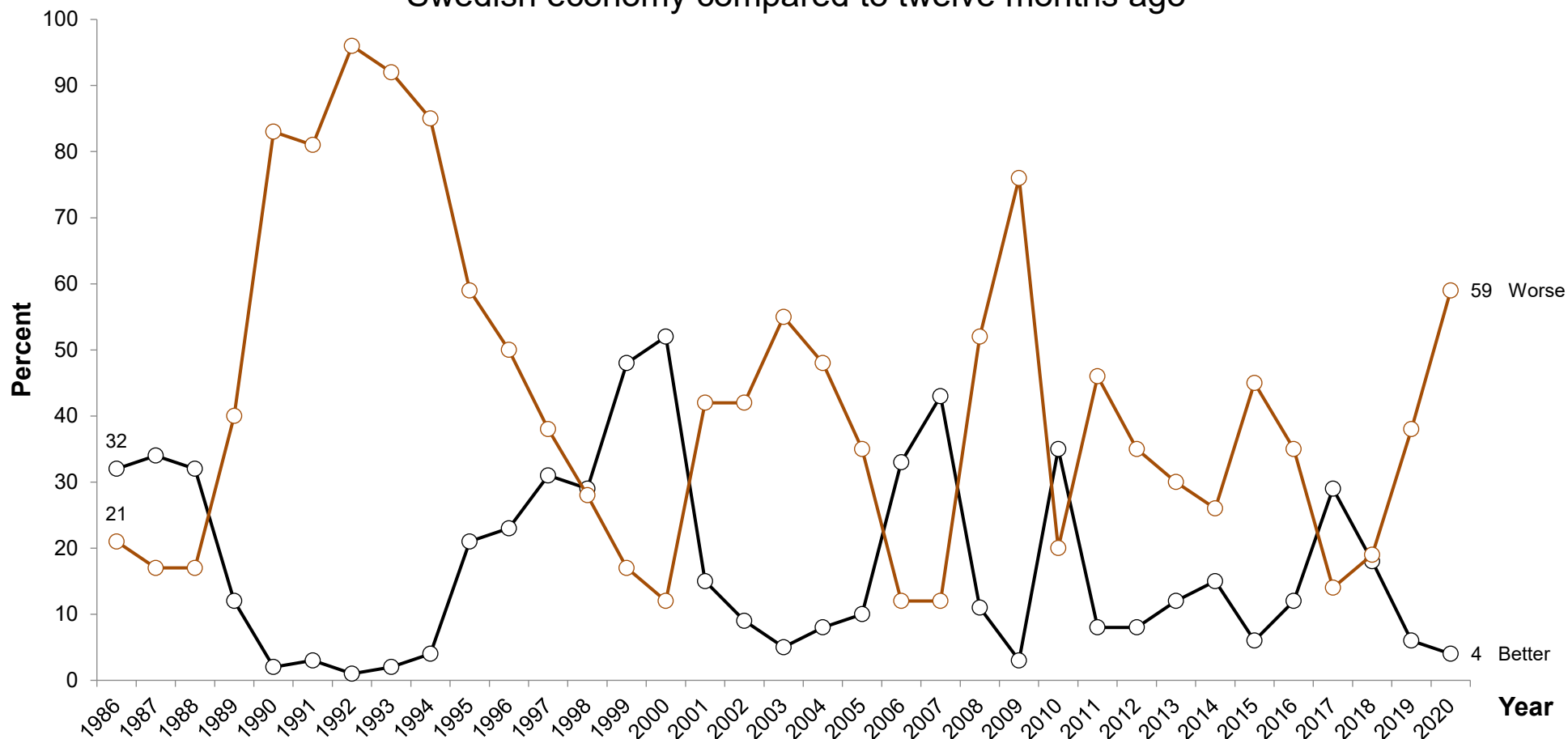
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ASSESSING SWEDISH ECONOMY

Swedish economy compared to twelve months ago



Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Gotten much better; Gotten somewhat better; Stayed about the same; Gotten somewhat worse; Gotten much worse". All respondents are included in the calculations.

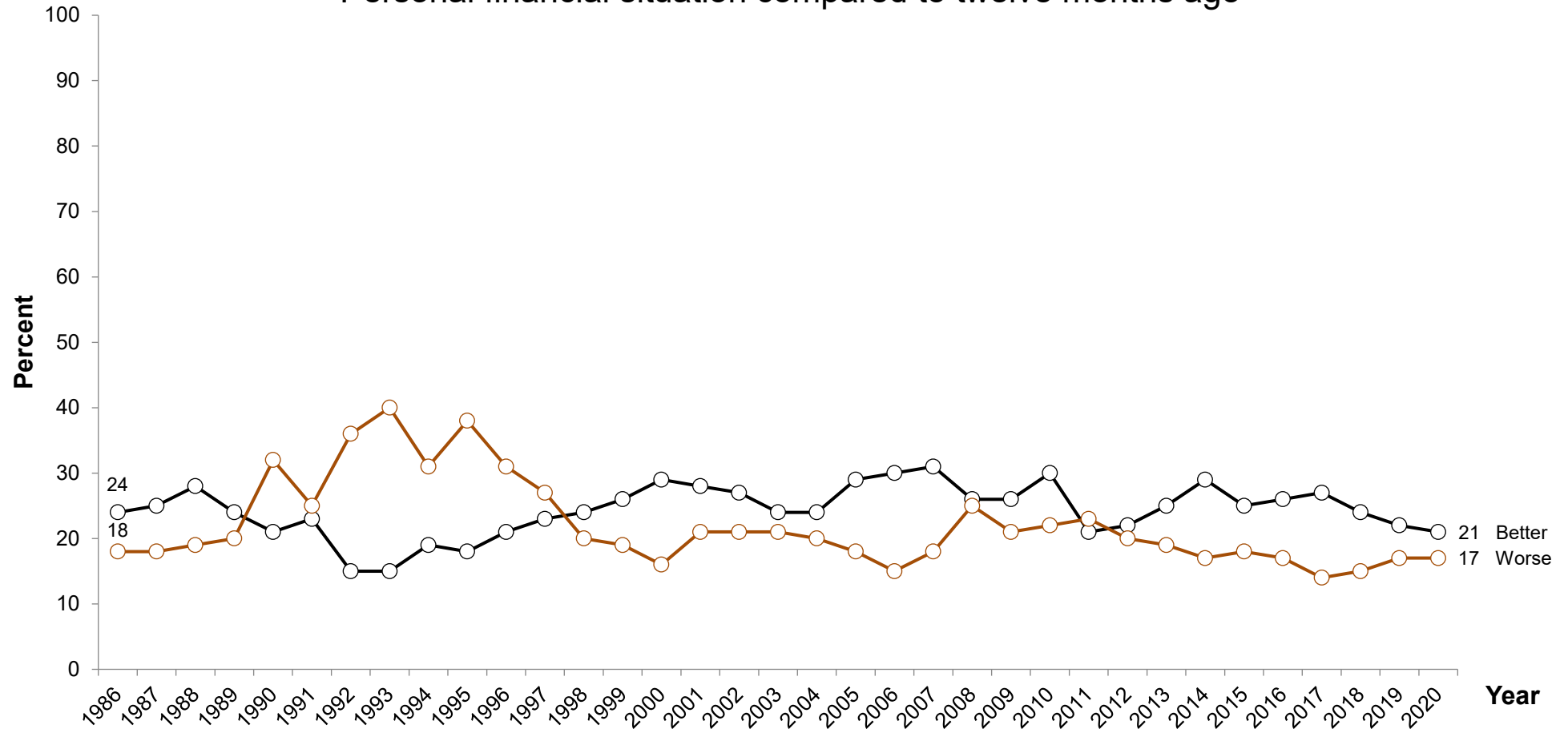
Question: "According to your view, during the last twelve months, has the Swedish economy gotten better, remained the same, or gotten worse?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



ASSESSING PERSONAL FINANCIAL SITUATION

Personal financial situation compared to twelve months ago



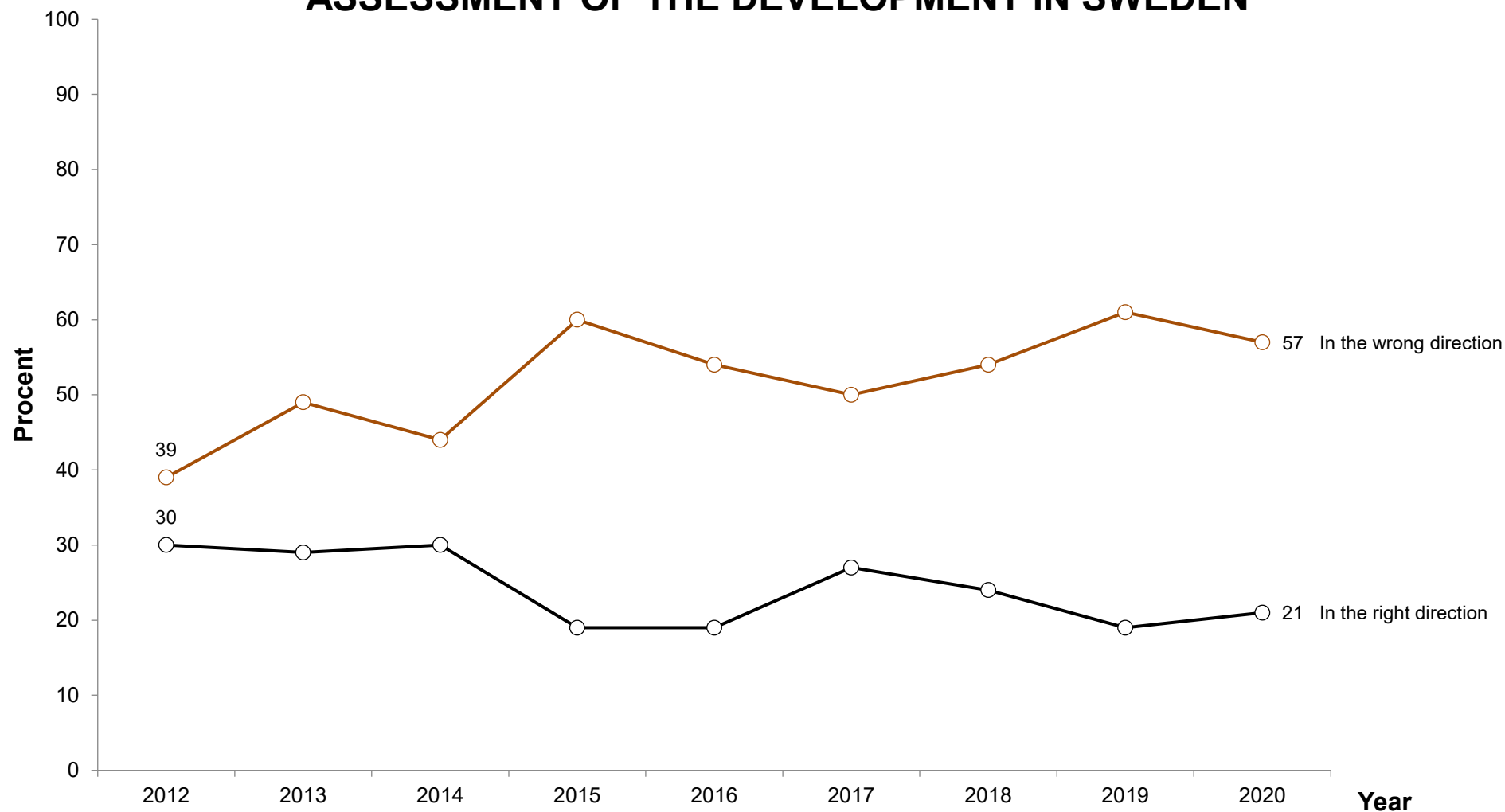
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Question: "According to your view, during the last twelve months, has your personal financial situation gotten better, remained the same, or gotten worse?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



ASSESSMENT OF THE DEVELOPMENT IN SWEDEN



Comment: Three response alternatives to the question asked: "In the right direction; In the wrong direction; No opinion." All respondents are included in the calculations.

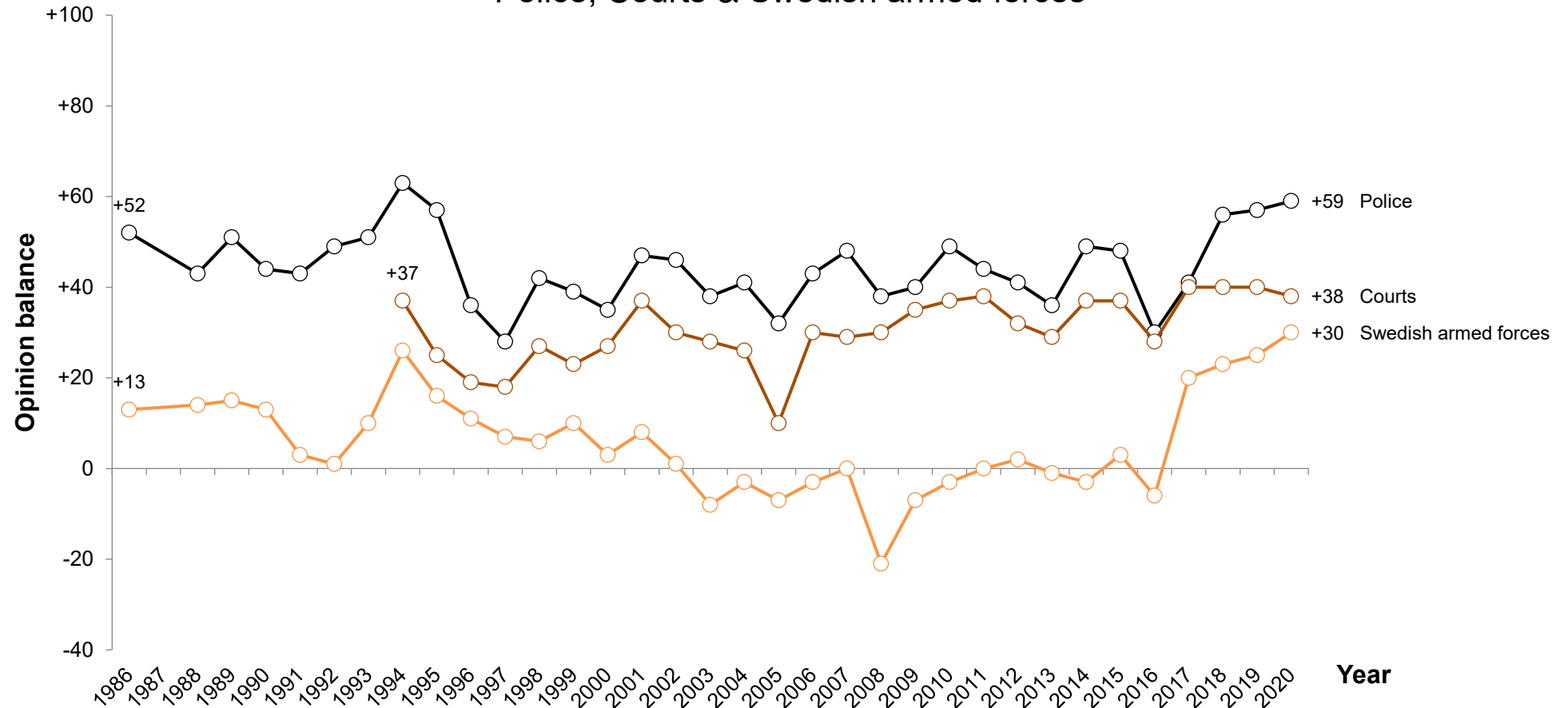
Question: "Generally, do you find that the development in Sweden is going in the right direction or wrong direction?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2012–2020



CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS

Police, Courts & Swedish armed forces



Comment: The lines show the percentage of respondents indicating very or fairly much confidence minus the percentage indicating fairly or very little confidence (opinion balance). The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item. Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Neither much nor little; Fairly little; Very little".

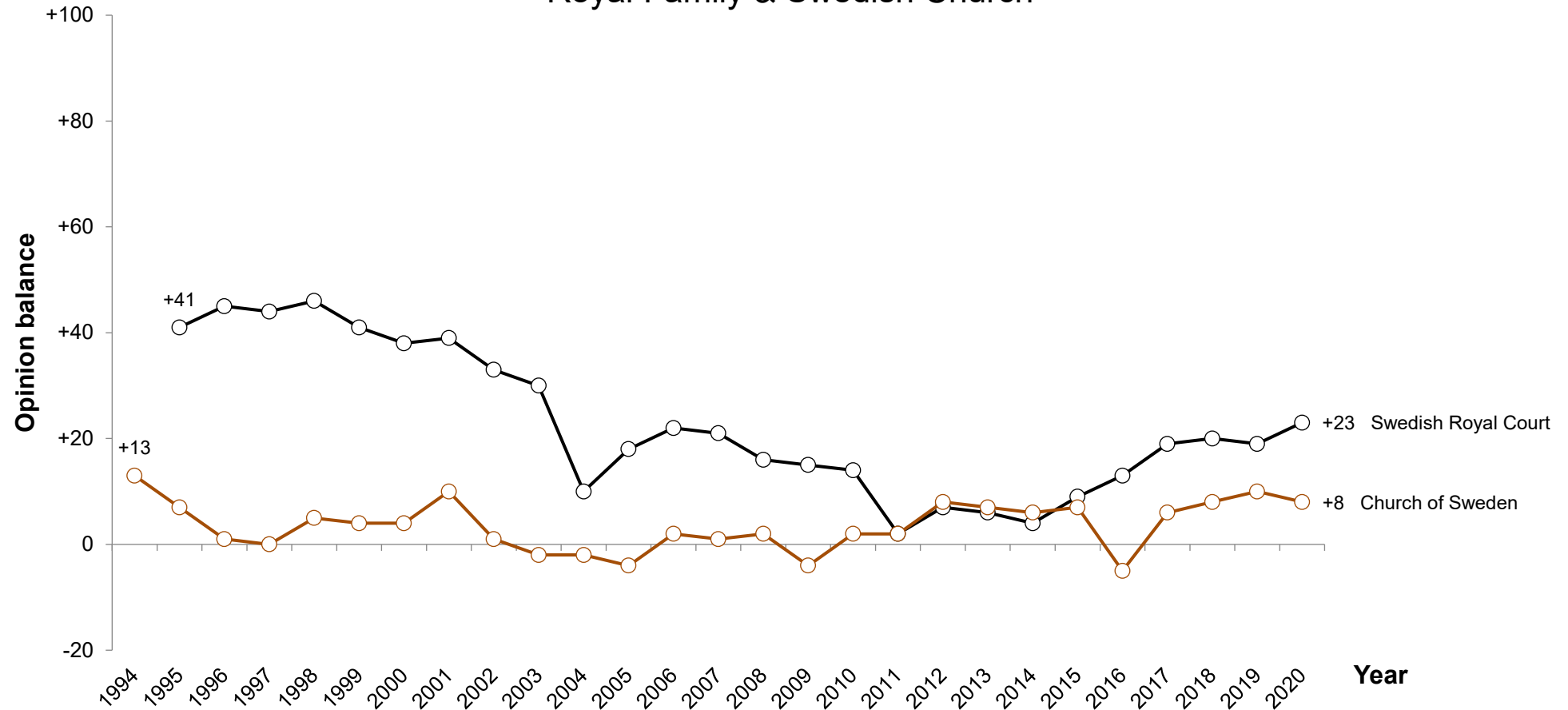
Question: "How much confidence do you have in the way the following institutions/groups do their job?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS

Royal Family & Swedish Church



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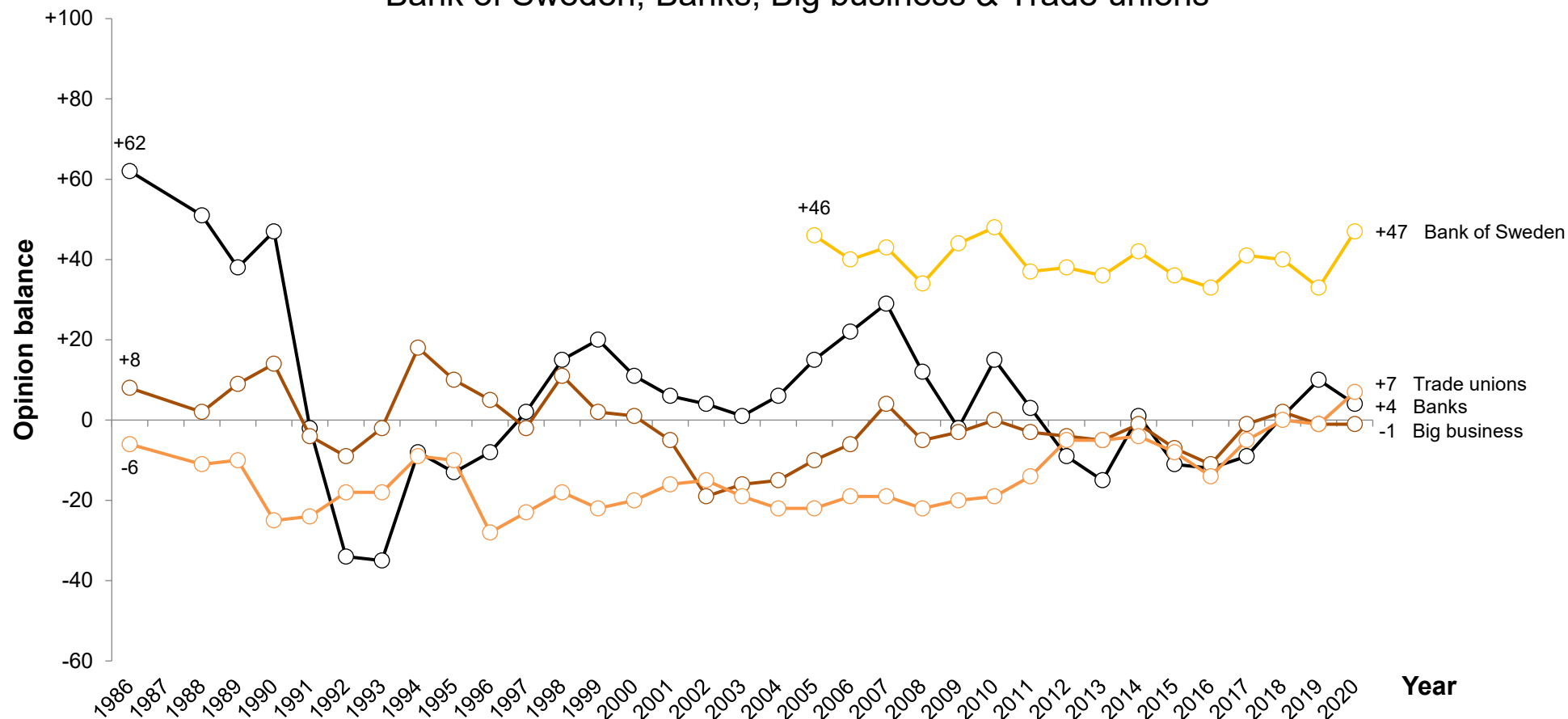
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CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS

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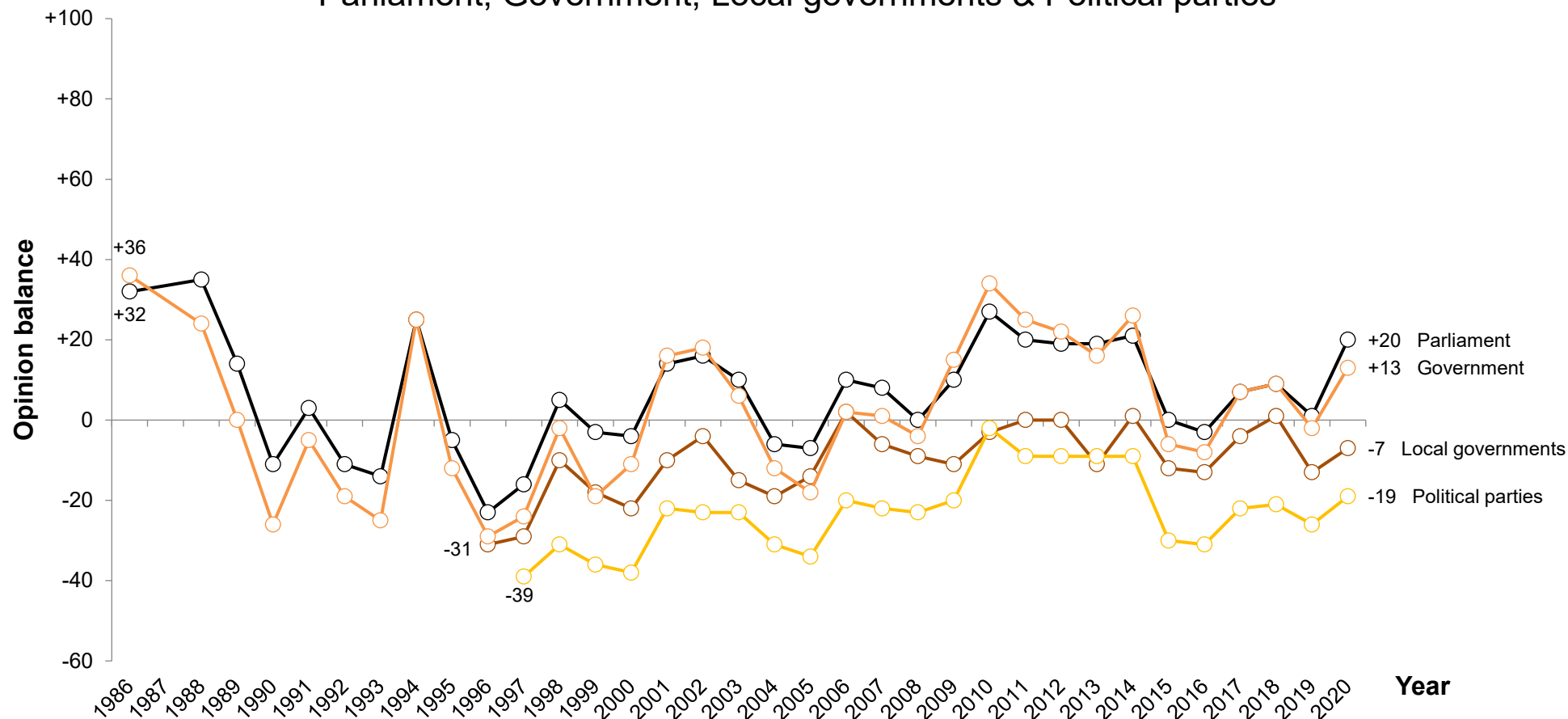
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CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS

Parliament, Government, Local governments & Political parties



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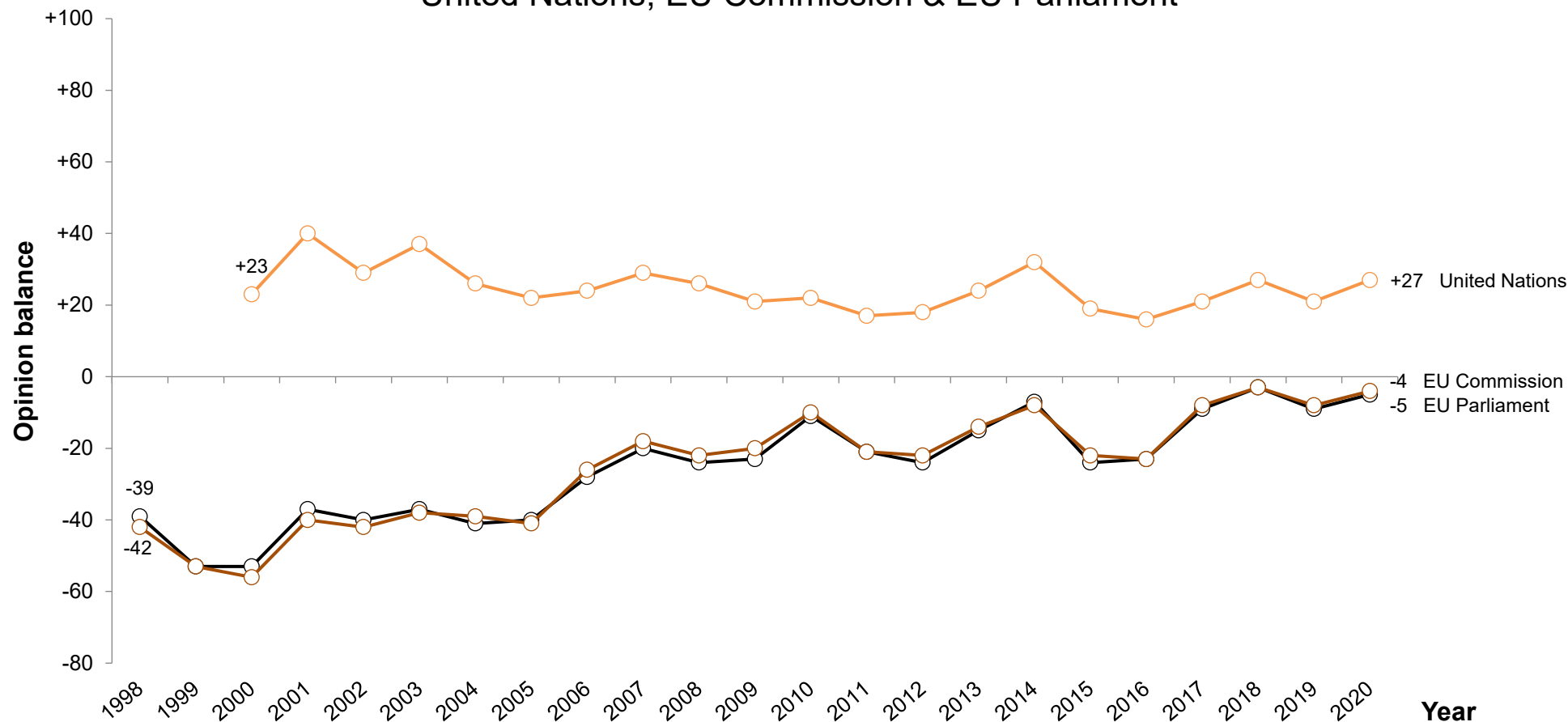
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CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS

United Nations, EU Commission & EU Parliament



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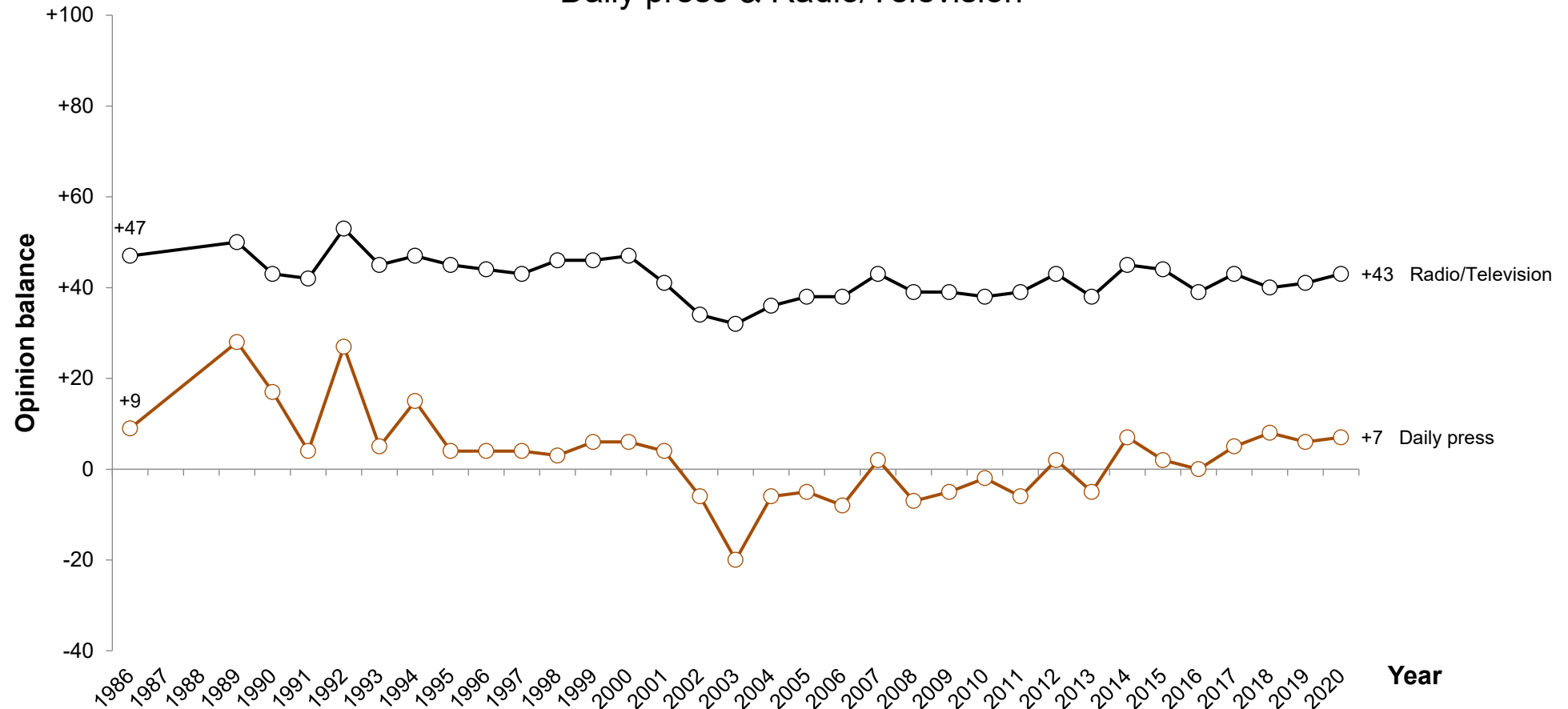
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CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS

Daily press & Radio/Television



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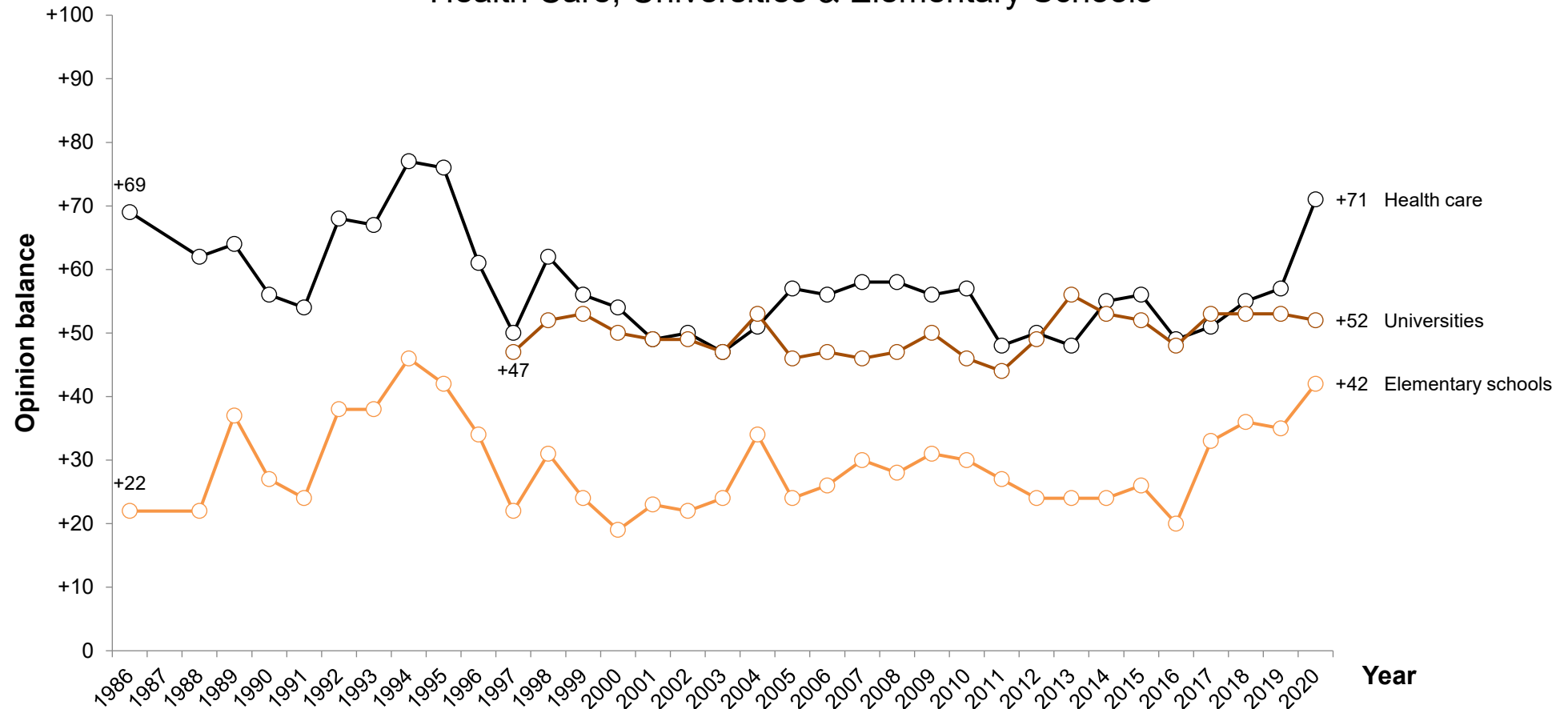
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CONFIDENCE IN INSTITUTIONS

Health Care, Universities & Elementary Schools



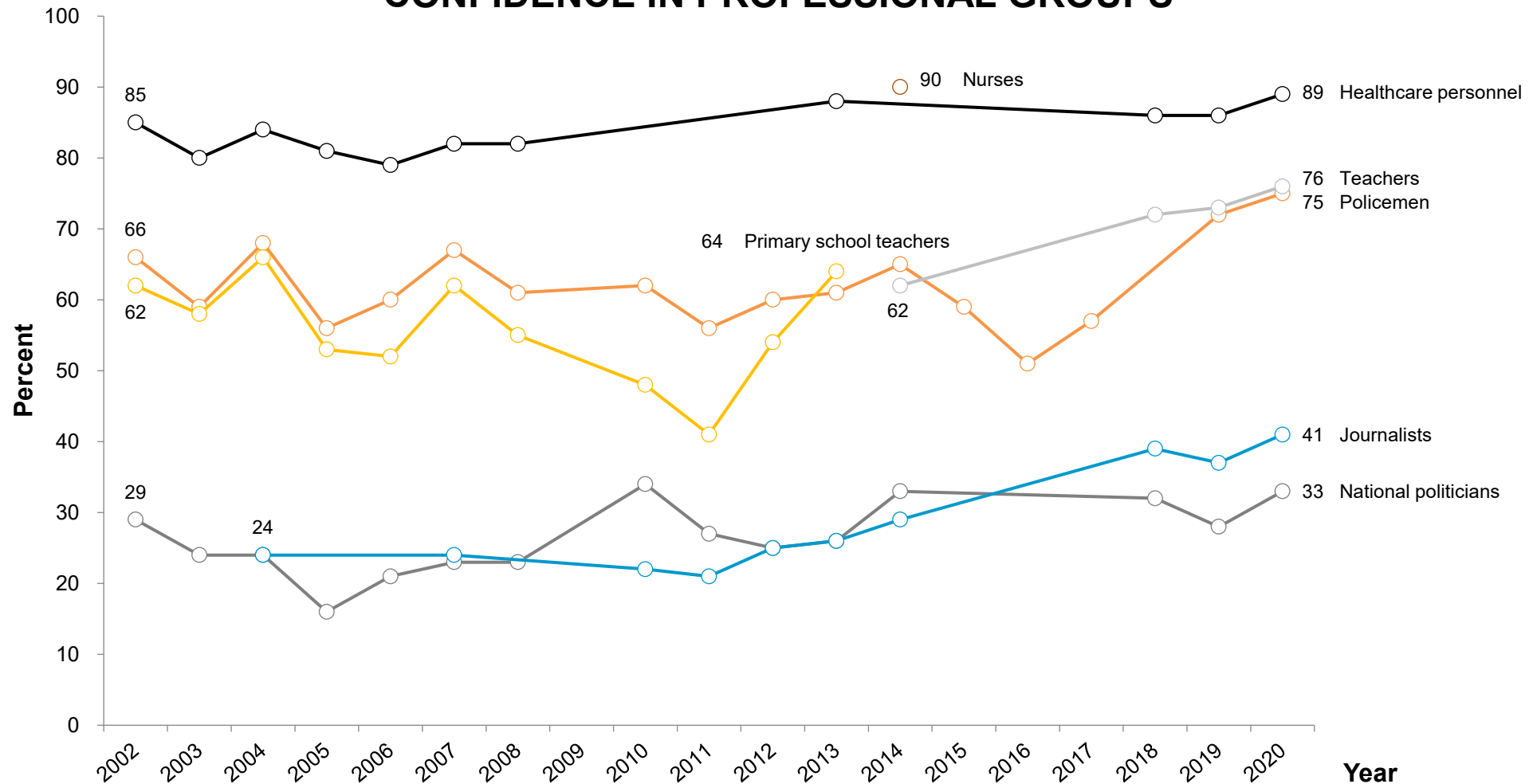
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Question: "How much confidence do you have in the way the following institutions/groups do their job?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



CONFIDENCE IN PROFESSIONAL GROUPS



Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Neither much, nor little; Fairly little; Very little, No opinion". The results are percent indicating very or fairly much confidence. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item, including those who marked "No opinion".

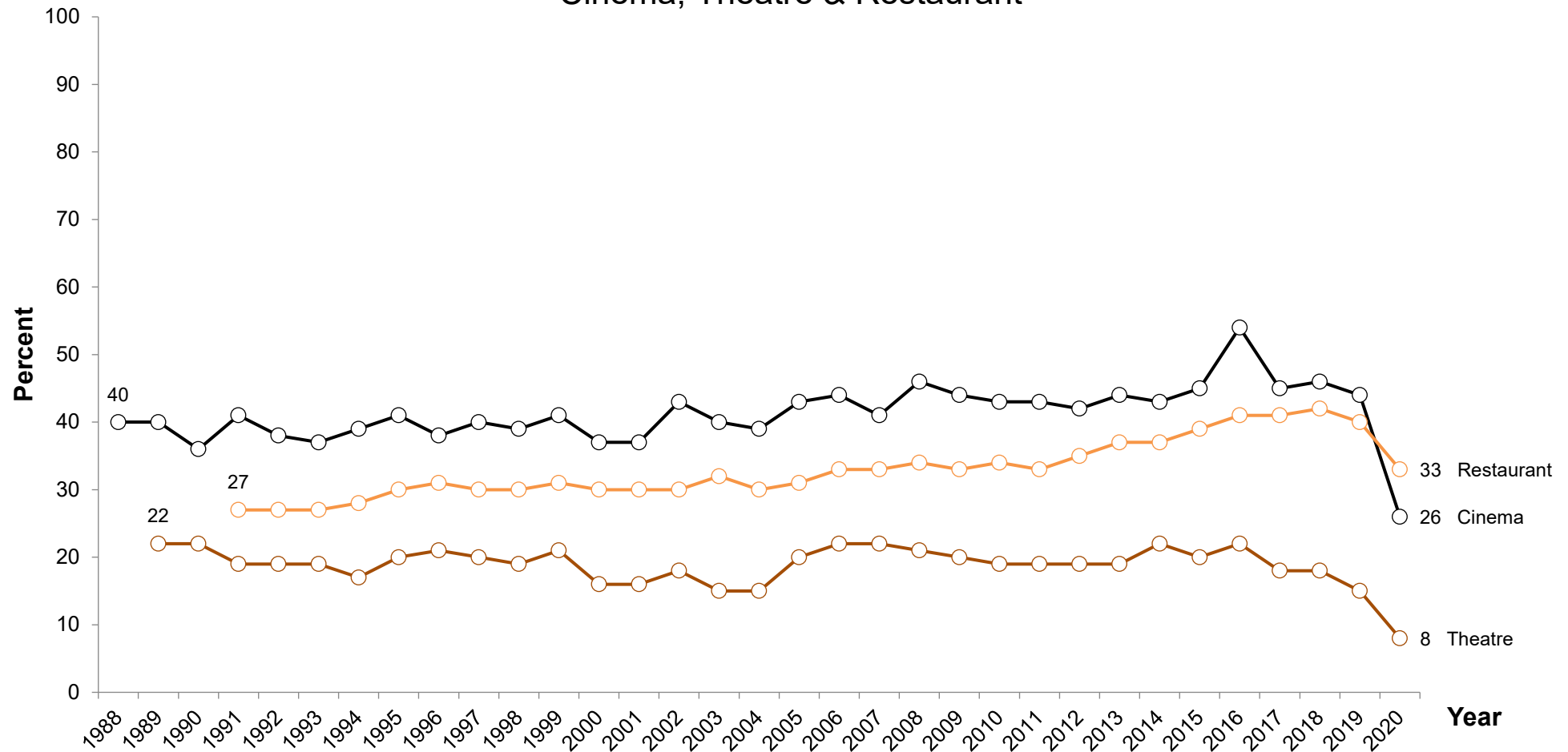
Question: "How much confidence do you have in the way the following professional groups do their job?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2002–2020



LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Cinema, Theatre & Restaurant



Comment: The cinema and theatre figures indicate attendance/activity at least once every six months, while restaurant figures indicate attendance at least once a month. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item.

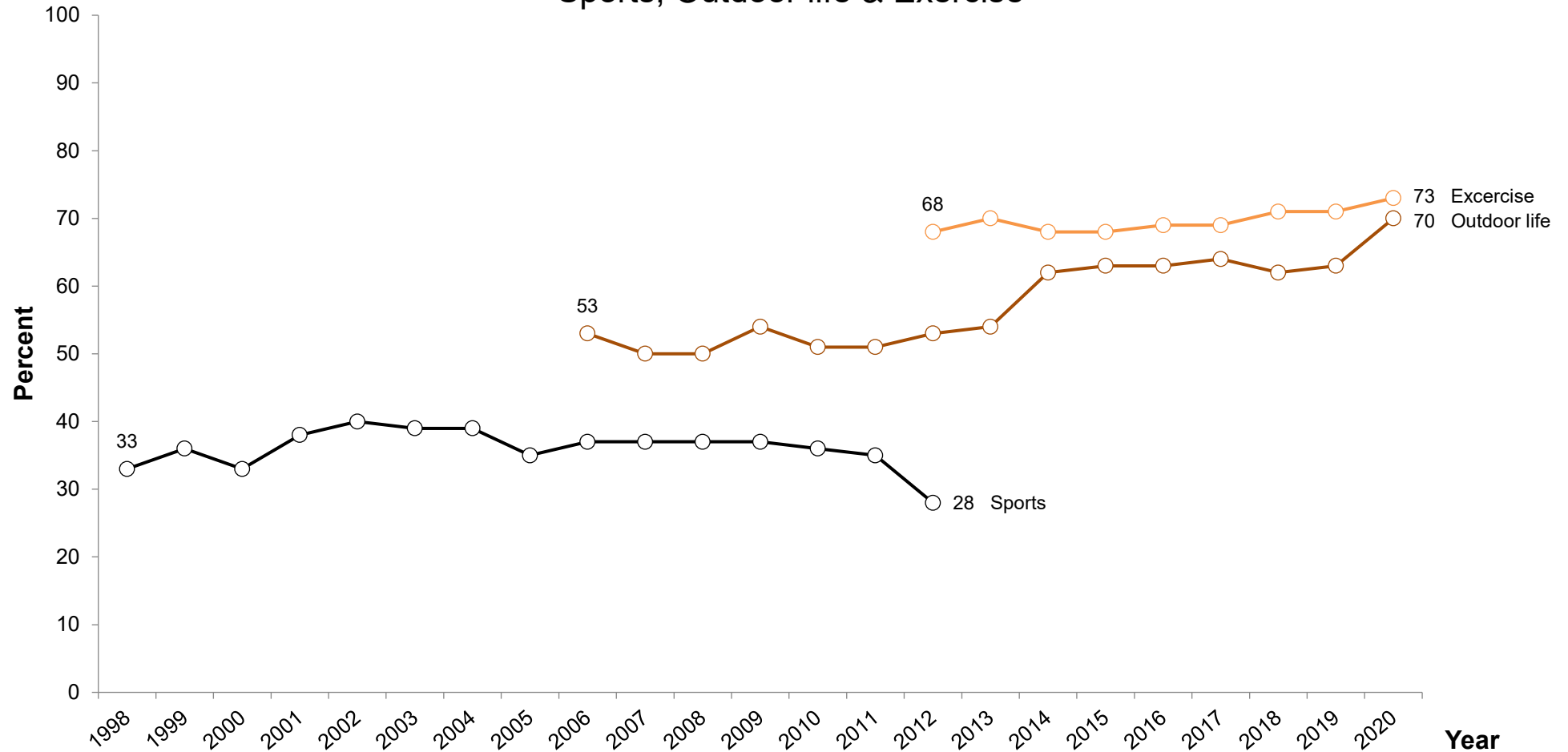
Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1988–2020



LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Sports, Outdoor life & Exercise



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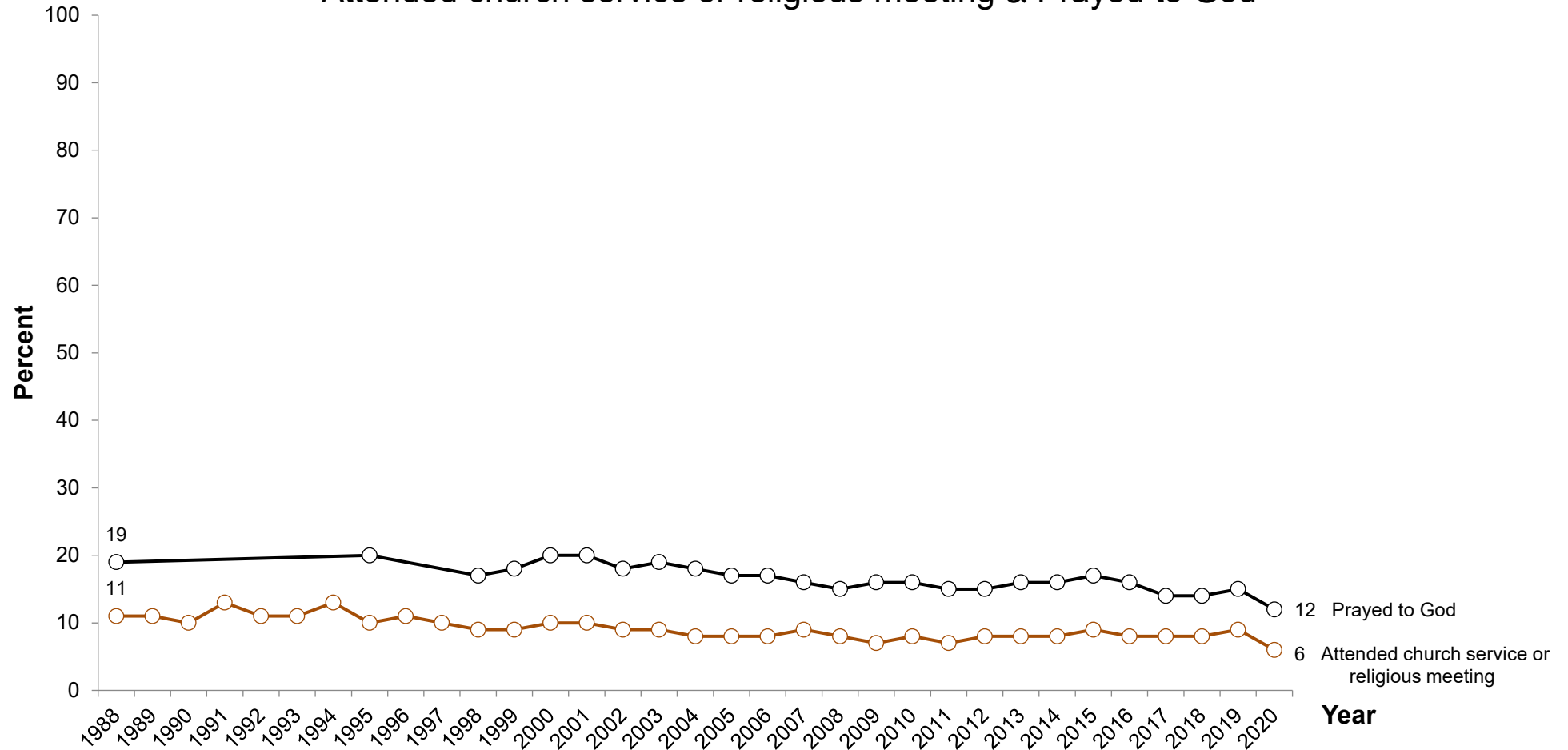
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LEISURE ACTIVITIES

Attended church service or religious meeting & Prayed to God



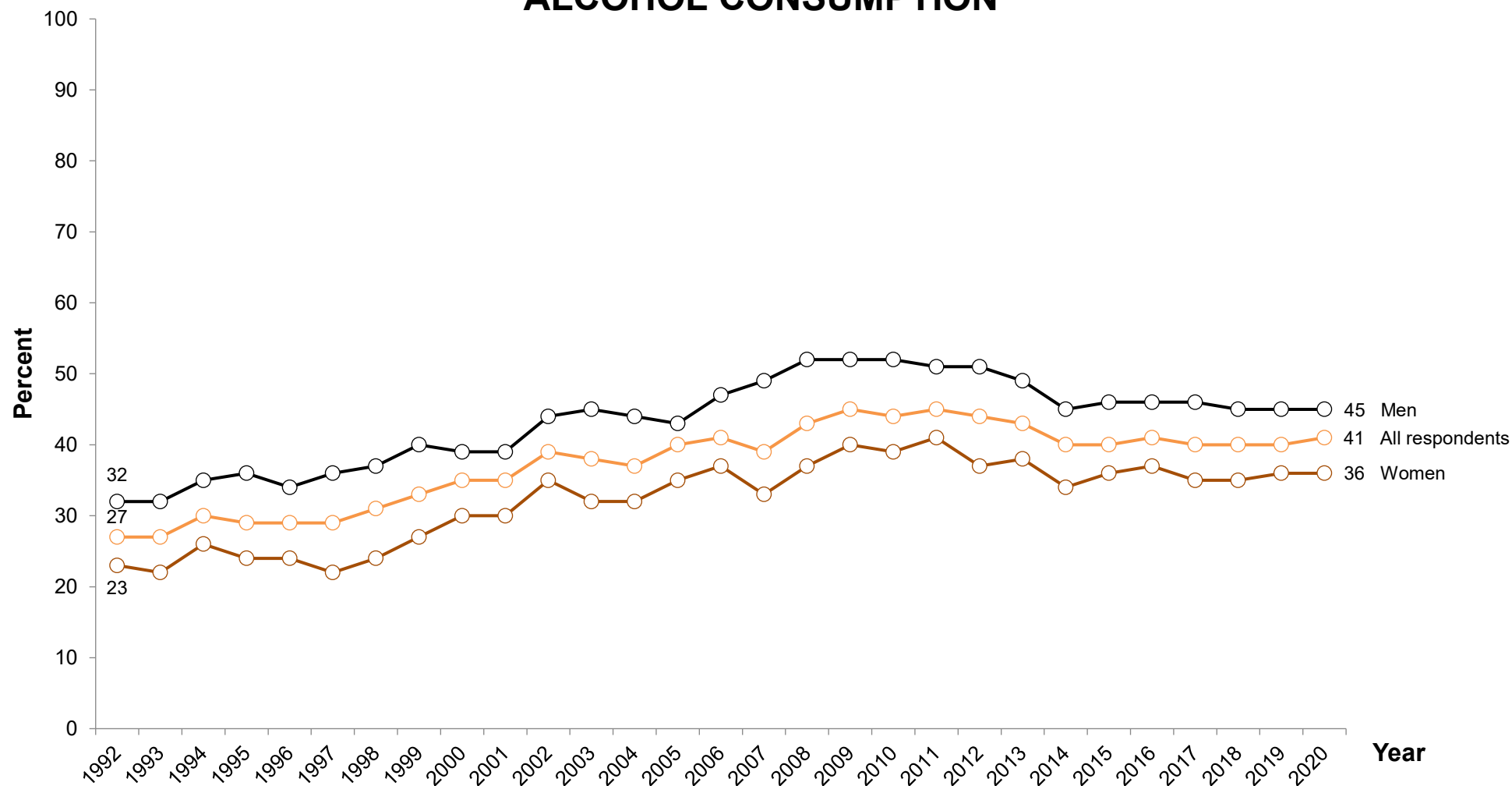
Comment: Attended church service figures indicate attendance at least once a month, while 'prayed to God' figures indicate activity at least once a week. The percentages are based on the respondents answering each individual item.

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Source: The National SOM survey 1988–2020



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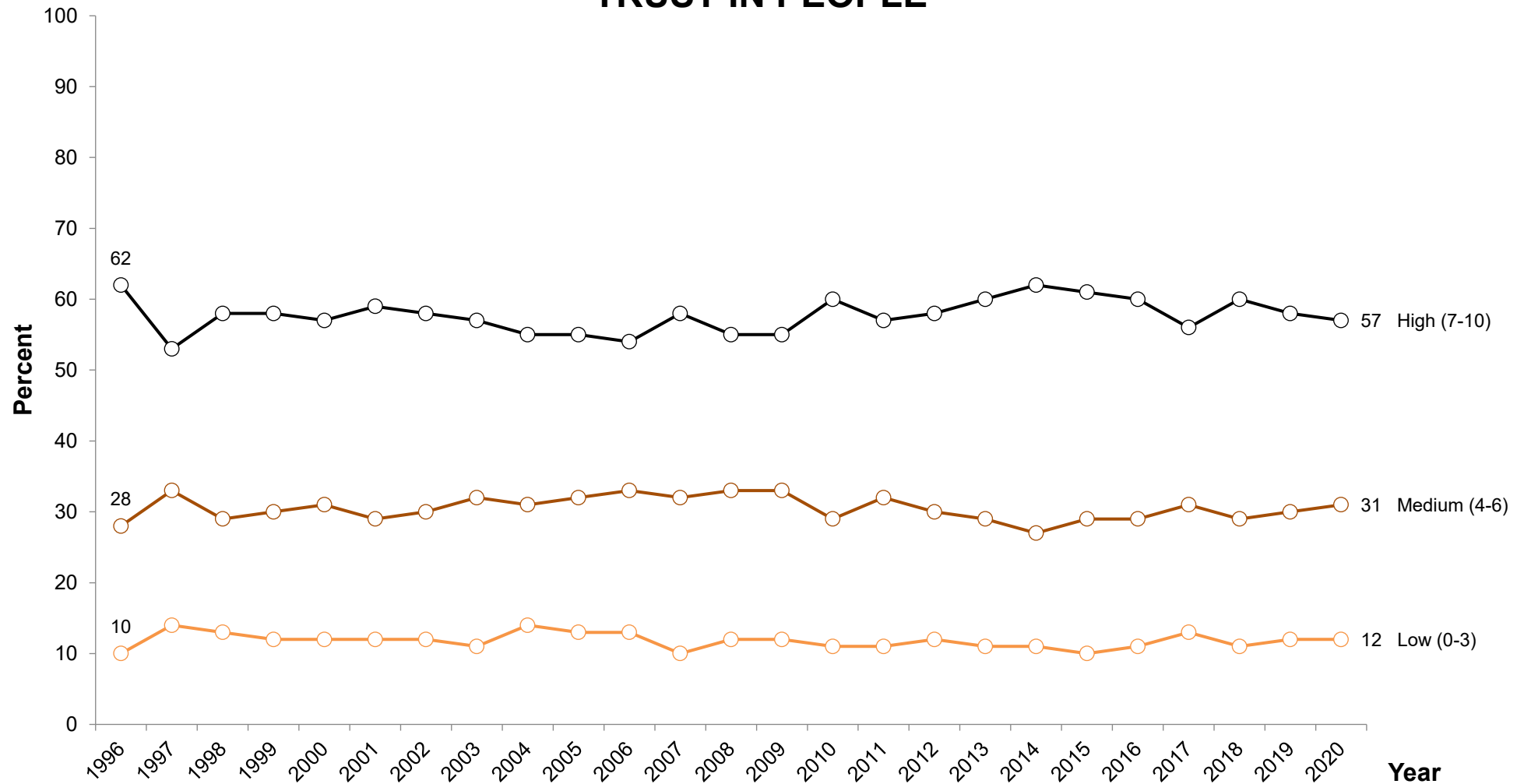
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Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1992–2020



TRUST IN PEOPLE



Comment: The scale runs between 0 and 10 with 0 labeled "It is not possible to trust people in general" and 10 labeled "It is possible to trust people in general". Percentages are based on respondents who answered the question.

Question: "According to your view, to what extent is it possible to trust people in general? Please answer using this scale."

Source: The National SOM survey 1996–2020



ROKEACH TERMINAL VALUES (Percent)

Year	1988	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1998	2000	2002	2004	2006	2008	2011	2014	2020
Health	91	92	90	90	88	86	85	86	87	88	89	87	85	85	83	86	
Freedom	82	88	86	85	82	84	80	82	81	83	84	82	82	81	81	81	86
Honesty	-	-	-	89	86	84	86	85	85	86	86	84	80	81	79	80	
Family security	80	84	78	81	78	77	77	83	80	82	84	82	79	79	79	78	87
A world at peace	88	91	87	89	84	87	83	84	86	86	87	84	79	81	77	81	77
Love	75	75	76	75	76	76	75	75	75	75	77	75	76	75	75	70	70
Justice	76	82	79	83	78	83	75	79	76	79	79	75	73	71	71	72	
Inner harmony	75	77	76	76	76	75	74	76	74	75	76	74	70	72	69	67	68
True friendship	-	78	76	79	75	72	71	72	73	73	75	73	70	68	67	69	71
Happiness	67	69	70	70	68	66	68	68	68	66	69	66	65	65	64	63	68
National security	69	75	71	72	71	72	64	66	67	67	72	65	60	61	60	67	74
A comfortable life	52	54	53	57	56	53	59	57	59	58	63	61	61	60	59	58	64
Equality	48	53	48	54	46	52	45	48	49	54	58	52	53	48	52	56	67
A clean world	80	78	71	75	70	69	69	67	61	63	68	56	54	56	51	54	
A world of beauty	57	57	54	56	54	56	52	52	51	49	53	46	46	43	42	45	52
Self-respect	42	44	42	44	42	41	40	43	41	42	45	41	40	36	36	36	39
Wisdom	29	36	36	38	36	37	34	36	34	35	37	32	34	30	34	36	40
A life full of pleasure	22	25	26	26	29	30	29	29	27	29	34	31	29	28	27	26	31
Self-fulfillment	26	32	28	31	30	32	32	30	29	31	30	28	29	23	25	22	20
An exciting life	21	25	22	24	28	28	27	27	25	23	28	25	28	23	25	24	18
Technical advances	21	33	23	26	29	32	24	21	22	23	25	23	23	22	20	21	
Social recognition	15	17	17	19	20	19	19	18	18	17	22	18	1	16	15	17	16
Wealth	7	9	9	8	9	10	9	11	9	8	10	9	7	8	7	8	
Salvation	9	7	9	7	9	9	8	9	9	8	9	8	7	7	7	7	8
Power	5	6	6	5	6	8	6	7	6	5	8	6	5	6	5	6	

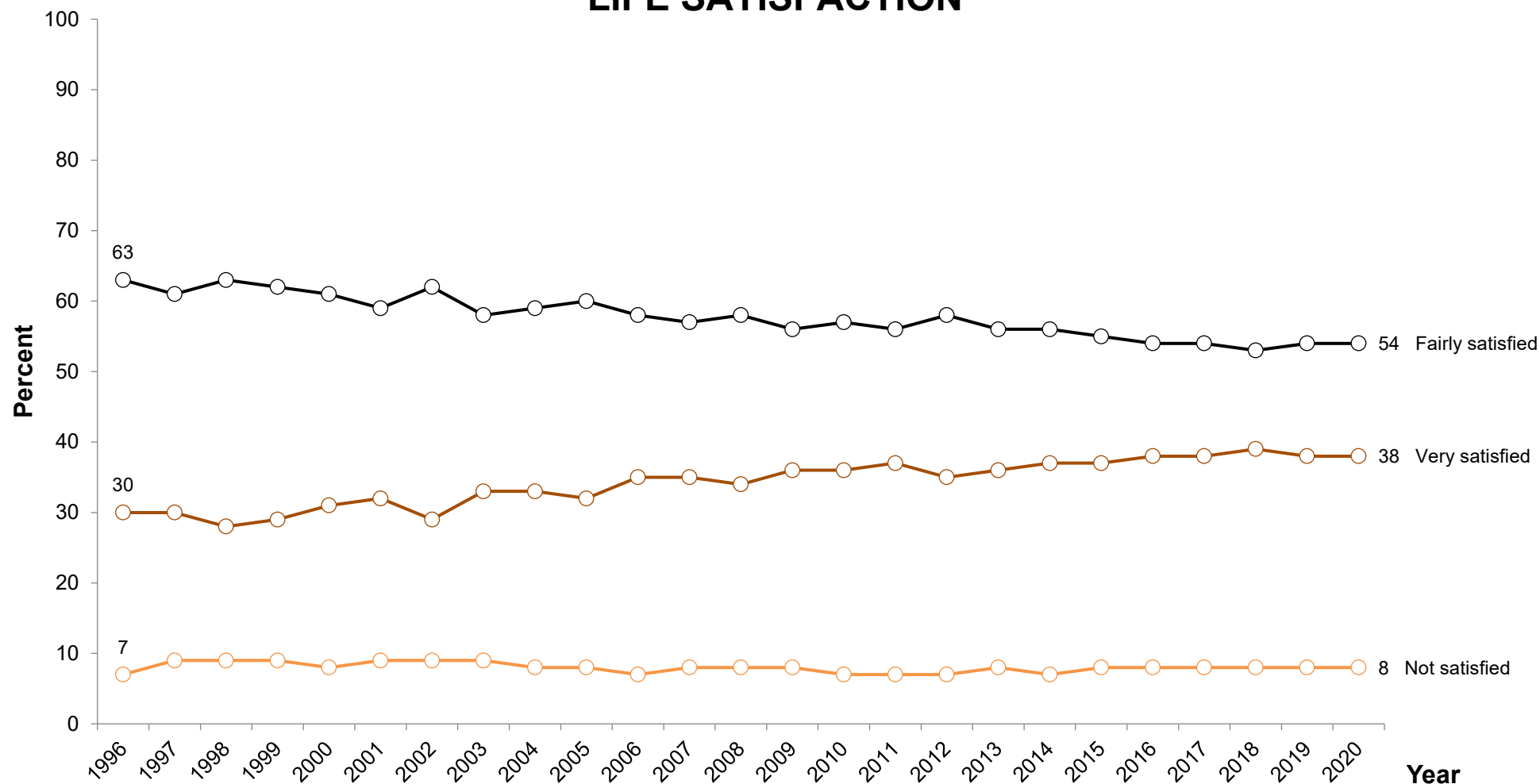
Kommentar: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very important; Fairly important; Neither important, nor unimportant; Not very important; Not at all important". The results show percent respondents answering "Very important". Percentages are based on those answering at least one item.

Frågeformulering: "How important are the following things to you?"

Källa: The National SOM survey 1988–2020



LIFE SATISFACTION



Comment: The scale runs between 0 and 10 with 0 labeled "It is not possible to trust people in general" and 10 labeled "It is possible to trust people in general". Percentages are based on respondents who answered the question.

Question: "On the whole, how satisfied are you with the life you lead?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1996–2020



WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT

Unemployment & Economic crisis



Comment: Four response alternatives to the question asked: "Very worrying; Somewhat worrying; Not particularly worrying; Not at all worrying". The results show percent answering "Very worrying" among respondents answering each individual item.

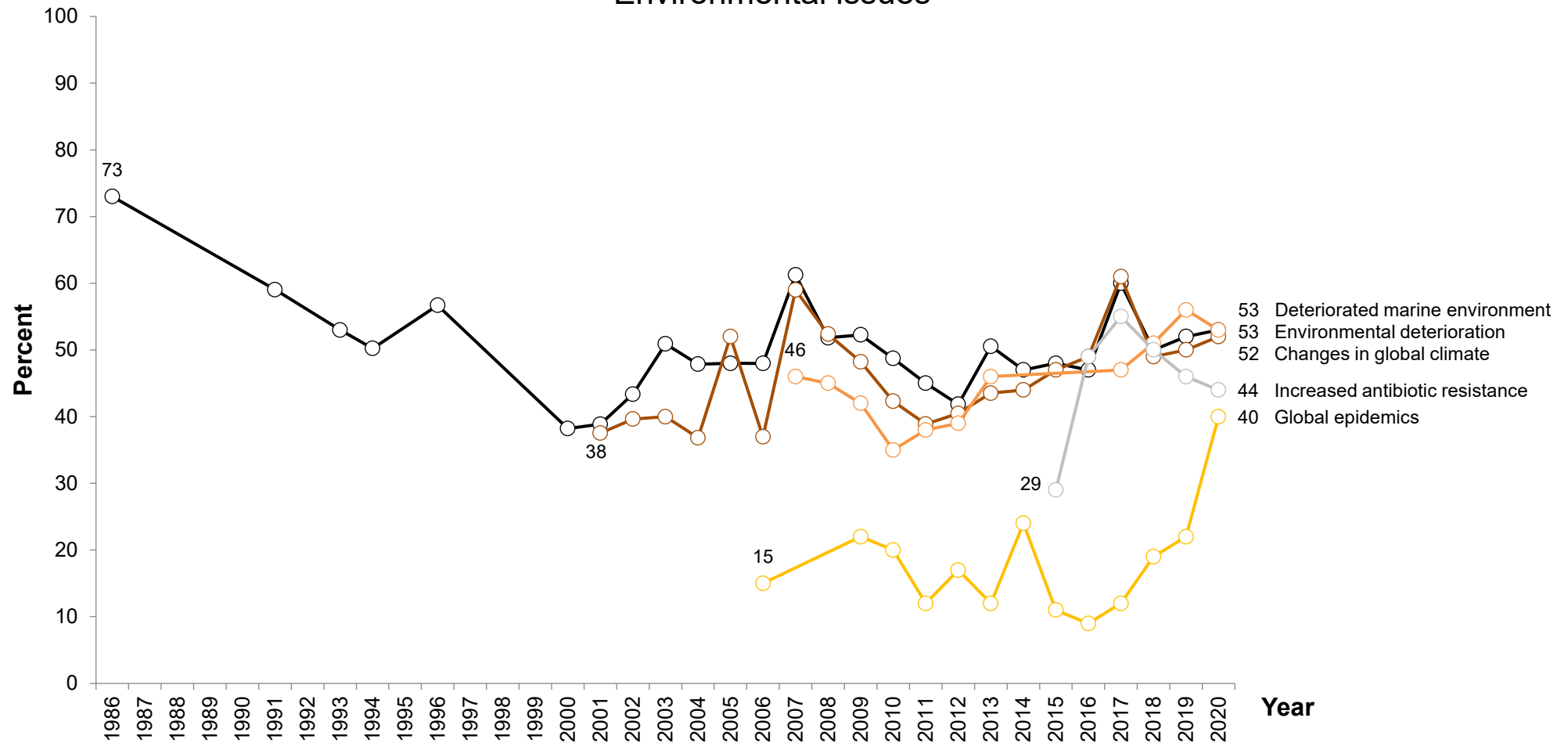
Question: "Looking at today's situation, what worries you most?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1991–2020



WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT

Environmental issues



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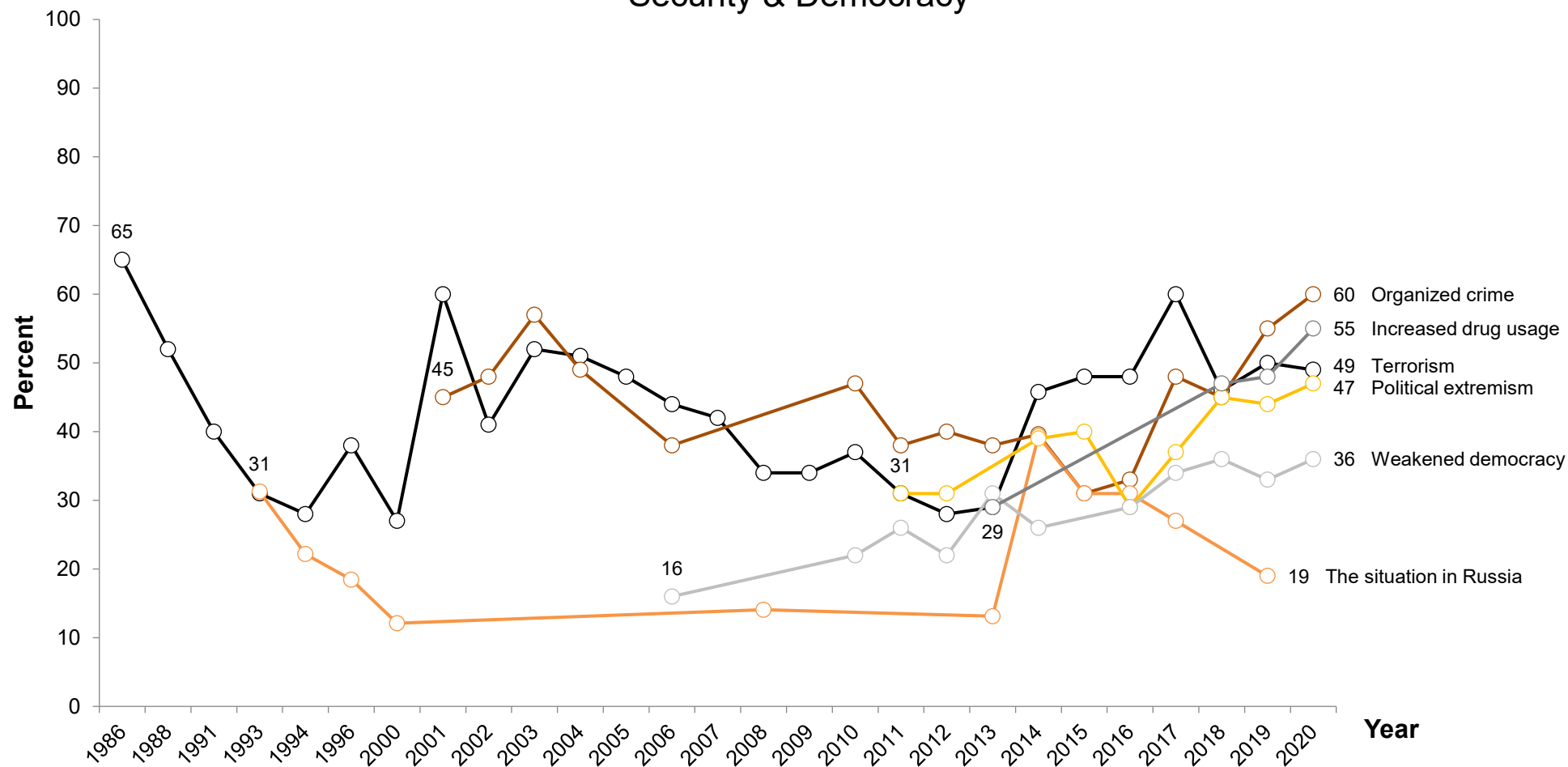
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WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT

Security & Democracy



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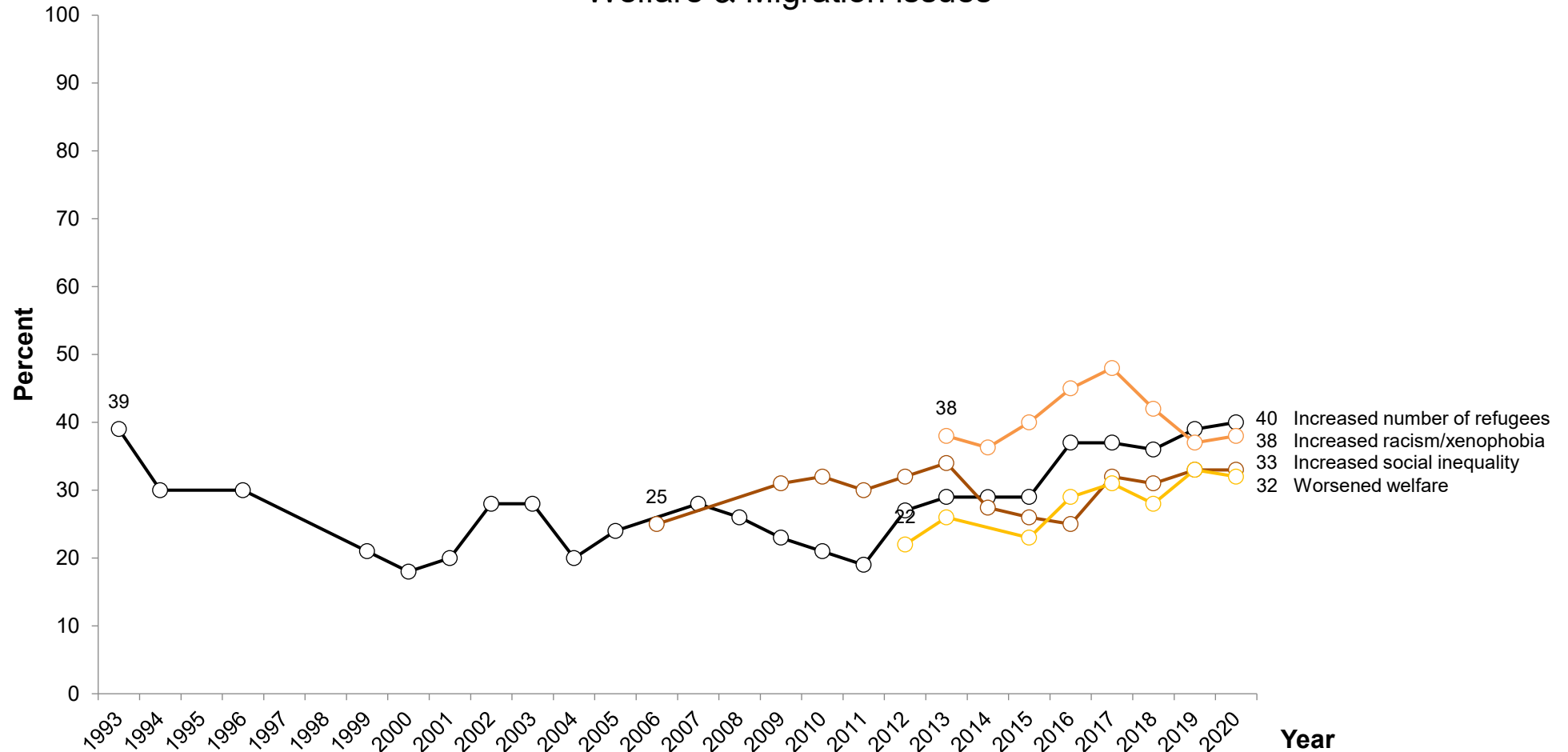
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Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



WHAT SWEDES WORRY ABOUT

Welfare & Migration issues



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Question: "Looking at today's situation, what worries you most?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1993–2020



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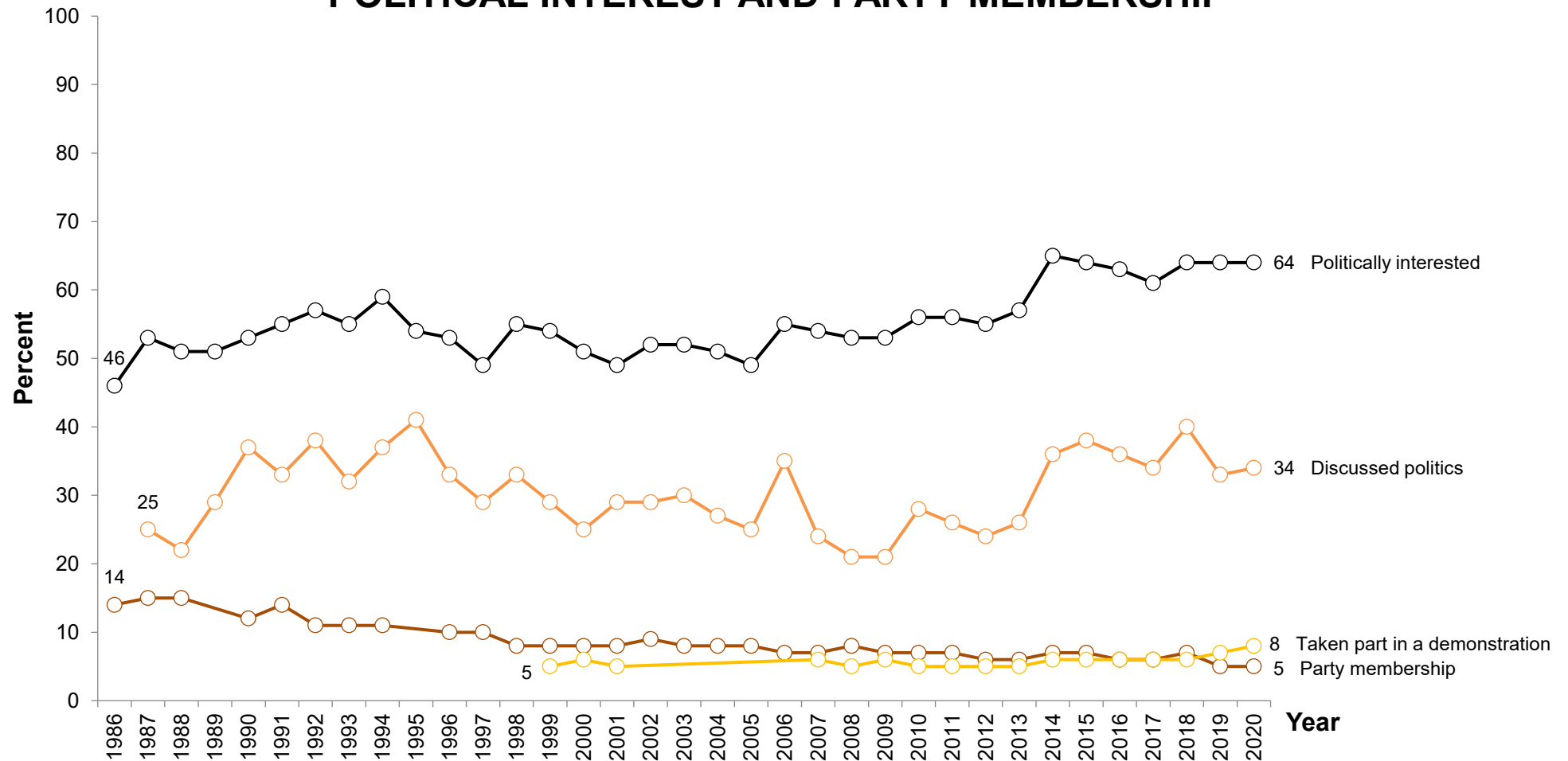


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POLITICAL TRENDS



POLITICAL INTEREST AND PARTY MEMBERSHIP



Comment: The results show percent "Very much" or "Fairly interested" in politics, percent party members among all respondents, the percentage who discuss politics at least once a week and the percentage who have taken part in a demonstration at least once during the last 12 months.

Question: "In general, how interested are you in politics?", "Are you a member of a political party?", "How often during the last 12 months have you discussed politics?", "How often during the last 12 months have you taken part in a demonstration?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



PARTY SYMPATHY (Percent)

Year	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Left Party	3	3	5	7	7	5	4	3	7	13	13	10	13	15	16	12	9	10	9	6	6	6	6	5	4	5	5	6	6	7	6	7	8	9	10	
Social Democrats	45	43	43	35	29	32	43	45	43	31	31	33	36	31	32	39	41	38	35	36	33	39	39	29	27	28	33	31	31	26	29	33	29	26	28	
Green Party	5	8	8	7	5	4	3	3	5	12	9	8	6	6	5	4	4	6	6	6	8	8	8	11	11	12	10	11	9	7	5	4	5	6	5	
Centre Party	8	6	10	8	9	7	6	5	7	6	6	5	5	4	4	6	7	8	7	7	8	6	5	4	5	4	4	3	7	8	8	13	10	10	9	
Liberals	18	20	12	15	13	9	7	9	8	5	6	6	5	5	5	4	17	12	11	9	7	9	7	8	8	7	6	6	7	6	6	6	6	5	4	
Christian Democrats	1	2	3	3	5	8	3	4	3	3	4	4	12	13	13	11	8	8	5	4	7	5	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	3	3	7	7	6	
Moderate Party	18	17	16	22	28	22	22	22	22	27	27	30	22	25	23	21	12	17	23	27	27	22	24	29	33	34	30	27	23	22	24	16	18	17	20	
New Democrats	-	-	-	-	-	7	11	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden Democrats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	4	4	4	5	7	9	10	15	14	14	13	17	14
Feminist Initiative	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	1	-	-
Other parties	1	1	2	2	3	6	2	3	3	3	3	4	2	2	2	3	3	3	5	4	3	2	2	7	3	1	1	3	2	2	4	3	3	3	4	
Sum percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
No party	9	12	10	12	15	11	8	8	5	9	11	13	7	11	10	11	7	10	11	10	8	9	7	9	7	8	9	7	8	11	13	9	8	9	7	

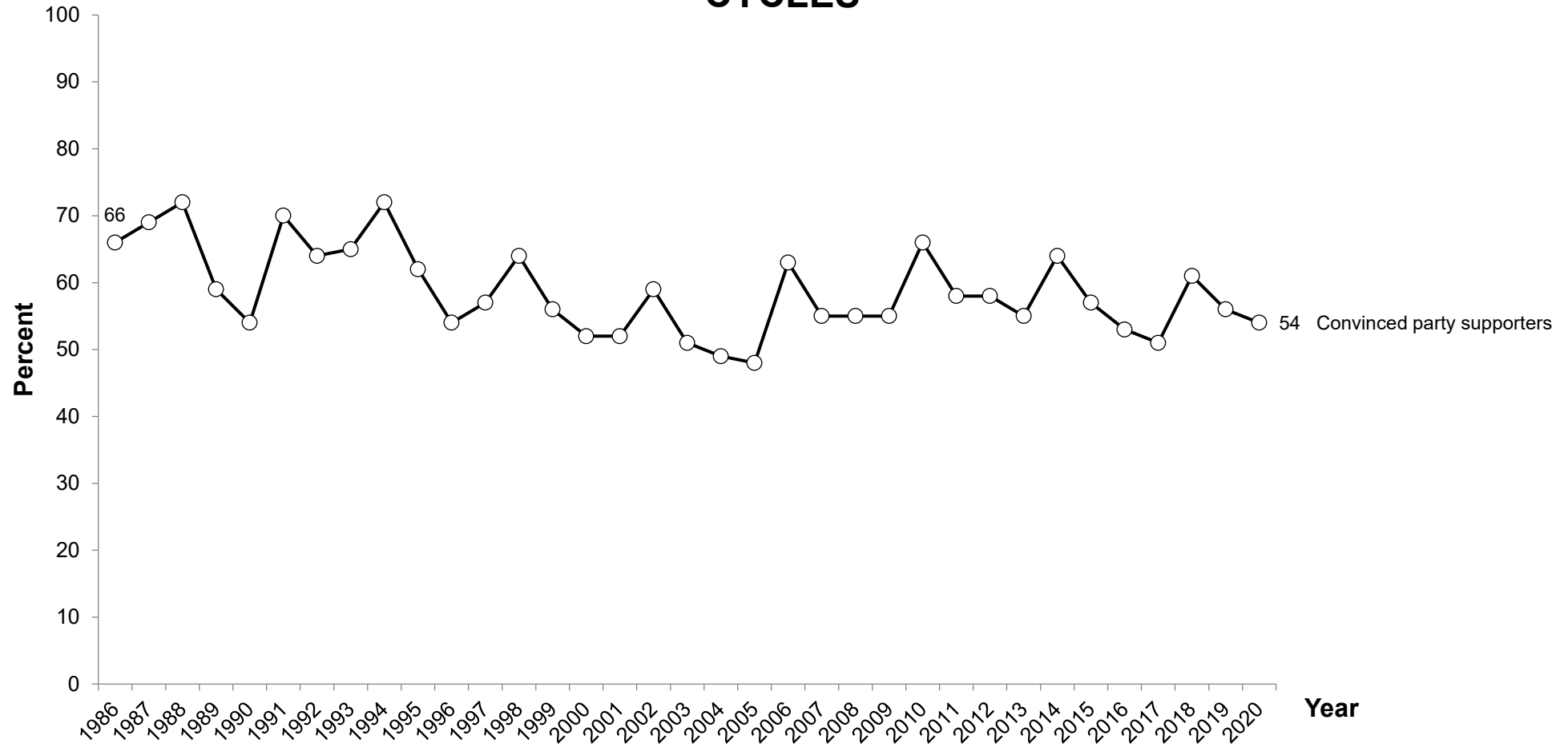
Comment: The results are unweighted and calculated among all respondents.

Question: "Which party do you like best at the present time?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



STRENGTH OF PARTY CONVICTION THROUGH ELECTORAL CYCLES



Comment: The question is given to respondents stating a party preference. Response alternatives to the question asked: "Yes, very convinced", "Yes, somewhat convinced", "No". The results show percent very convinced or somewhat convinced party supporters among all respondents.

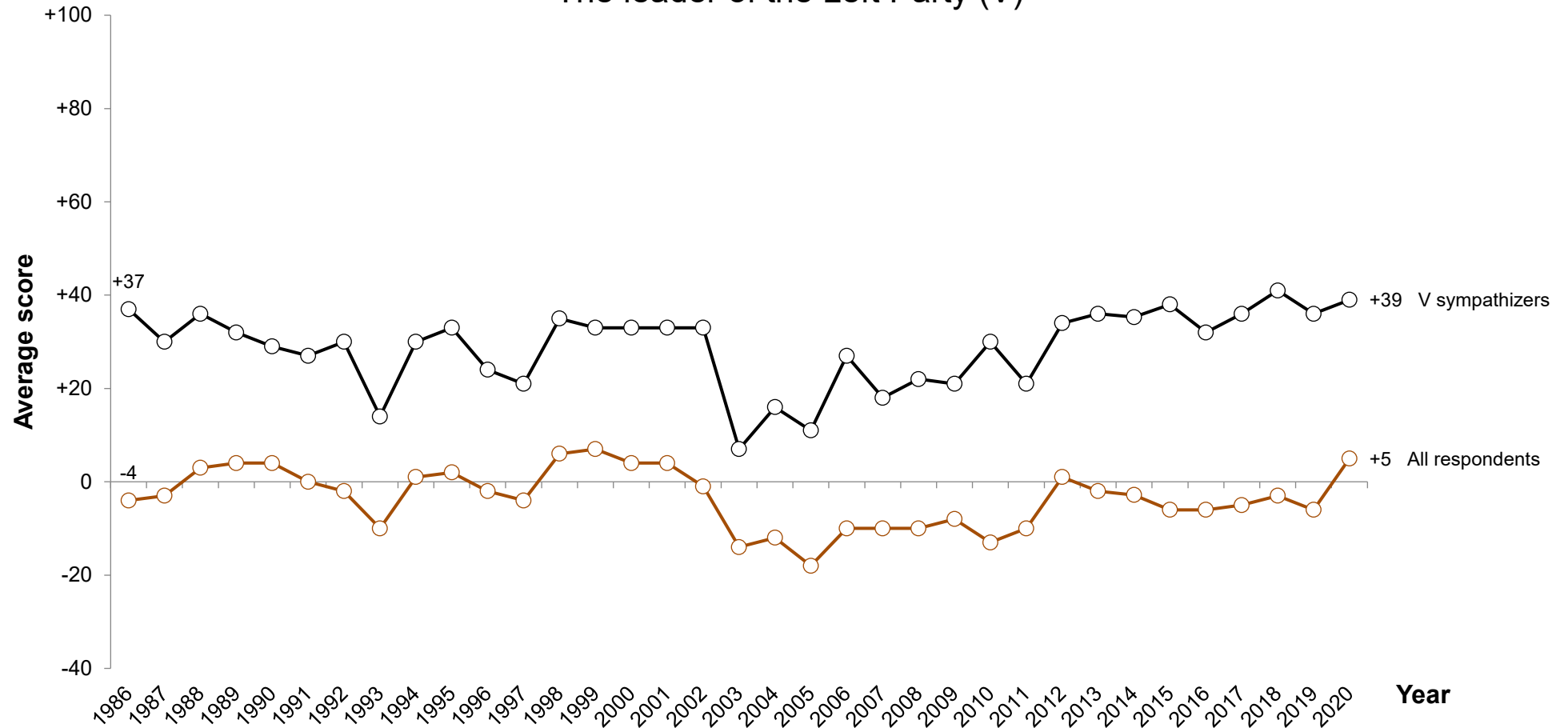
Question: "Do you consider yourself a convinced supporter of your party?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Left Party (V)



Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

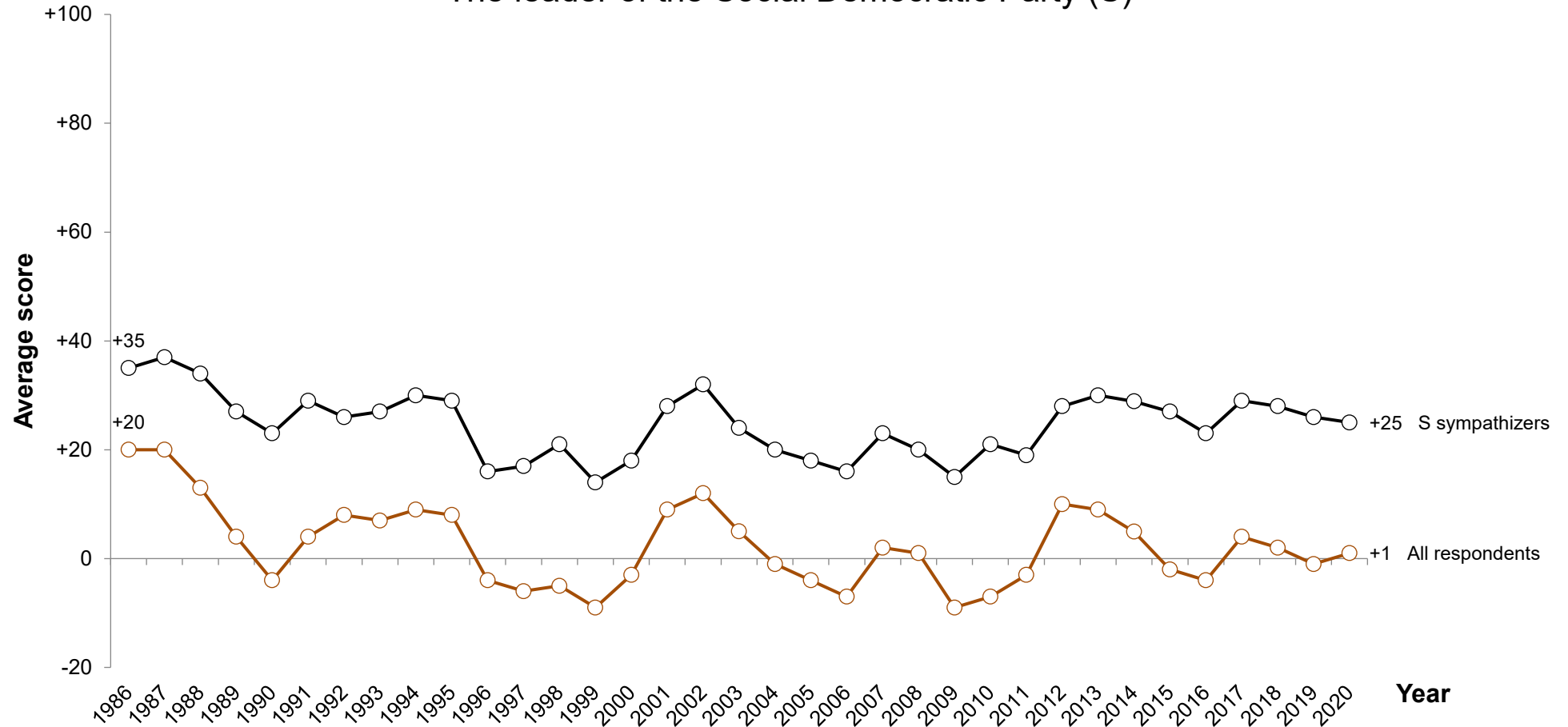
Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Social Democratic Party (S)



Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

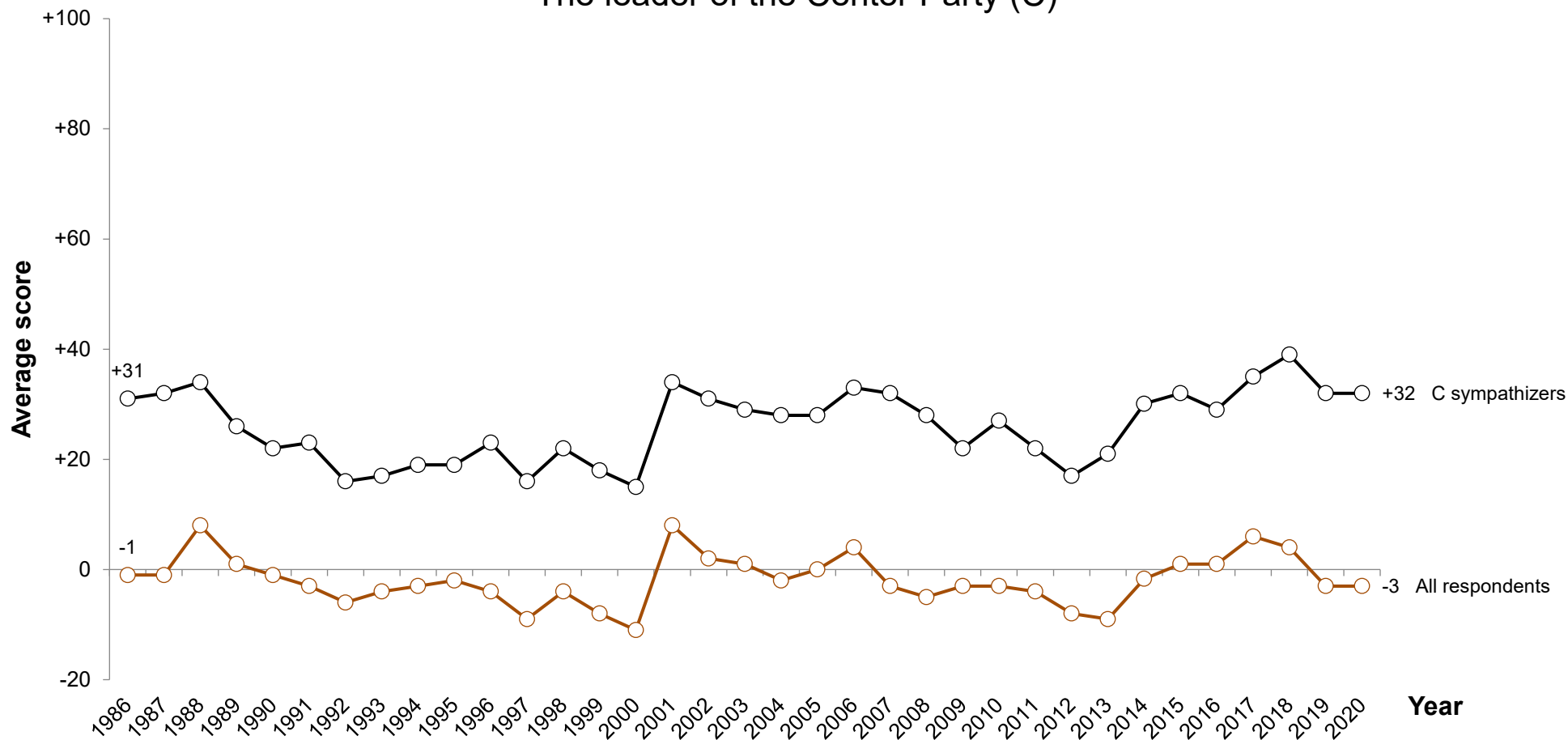
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Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Center Party (C)



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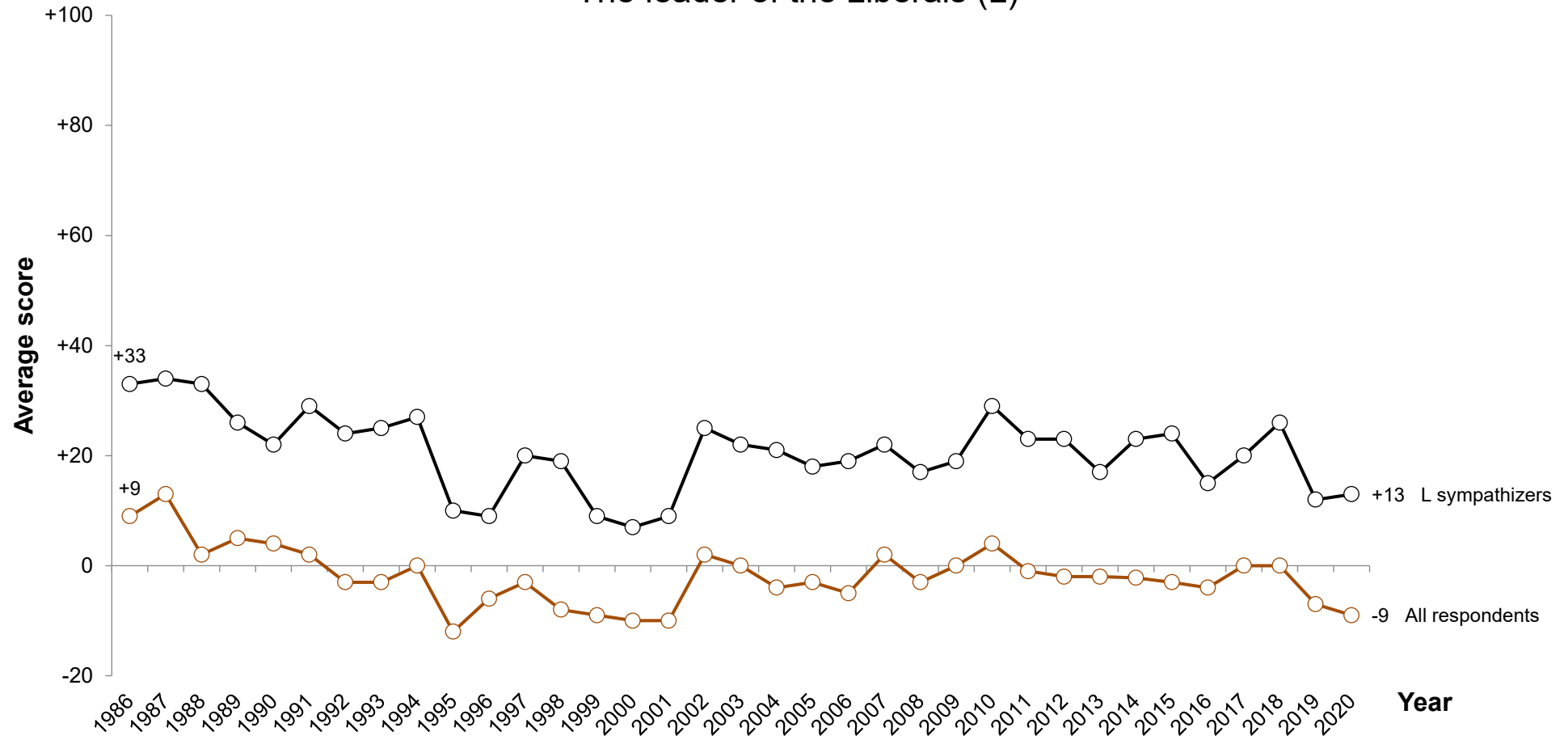
Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Liberals (L)



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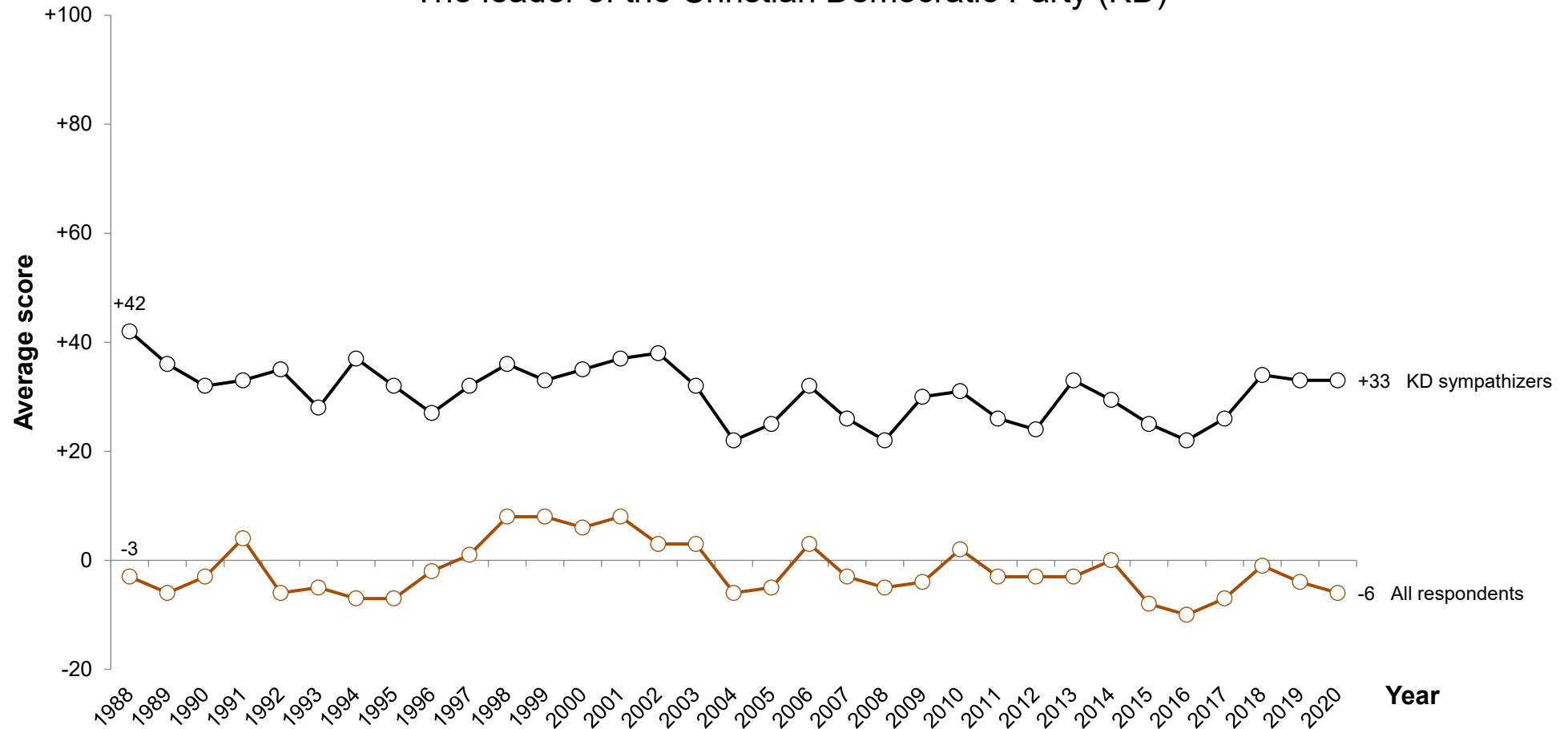
Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Christian Democratic Party (KD)



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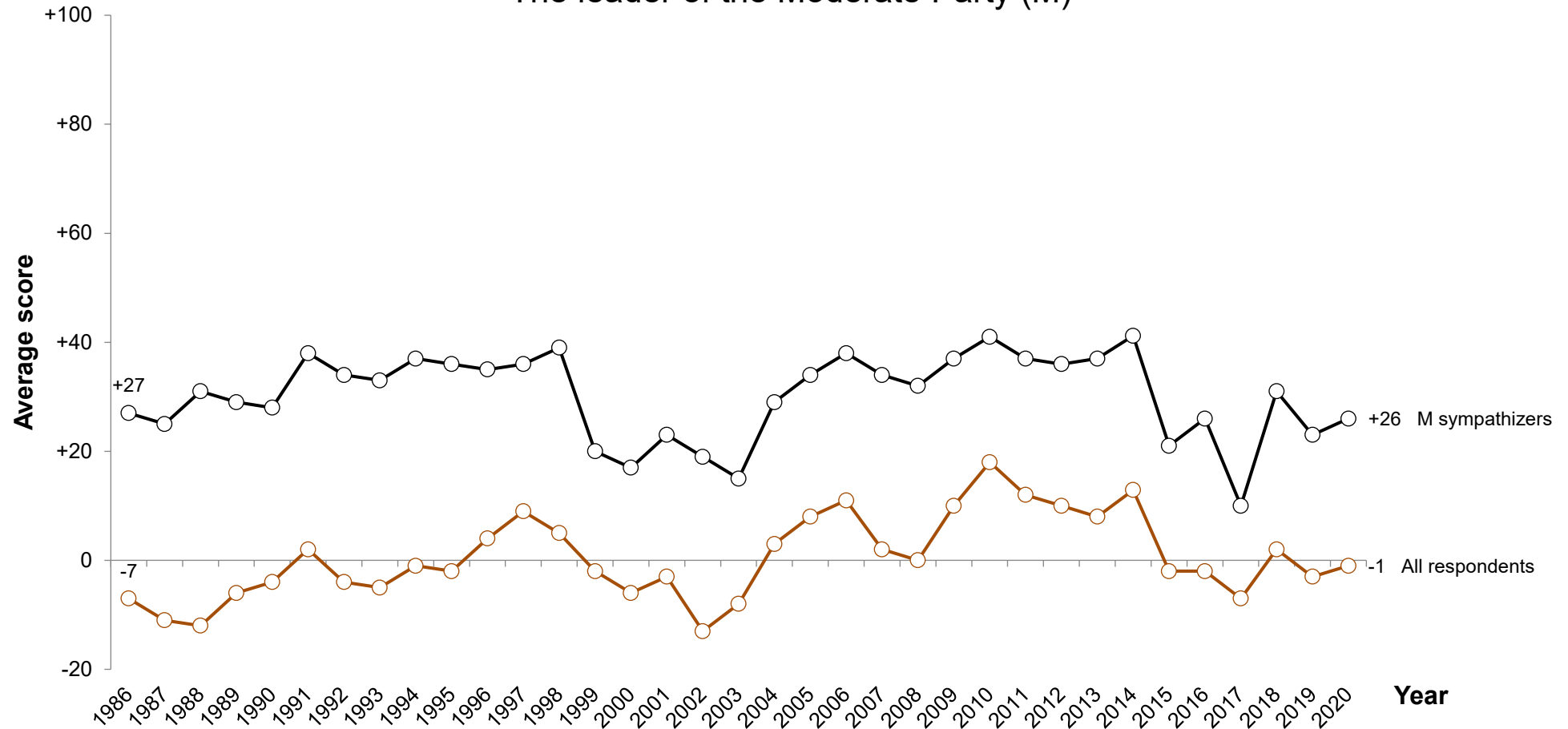
Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1988–2020



VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Moderate Party (M)



Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

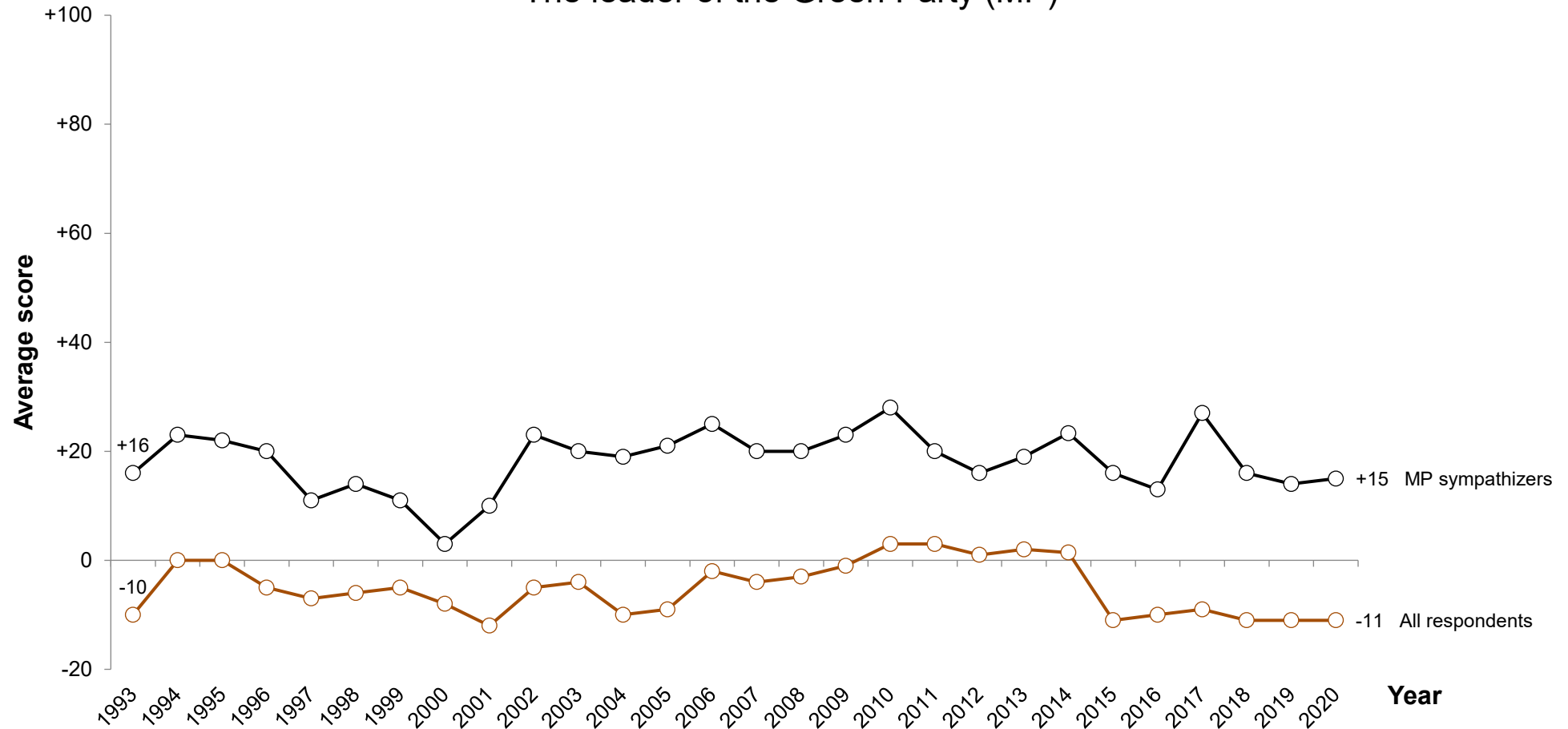
Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Green Party (MP)



Comment: The results are based on answers on a dislike-like scale running between -5 ("Dislike") and +5 ("Like"). The numbers have been multiplied by ten to avoid decimals. Consequently, the scale runs between -50 ("Dislike") and +50 ("Like").

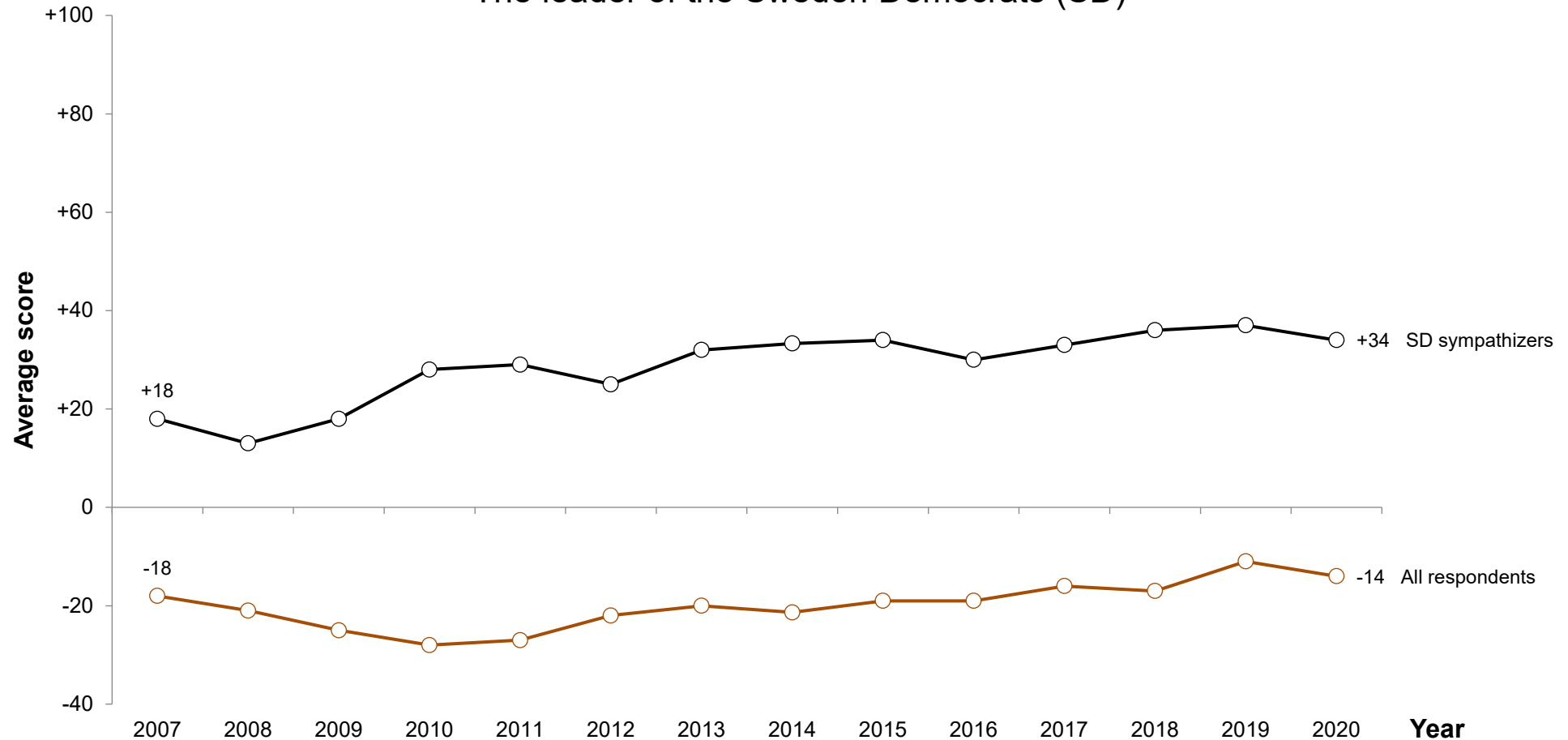
Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1993–2020



VOTER ASSESSMENTS OF THE PARTY LEADERS

The leader of the Sweden Democrats (SD)



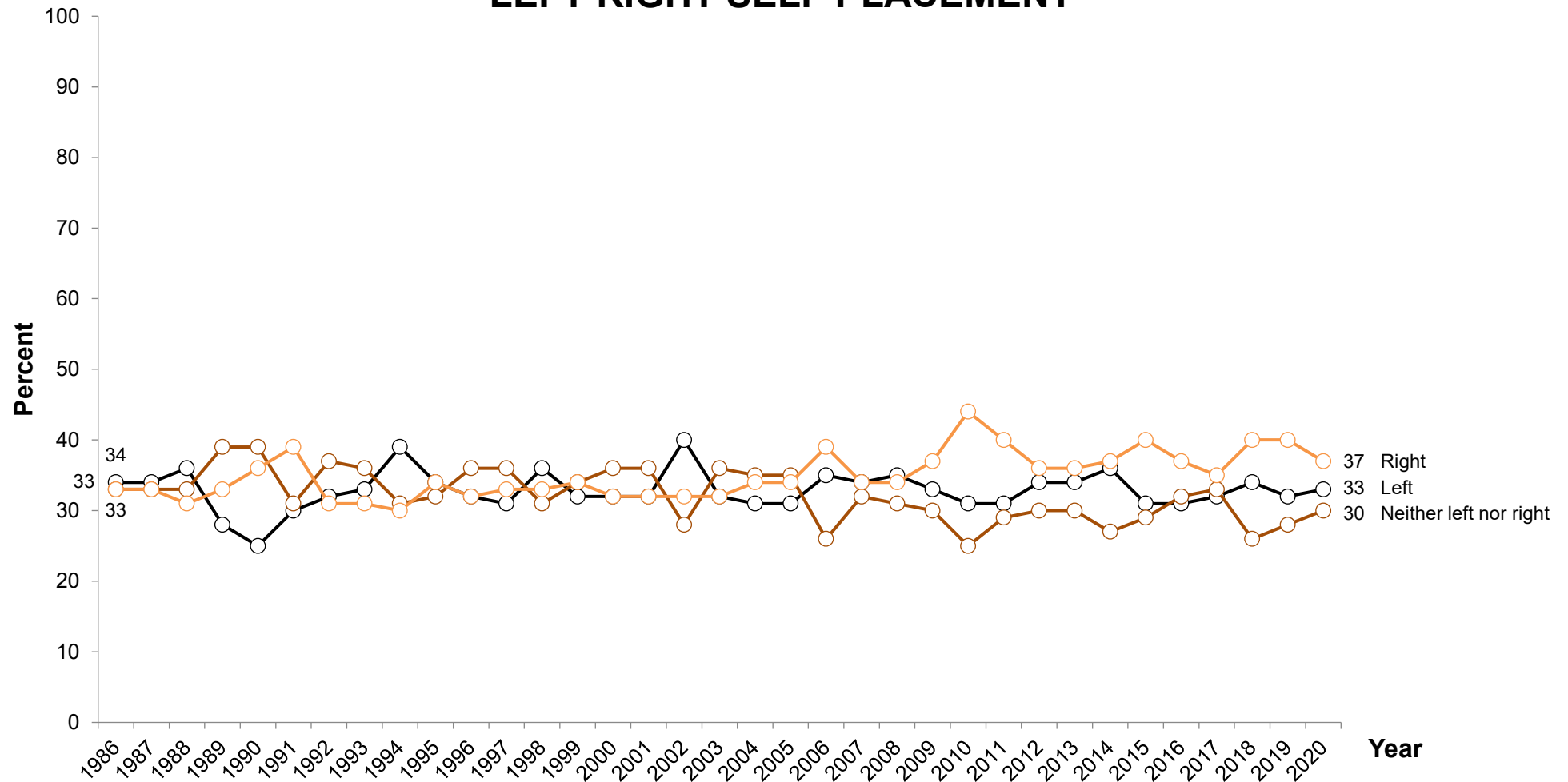
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Question: "Generally speaking, how much do you like or dislike the party leaders? Using this scale, where would you like to place the different party leaders?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2007–2020



LEFT-RIGHT SELF PLACEMENT



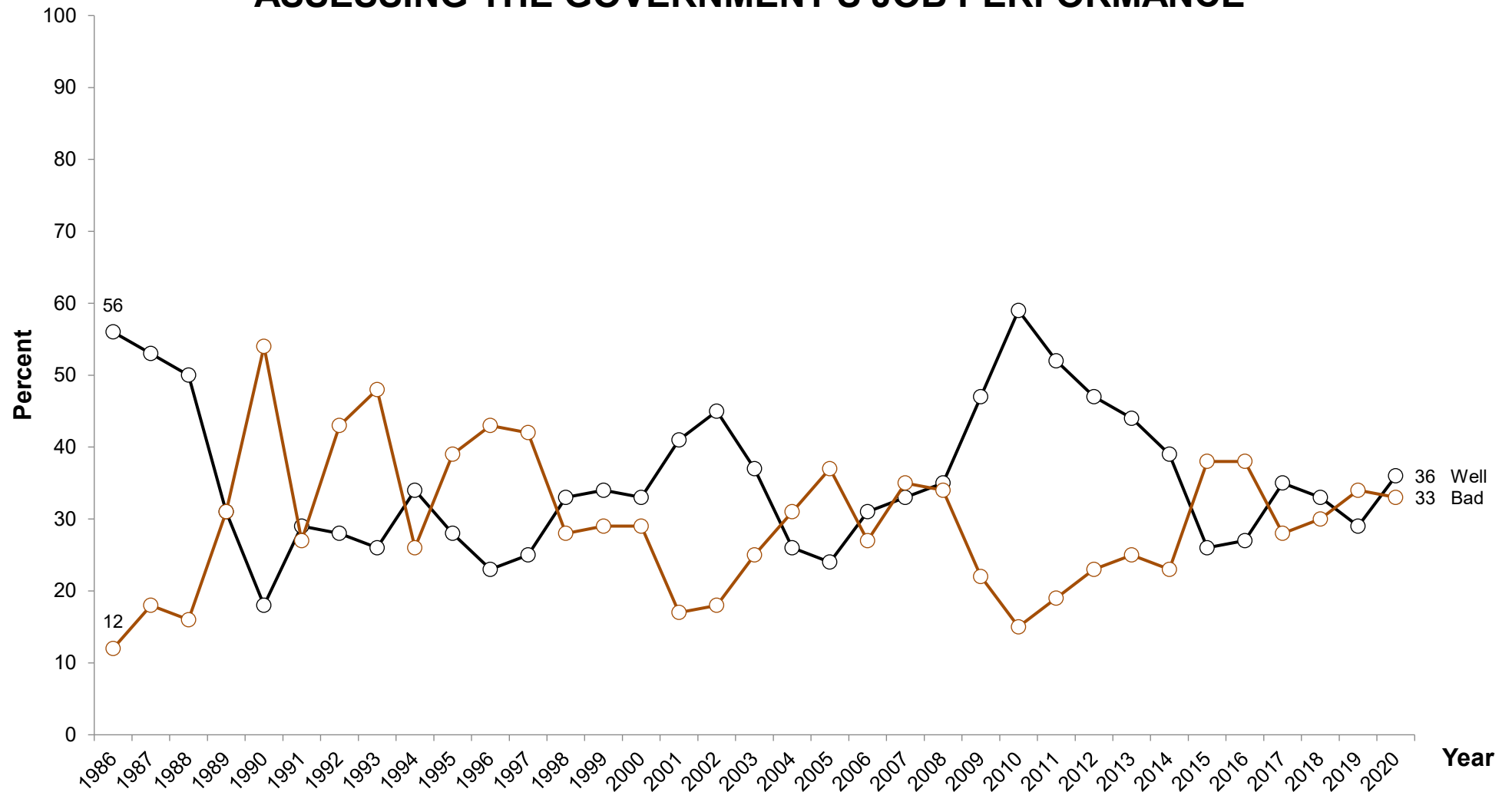
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Clearly to the left; Somewhat to the left; Neither to the left, nor to the right; Somewhat to the right". No-answers (3-5 percent on average every year) are excluded from the analysis.

Question: "It is sometimes said that political opinions can be placed on a scale from left to right. Where would you place yourself on such a left-right scale?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



ASSESSING THE GOVERNMENT'S JOB PERFORMANCE



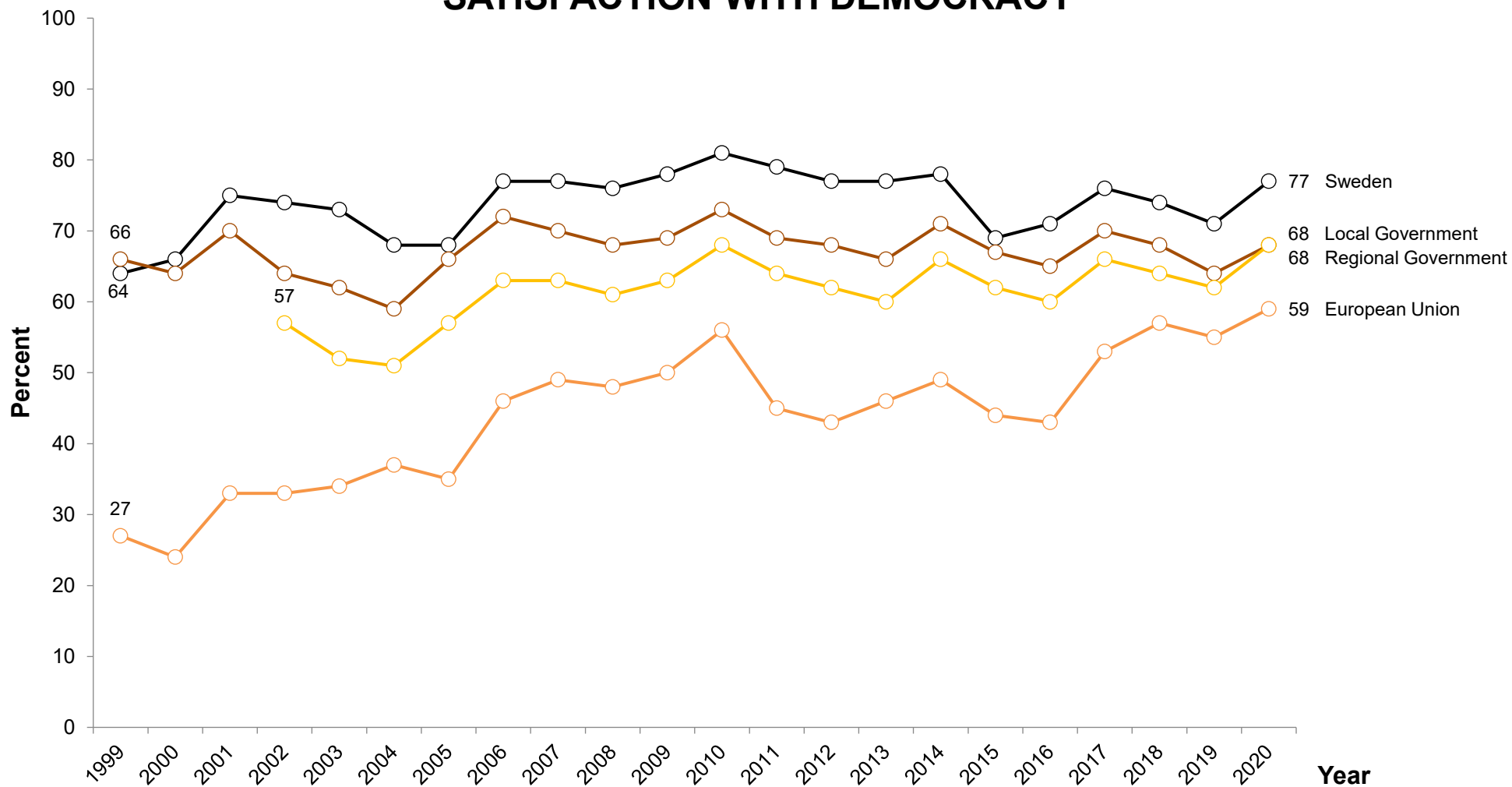
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very well; Fairly well; Neither well, nor badly; Fairly badly; Very badly". The results show percent respondents answering "Very" or "Fairly well".

Question: "How well do you think the Government is doing its job?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



SATISFACTION WITH DEMOCRACY



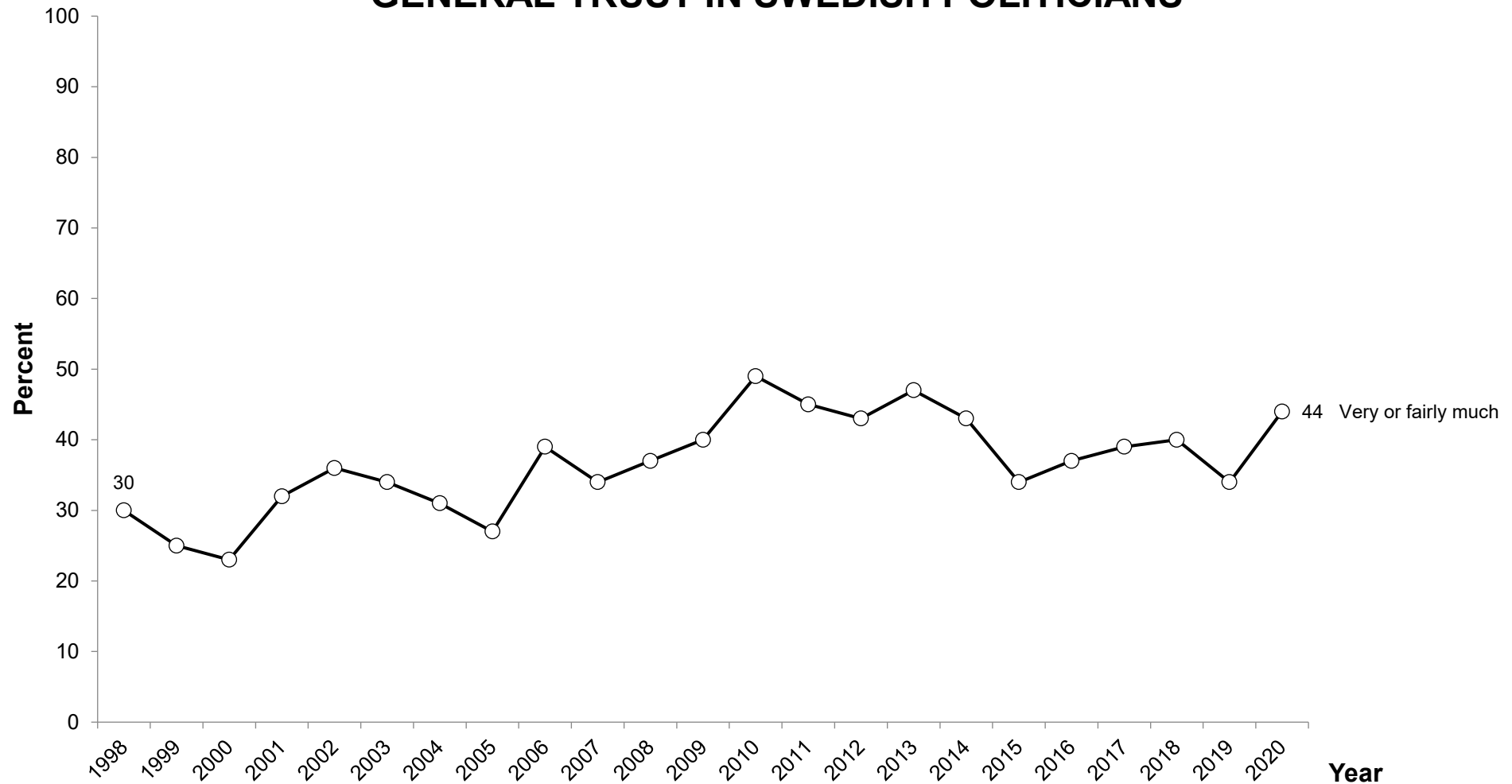
Comment: Four response alternatives to the question asked: "Very satisfied; fairly satisfied; Not very satisfied; Not at all satisfied". The results show percentages responding "Very" or "Fairly satisfied" among respondents answering each individual item.

Question: "On the whole, are you satisfied with the way democracy works?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1999–2020



GENERAL TRUST IN SWEDISH POLITICIANS



Comment: Four response alternatives to the question asked: "Very much; Fairly much; Fairly little; Very little". The results show percent answering "Very much" or "Fairly much" among all respondents. No-answers vary between 1 to 4 percent, and are included in the percentage base.

Question: "In general, how much do you trust Swedish politicians?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1998–2020



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POLITICAL ISSUES



MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES (Percent)

Är	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	
Integration	7	8	11	14	13	19	26	12	14	13	10	10	12	11	13	20	12	11	15	15	14	13	15	19	14	20	22	27	53	45	43	38	38	38	
Law and order	22	14	40	12	16	9	9	12	26	15	14	16	17	16	13	12	18	19	17	15	15	16	10	9	6	7	7	4	5	12	17	16	28	34	
Healthcare	24	22	23	23	20	19	22	18	15	24	35	30	41	39	42	38	42	32	27	29	25	24	24	26	24	23	28	33	24	29	37	45	37	31	
Education	12	8	10	10	10	8	10	8	7	10	22	32	37	36	38	32	23	18	19	24	21	22	21	26	25	24	30	40	29	34	30	34	28	23	
Environment/Energy	61	68	55	42	39	22	19	21	30	12	12	11	11	10	10	11	7	8	12	15	23	24	23	15	15	14	13	12	11	9	10	16	24	18	
Social policy	14	18	18	13	14	10	8	13	12	12	9	21	6	9	9	11	12	14	11	12	15	11	11	16	17	14	14	12	12	12	15	14	15	13	
Pension/Elderly care	10	10	16	14	17	14	17	12	10	17	20	16	21	24	23	24	21	20	20	16	14	16	13	14	17	16	17	18	13	14	14	15	14	12	
Labor market	17	8	3	8	40	49	60	59	51	59	50	52	30	16	15	16	15	21	34	46	23	22	38	35	30	38	33	24	21	13	9	7	5	8	
Economy	8	10	9	33	24	40	30	40	29	14	7	9	6	4	8	8	10	8	6	6	8	17	14	8	15	11	7	7	7	6	4	4	5	6	
Democracy/human right	1	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	4	3	3	5	5	4	5	
Corona																																			4
Taxes	6	9	14	12	6	2	2	2	2	3	5	7	5	8	7	7	6	7	9	7	5	4	5	4	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	3	3	2	
Family/Child care	9	10	11	11	8	9	11	8	6	7	9	9	8	10	9	11	10	9	7	7	7	6	6	4	5	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	3	2	
Housing/Construction	6	7	6	5	5	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	2	3	3	4	3	7	6	5	4	3	2	
Governance	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	2
Swedish foreign policy	3	2	2	5	2	2	2	1	3	5	3	3	2	2	1	2	2	2	3	1	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	4	3	4	3	2	2	2	
Number of respondents	1672	1643	1578	1582	1573	1889	1857	1777	1707	1779	1754	3561	3503	3546	3638	3609	3675	3612	3499	3336	3435	3259	4926	5007	4720	6289	6688	3431	4829	4908	5344	5368	5028	5562	

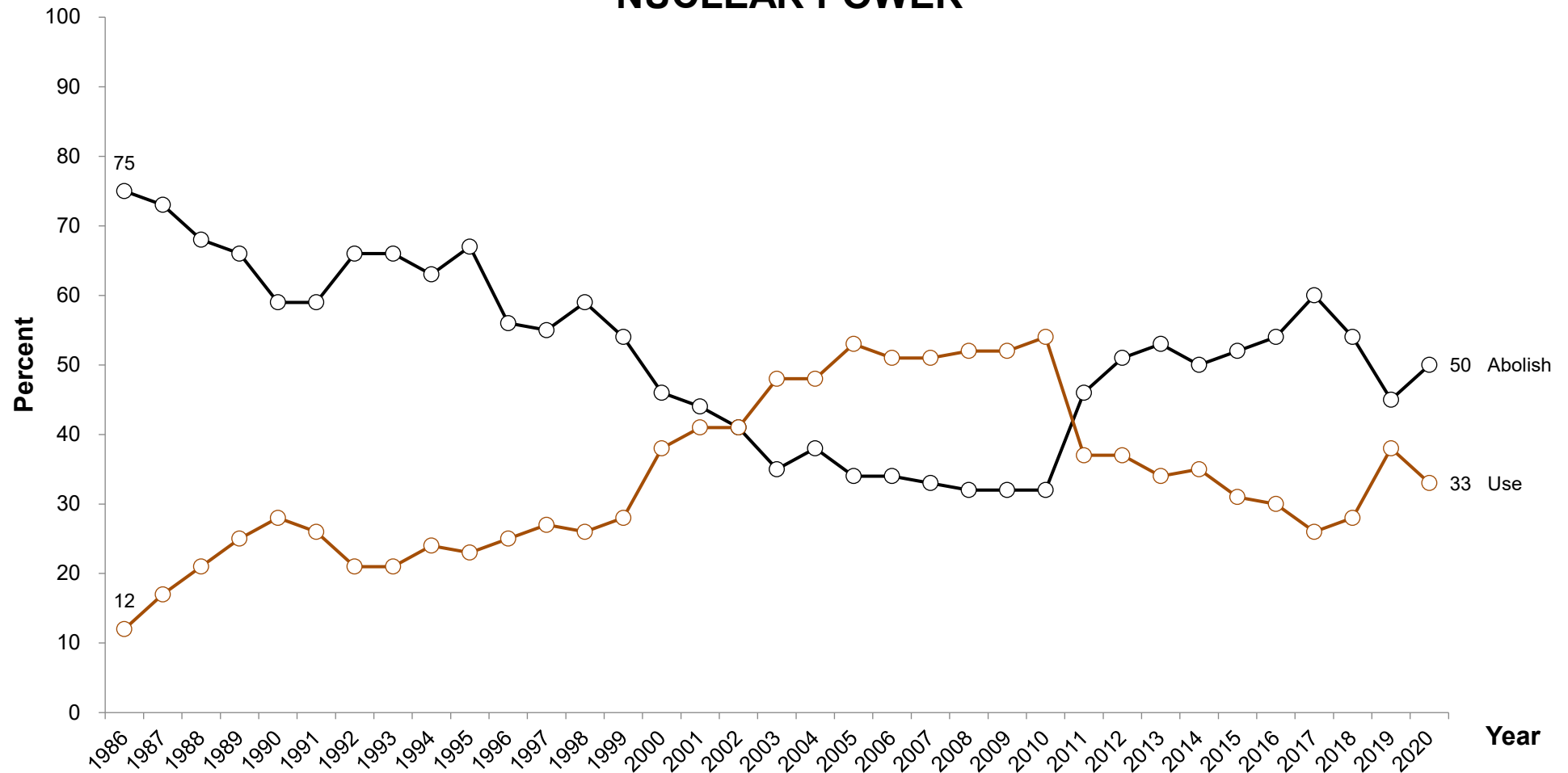
Comment: The percentages are based on all respondents. The respondents were asked to provide a maximum of three issues/societal problems in an open-ended question.

Question: "Which issue(s) or societal problem(s) do you think is/are the most important in Sweden today?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1987–2020



NUCLEAR POWER



Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Abolish nuclear power right away; Abolish nuclear power, but not until our present reactors have done their job; Use nuclear power and renew the reactors when they are worn out; Use nuclear power and build additional reactors in the future; No definite opinion". Percentages are based on respondents who answered the question.

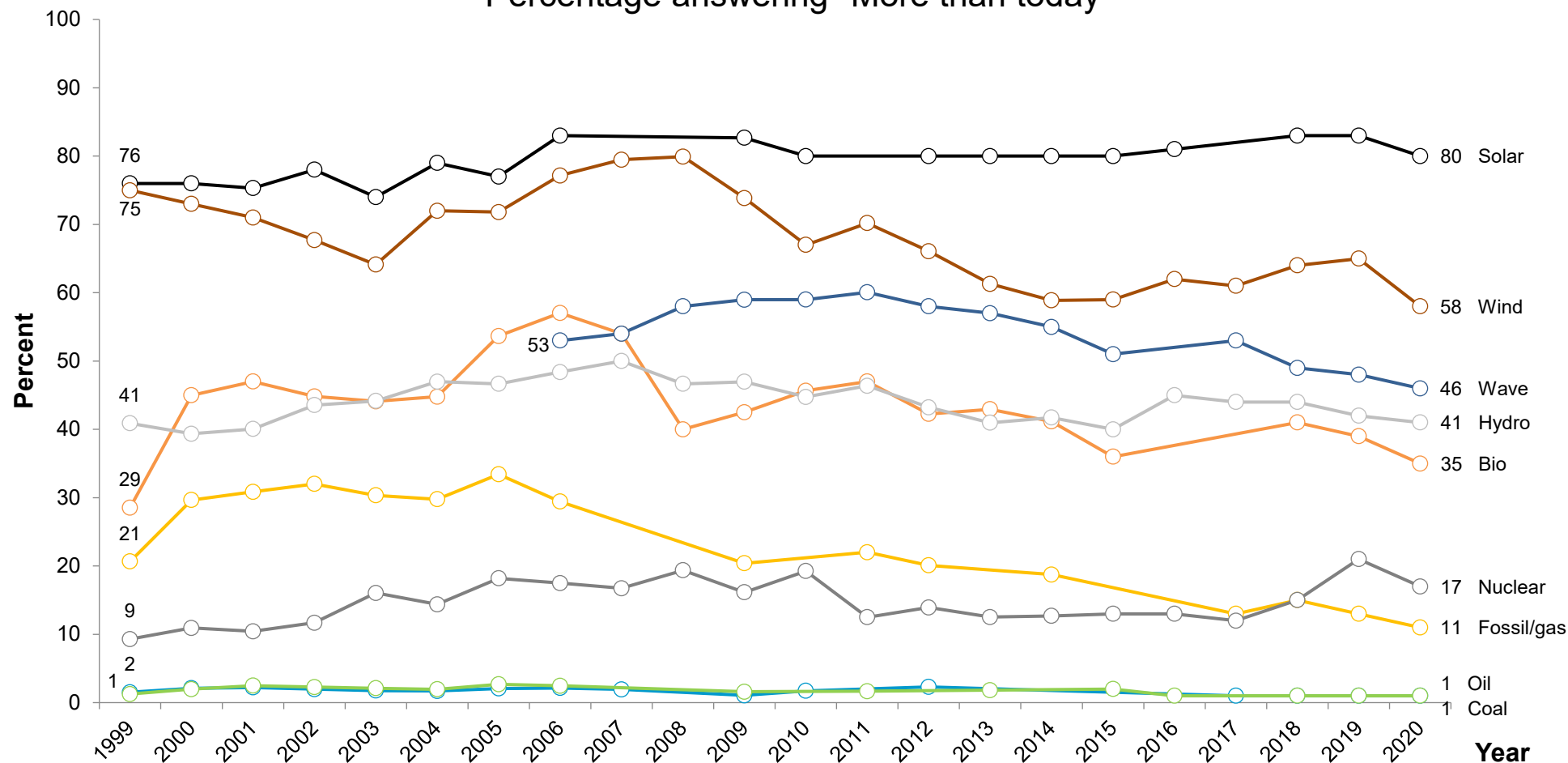
Question: "What is your view on the long term use of nuclear power as an energy source in Sweden?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



INVEST IN DIFFERENT ENERGY SOURCES

Percentage answering "More than today"



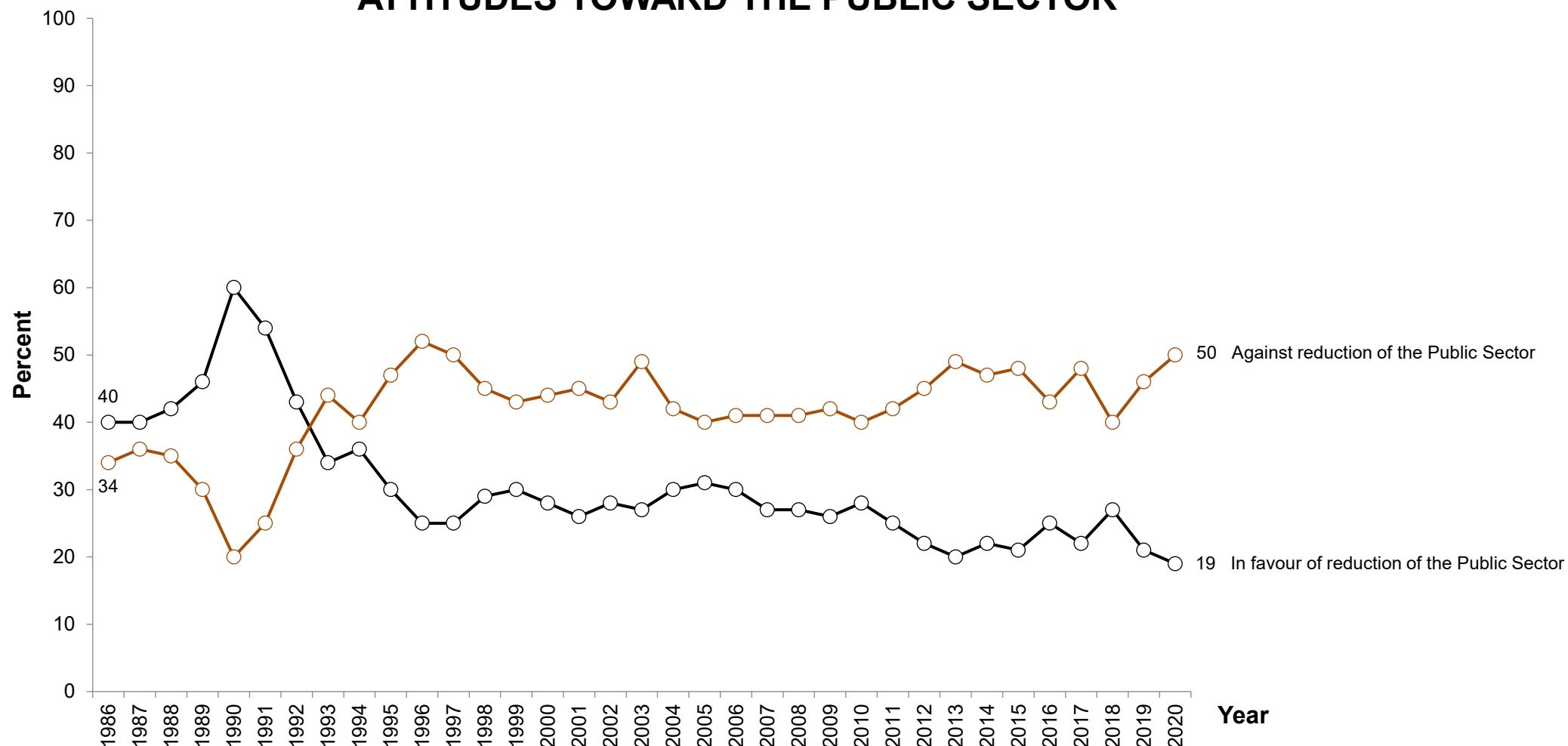
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "More than today; About the same as today; Less than today; Abolish/Give up the energy source completely; No opinion". All respondents who answered each item are included in the percentage base.

Question: "During the next 5-10 years, how much should we in Sweden invest in the following energy sources?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1999–2020



ATTITUDES TOWARD THE PUBLIC SECTOR



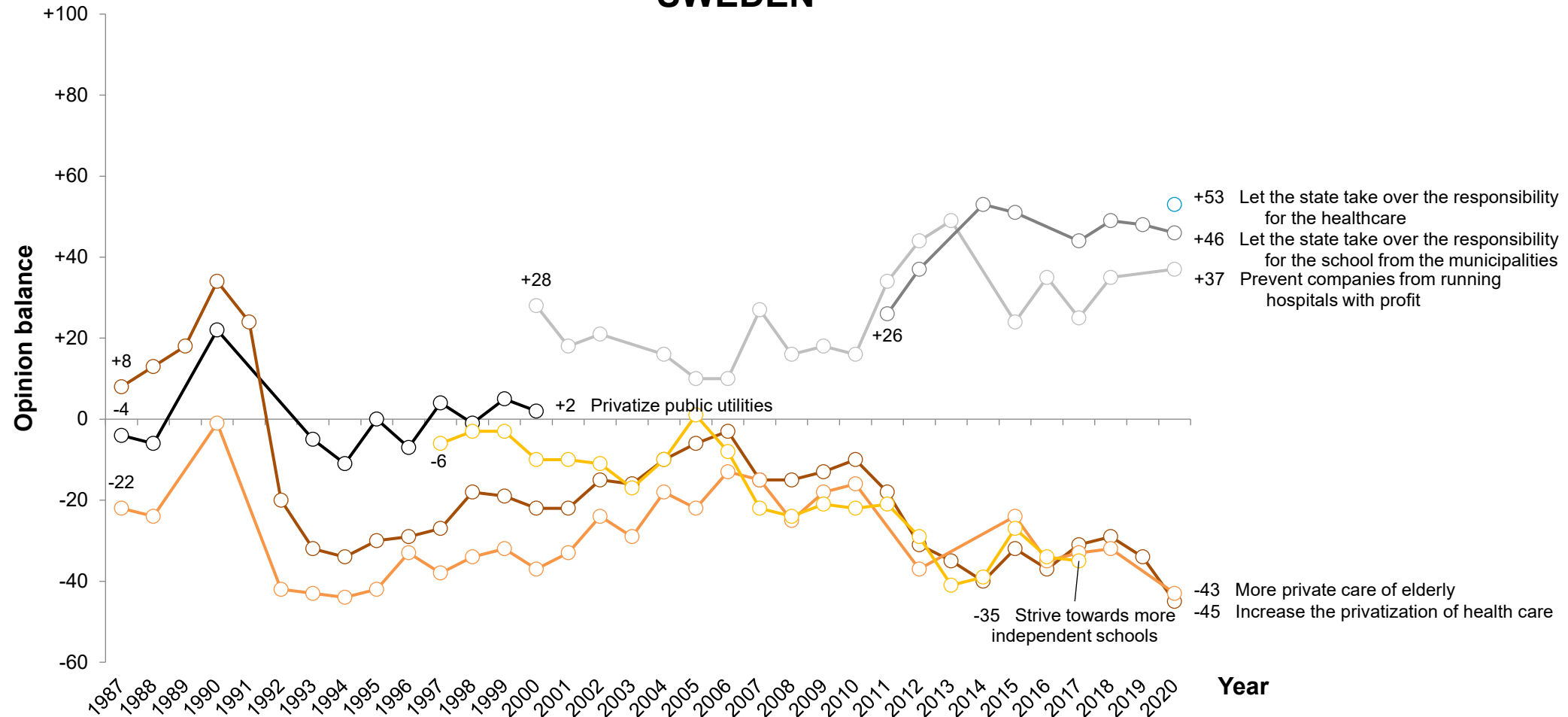
Comment: All respondents who answered any item in the battery of questions are included in the percent calculations. Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal".

Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



ATTITUDES TOWARDS PROPOSALS FOR PRIVATIZATION IN SWEDEN



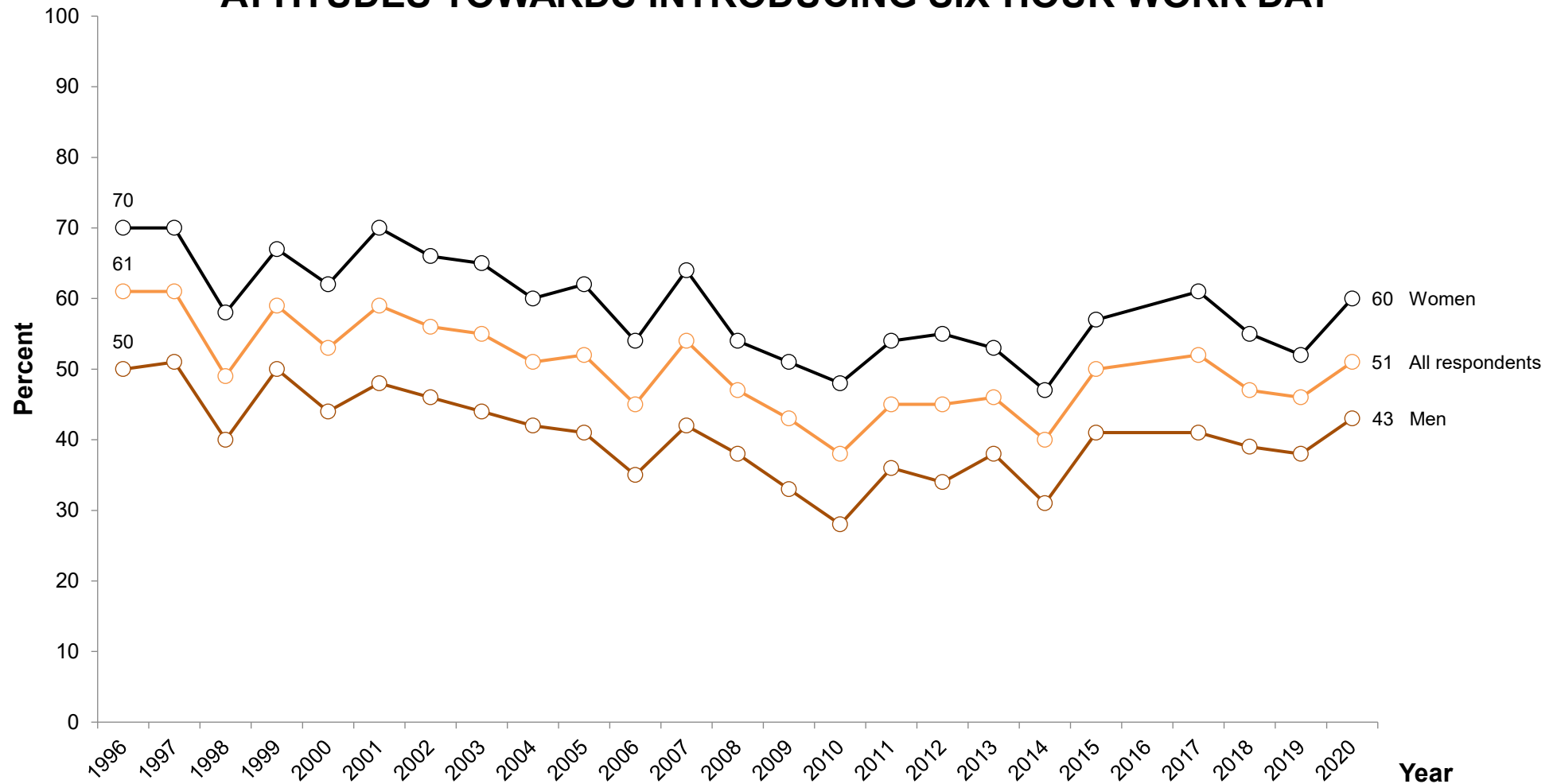
Comment: In all four cases response alternatives were: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results are percent in favour of a proposal minus percent opposed (opinion balance).

Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1987–2020



ATTITUDES TOWARDS INTRODUCING SIX-HOUR WORK DAY



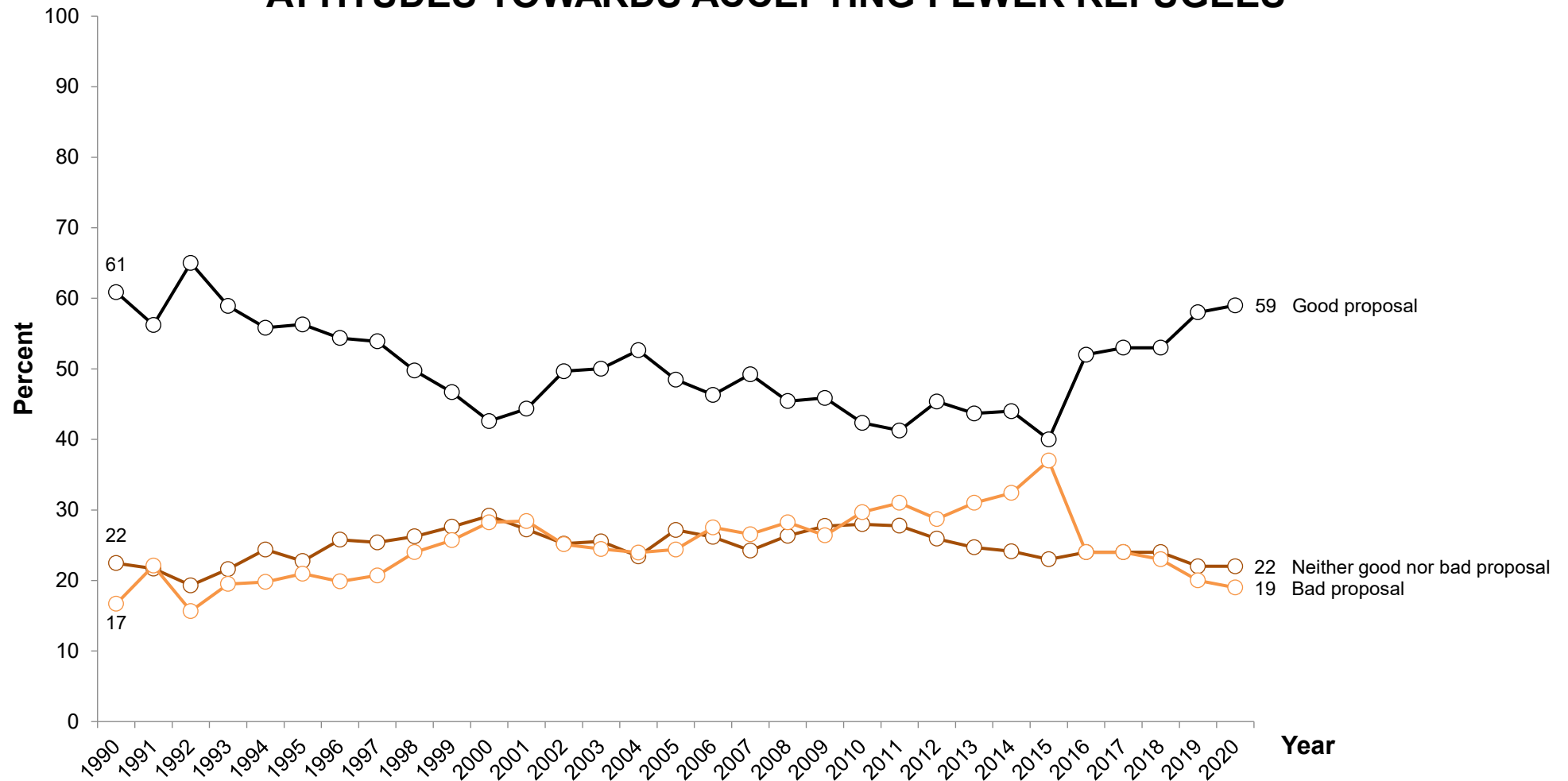
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good idea; fairly good idea; Neither good, nor bad idea; Fairly bad idea; Very bad idea". The results show percent respondents answering "Very good" or "Fairly good" among women and men. The percentages are based on the number of respondents answering the question.

Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1996–2020



ATTITUDES TOWARDS ACCEPTING FEWER REFUGEES



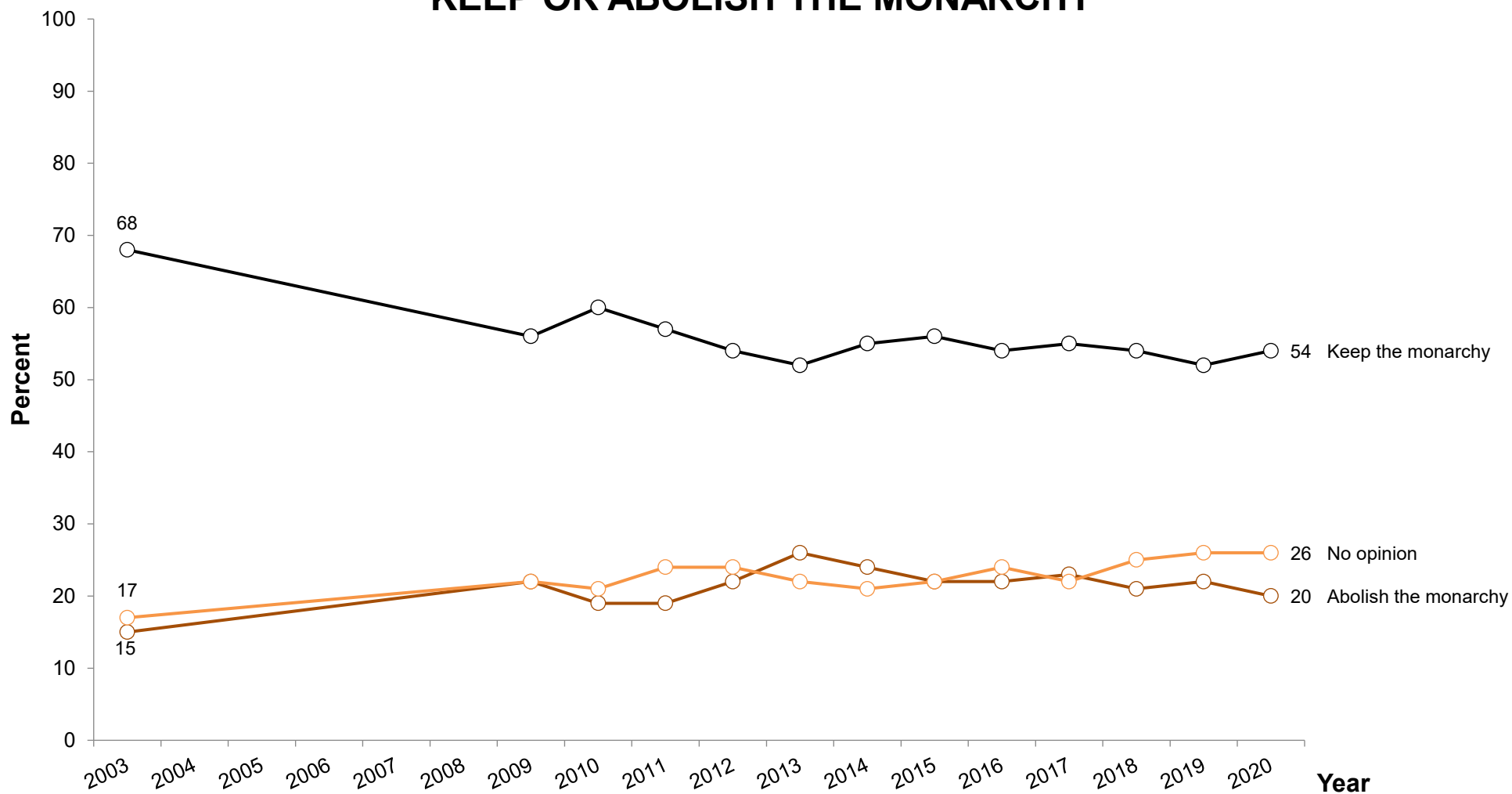
Comment: Five response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal". The results show percent answering "Very good/bad" or "Fairly good/bad" among respondents who answered the question.

Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1990–2020



KEEP OR ABOLISH THE MONARCHY



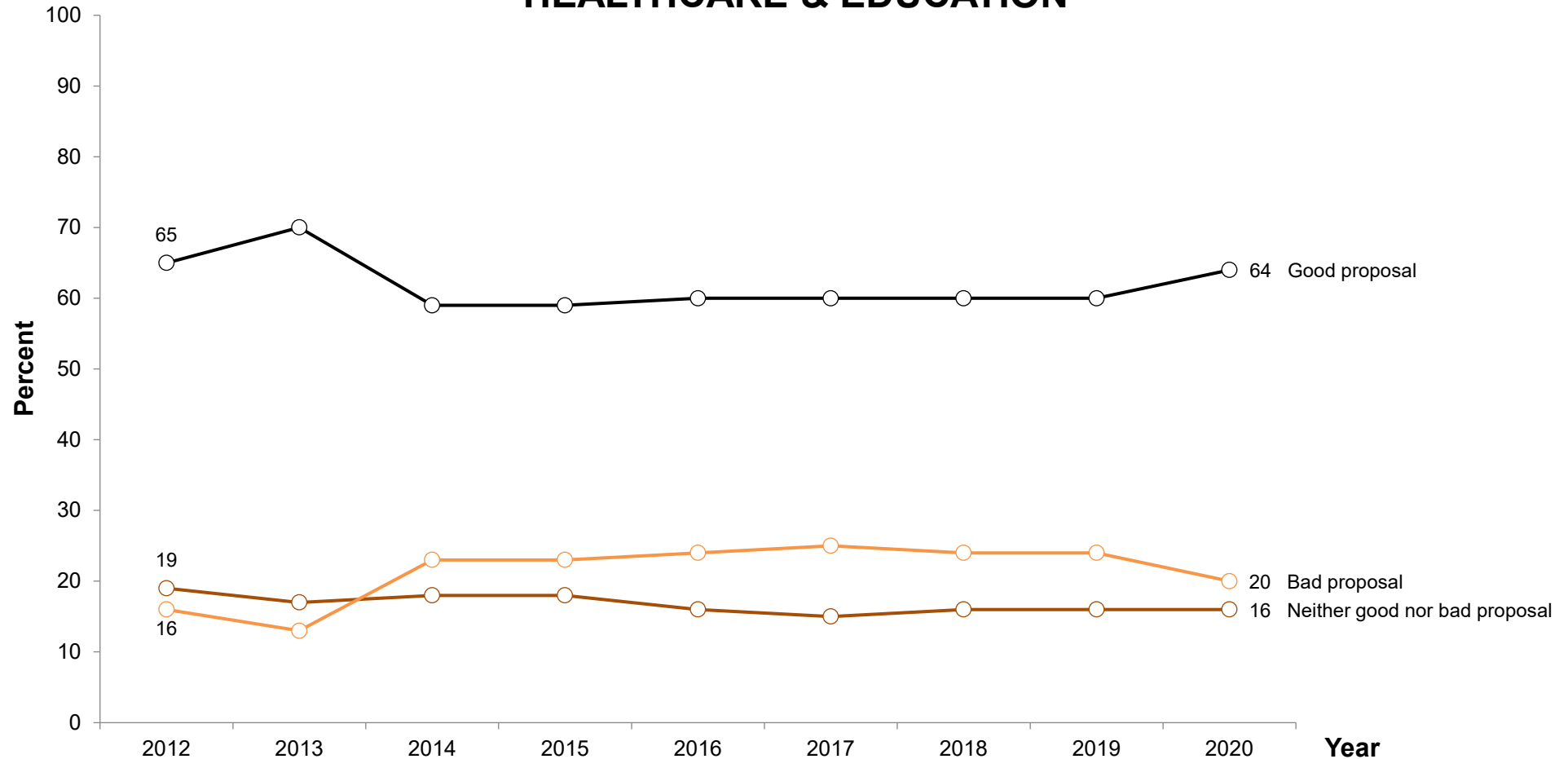
Comment: The response options are "keep the monarchy"; "abolish the monarchy" and "no opinion". Percentages are based on respondents who answered the question.

Question: "Do you think Sweden should keep or abolish the monarchy?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2003–2020



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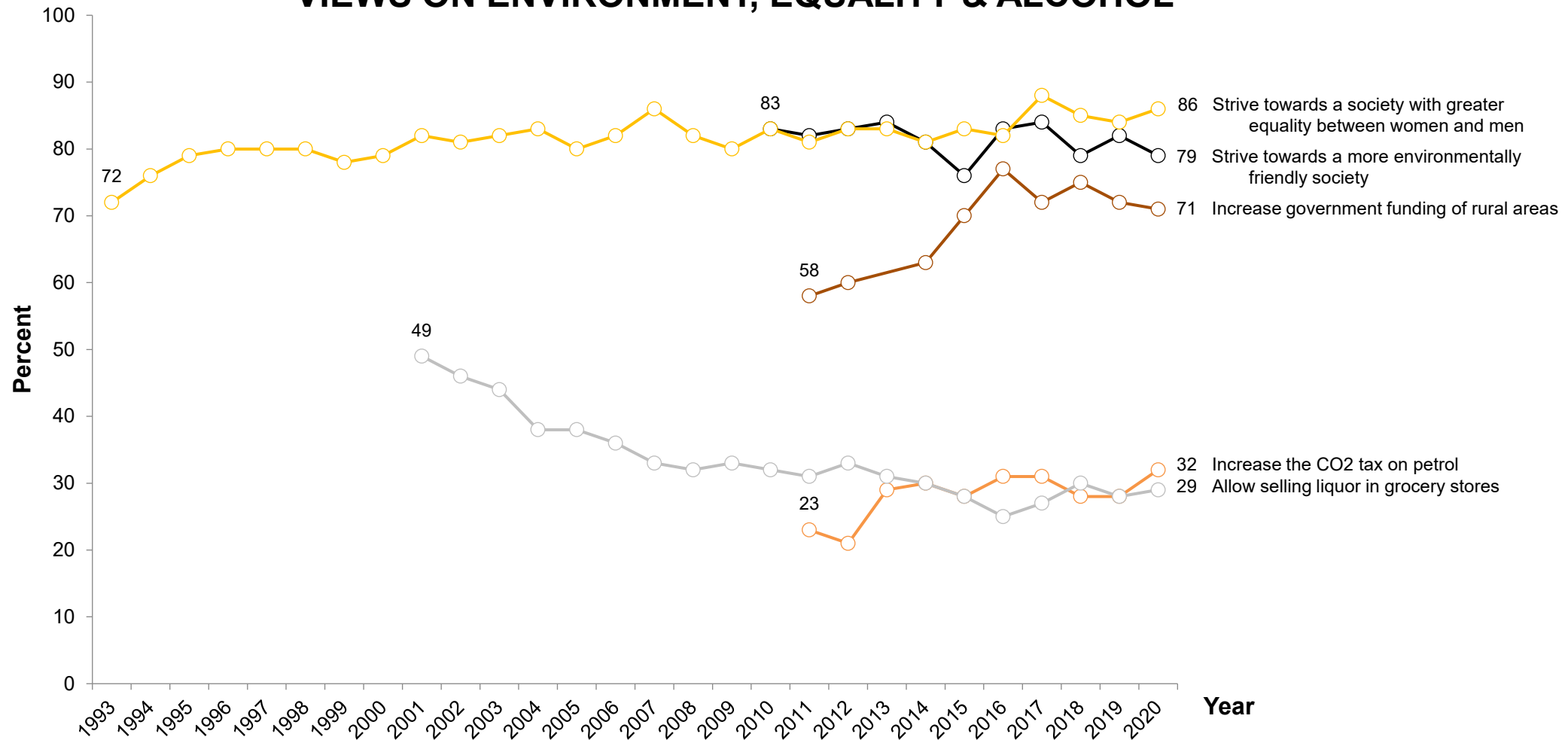
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Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2012–2020



VIEWS ON ENVIRONMENT, EQUALITY & ALCOHOL



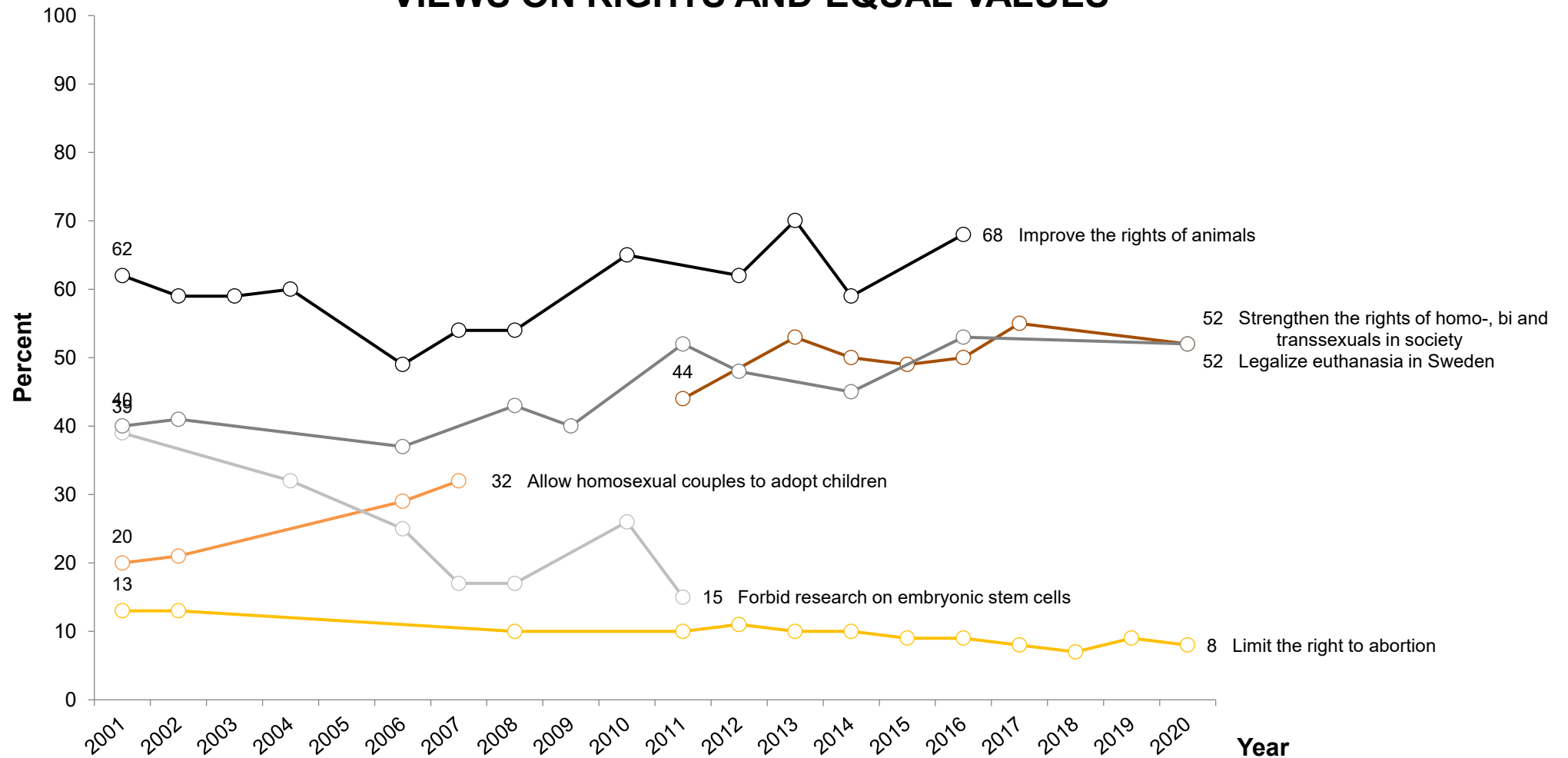
Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal; No opinion". The results show percent answering "Very good" or "fairly good" proposal among respondents who answered each item.

Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1993–2020



VIEWS ON RIGHTS AND EQUAL VALUES



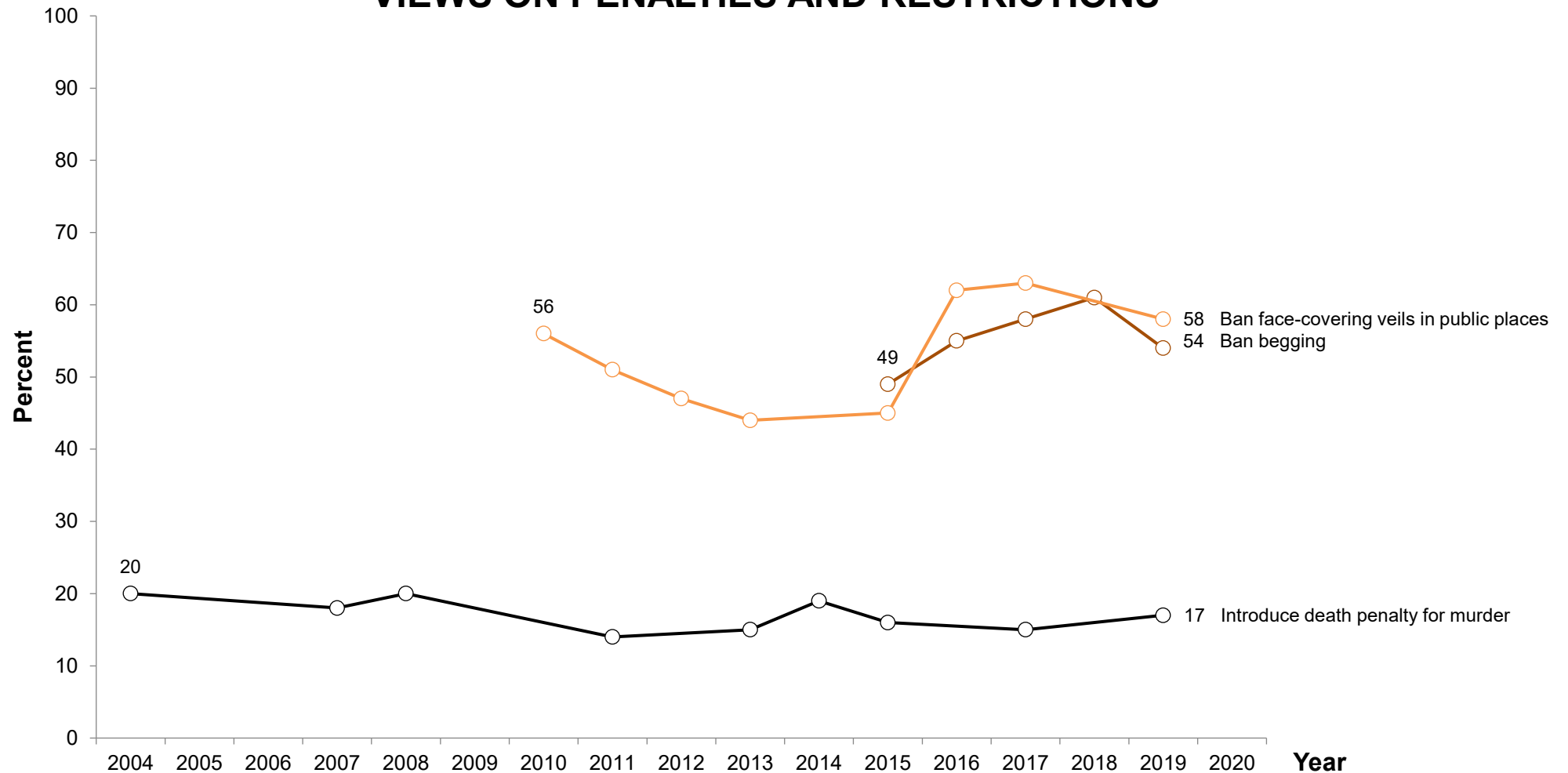
Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal; No opinion". The results show percent answering "Very good" or "fairly good" proposal among respondents who answered each item.

Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2001–2020



VIEWS ON PENALTIES AND RESTRICTIONS



Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Very good proposal; Fairly good proposal; Neither good, nor bad proposal; Fairly bad proposal; Very bad proposal; No opinion". The results show percent answering "Very good" or "fairly good" proposal among respondents who answered each item.

Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

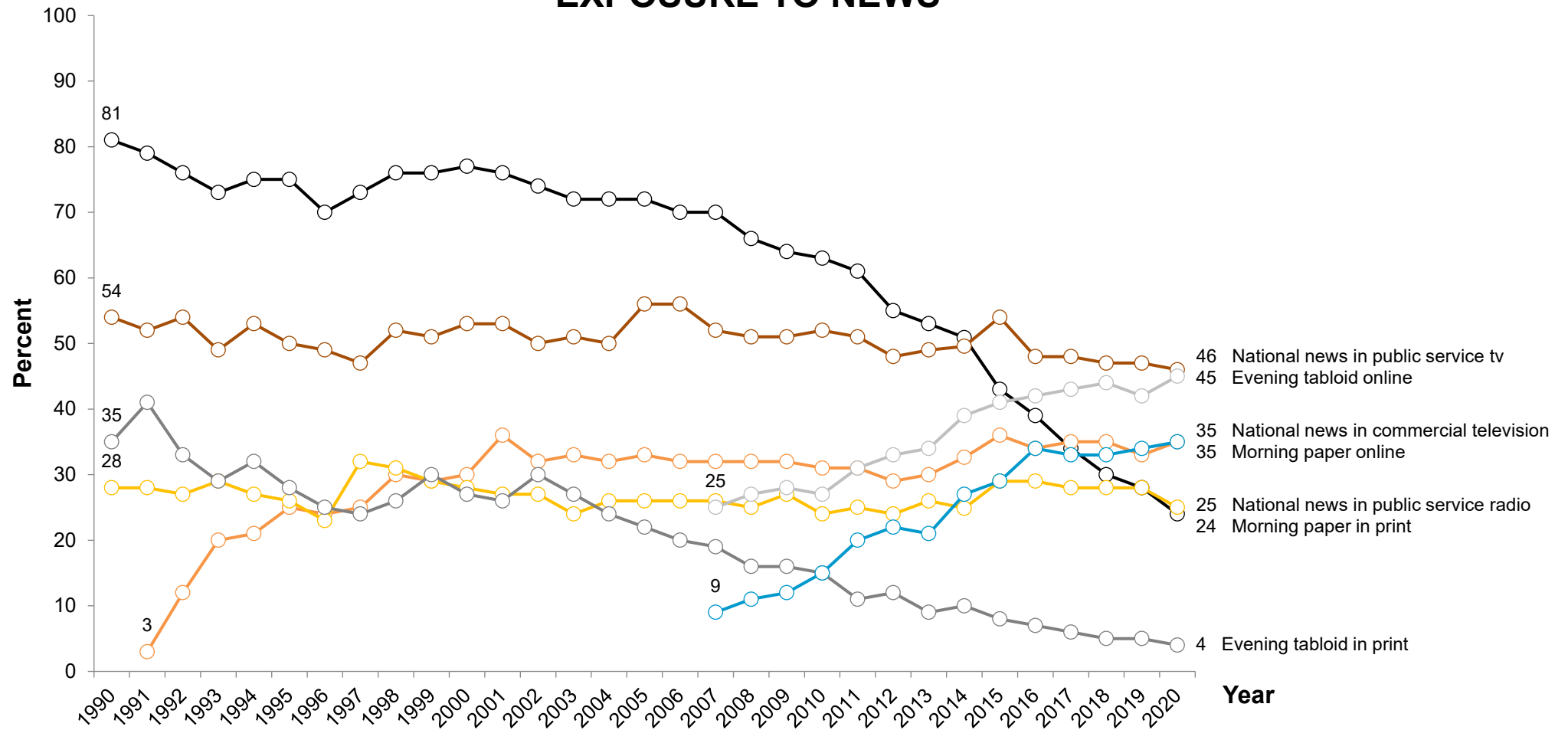
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MEDIA TRENDS



EXPOSURE TO NEWS



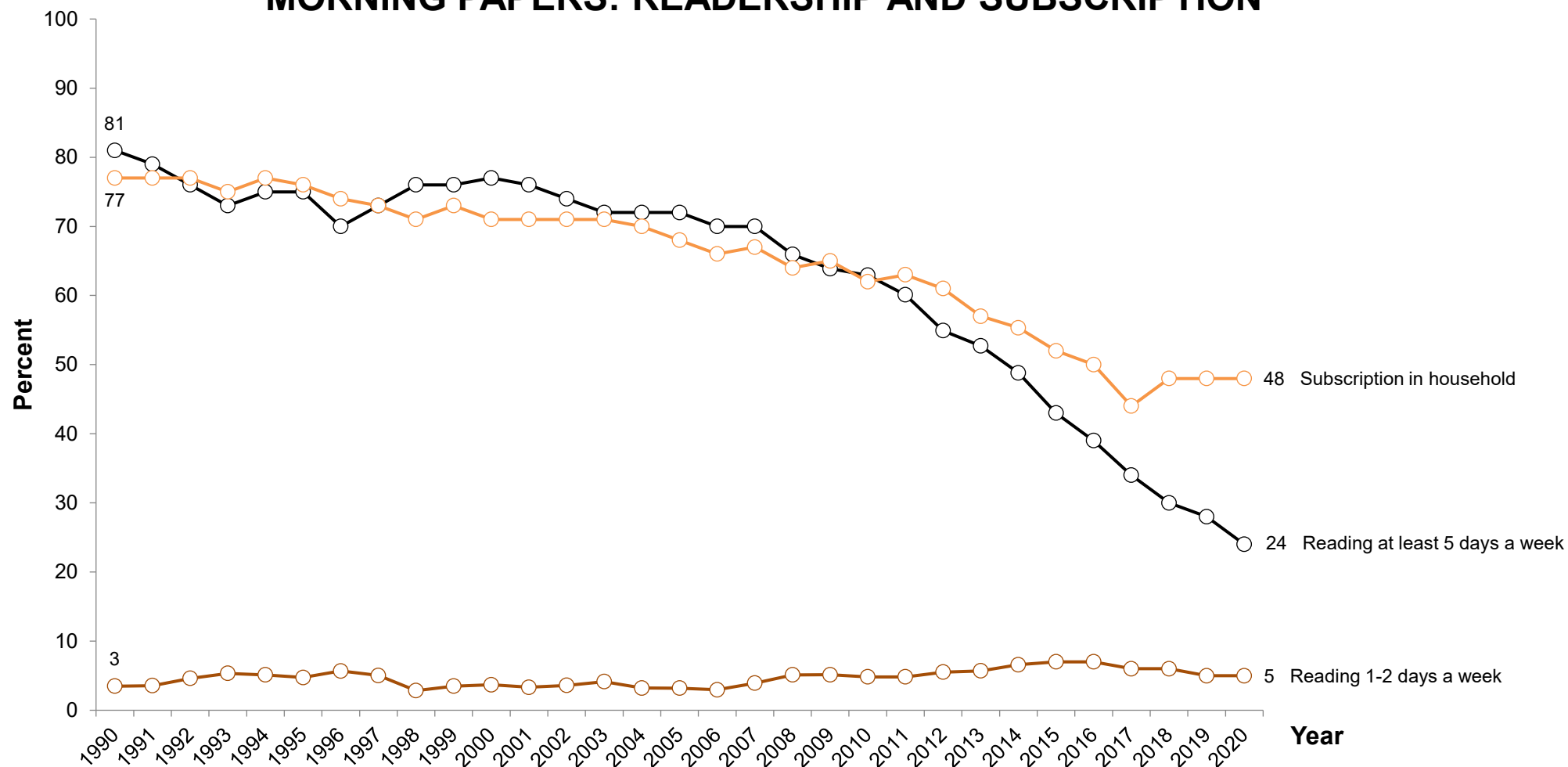
Comment: The results show percent of all respondents reading a morning paper in print at least five days a week, watch the specified television and radio news programs at least five days a week as well as read morning paper online and tabloid at least three days a week. "Morning paper online" includes "Other local morning paper", "Svenska Dagbladet" and "Dagens nyheter."

Question: "How often do you usually watch or listen to the following programmes on radio or television? If you read a morning paper regularly - about how many times a week do you usually read? How often do you read an evening tabloid in print or online?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1990–2020



MORNING PAPERS: READERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION



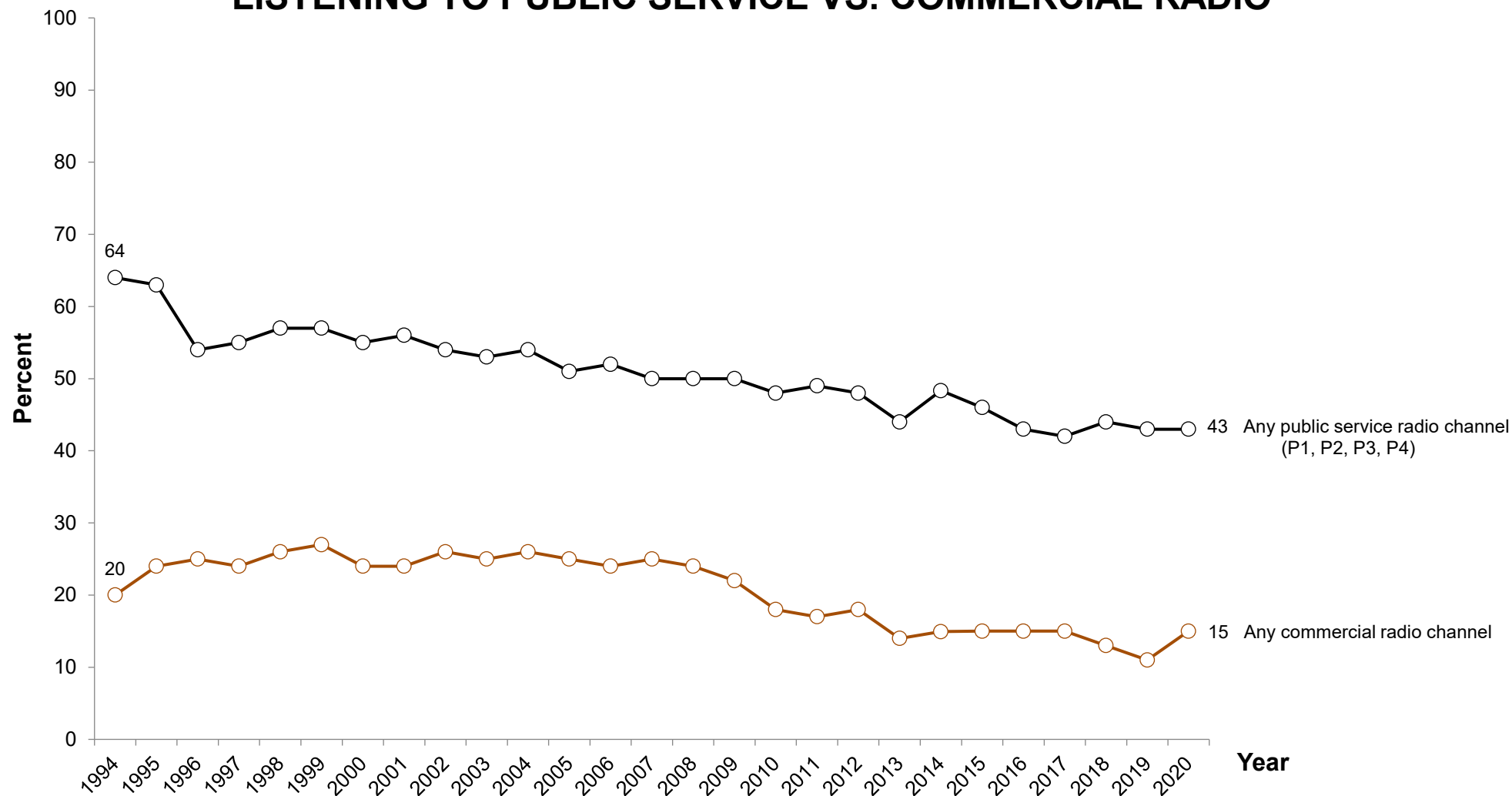
Comment: The results show percent of all respondents subscribing to a morning paper in print; reading at least one morning paper (in print) at least five days a week.

Question: "Do you read or look in a morning paper regularly? If yes, write down the name of the paper or papers and state how many days you usually read or look into it"; "Do you or anybody else in your household subscribe to a newspaper?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1990–2020



LISTENING TO PUBLIC SERVICE VS. COMMERCIAL RADIO



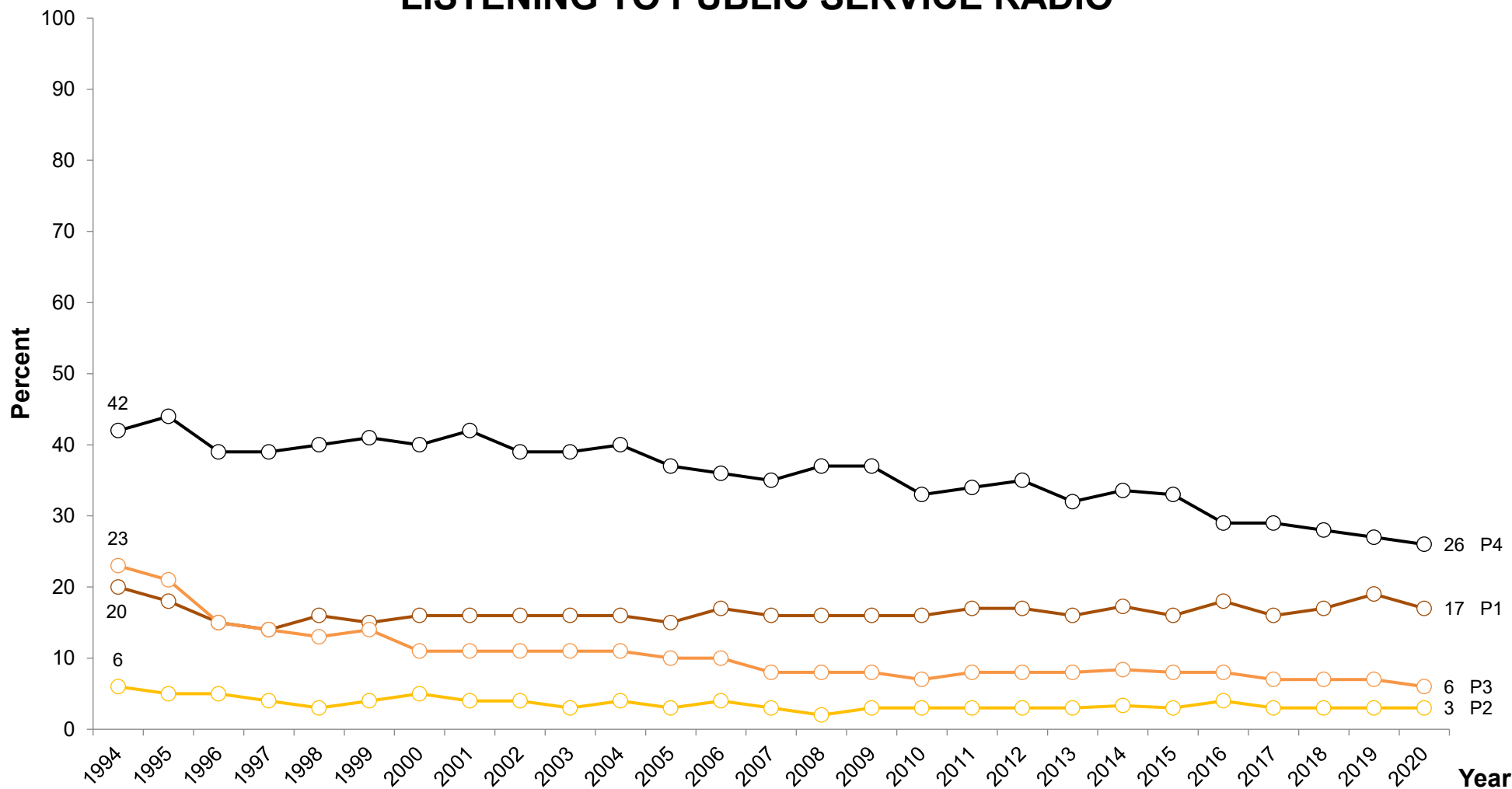
Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Daily; 5-6 days a week; 3-4 days a week; 1-2 days a week; More seldom; Never".

Question: "How often do you listen to the following radio channels?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1994–2020



LISTENING TO PUBLIC SERVICE RADIO



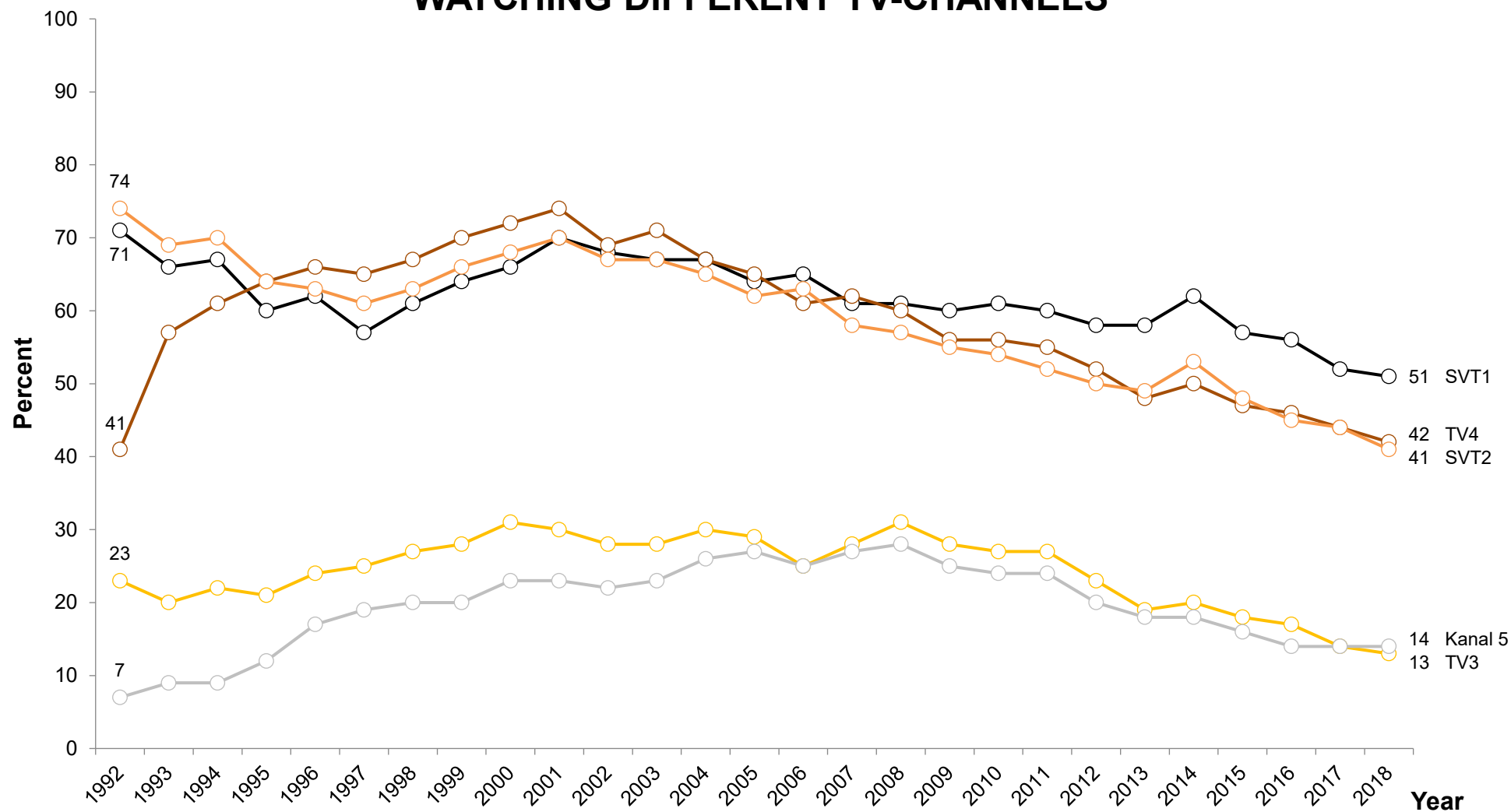
Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Daily; 5-6 days a week; 3-4 days a week; 1-2 days a week; More seldom; Never". The results show percent of all respondents listening at least five days a week.

Question: "How often do you listen to the following radio channels?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1994–2020



WATCHING DIFFERENT TV-CHANNELS



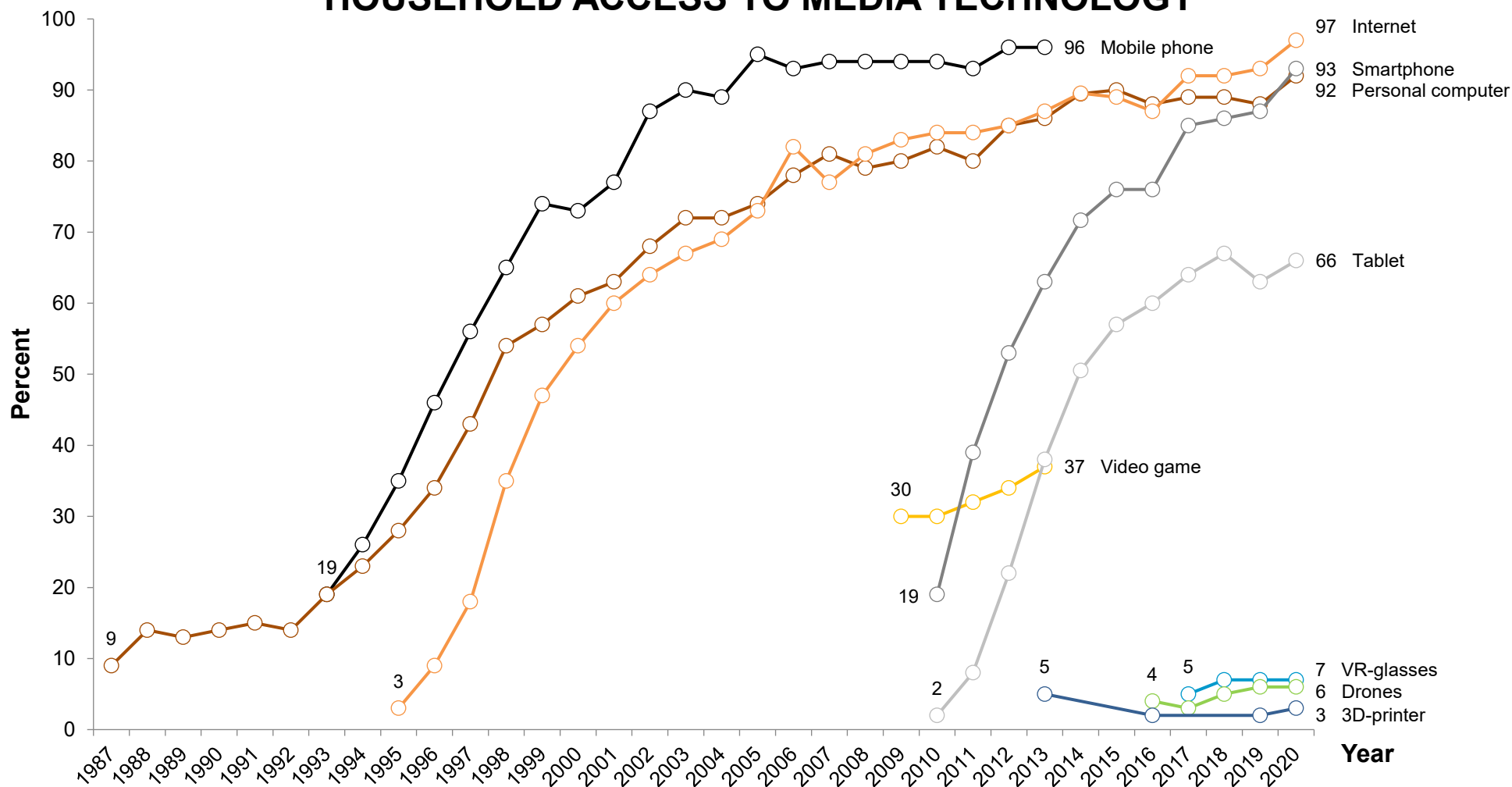
Comment: Results show the percentage watching at least 5 days a week.

Question: "How often do you watch?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1992–2018



HOUSEHOLD ACCESS TO MEDIA TECHNOLOGY



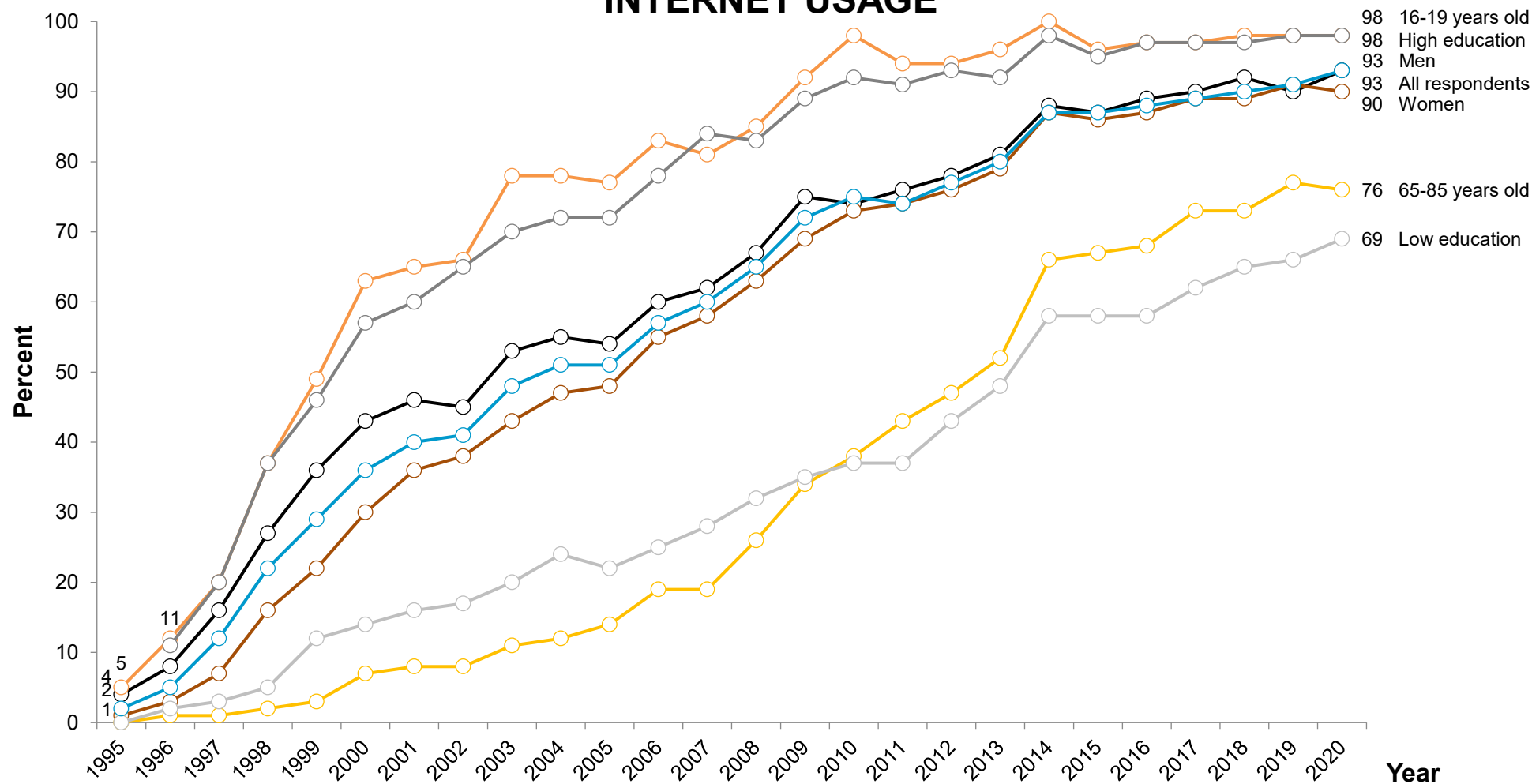
Comment: The results show the percent among all respondents indicating access to the specified equipment in the household. Minor changes in the age composition of the sample over the years affect the level of penetration of media with a few percentage points.

Question: "Among the following, what kinds of equipment do you have access to in your household?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1987–2020



INTERNET USAGE



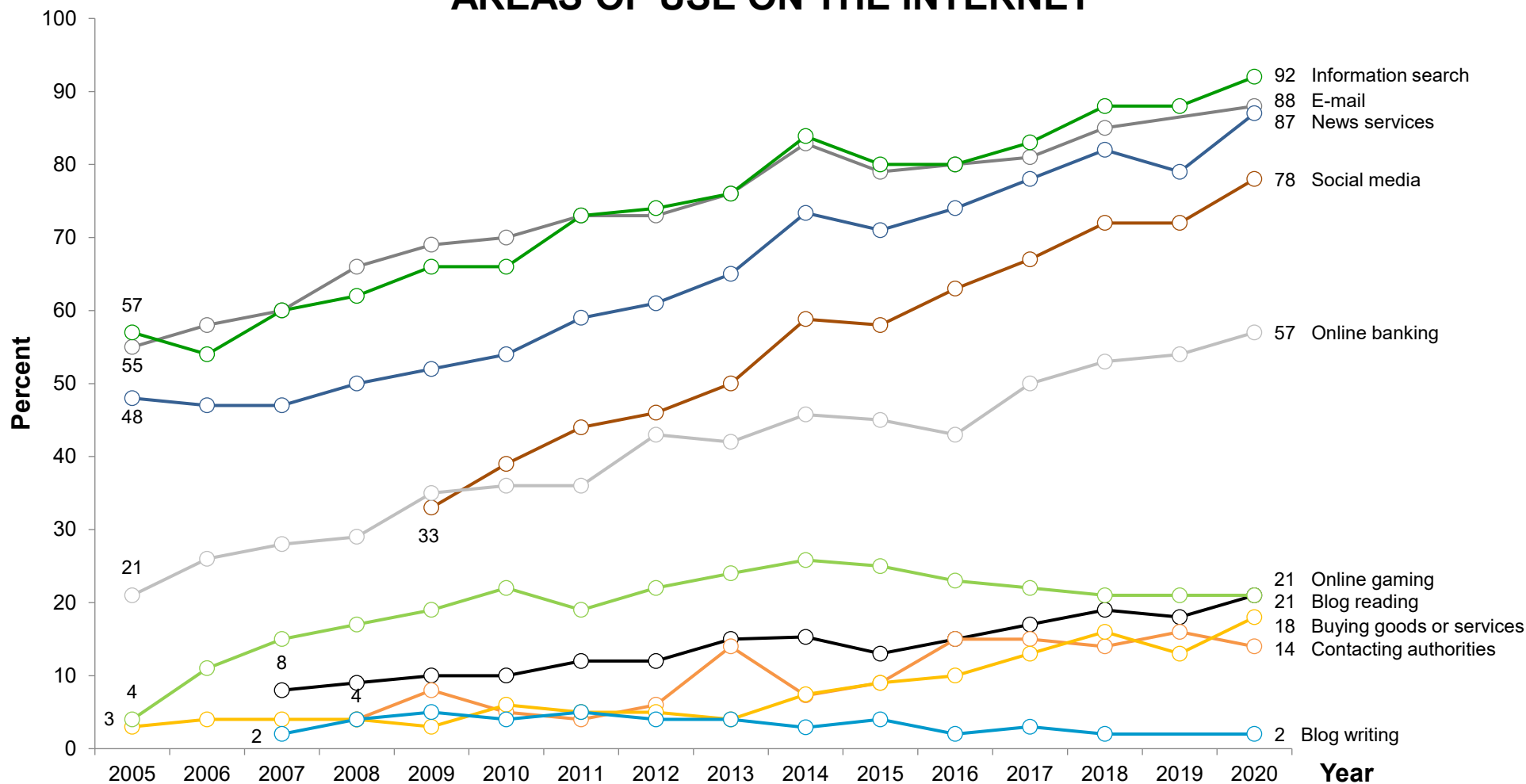
Comment: Seven response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once every month; About once every week; Several times a week". The results show percent among all respondents, using the Internet several times a week.

Question: "During the last twelve months, how often have you used the Internet?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1995–2020



AREAS OF USE ON THE INTERNET



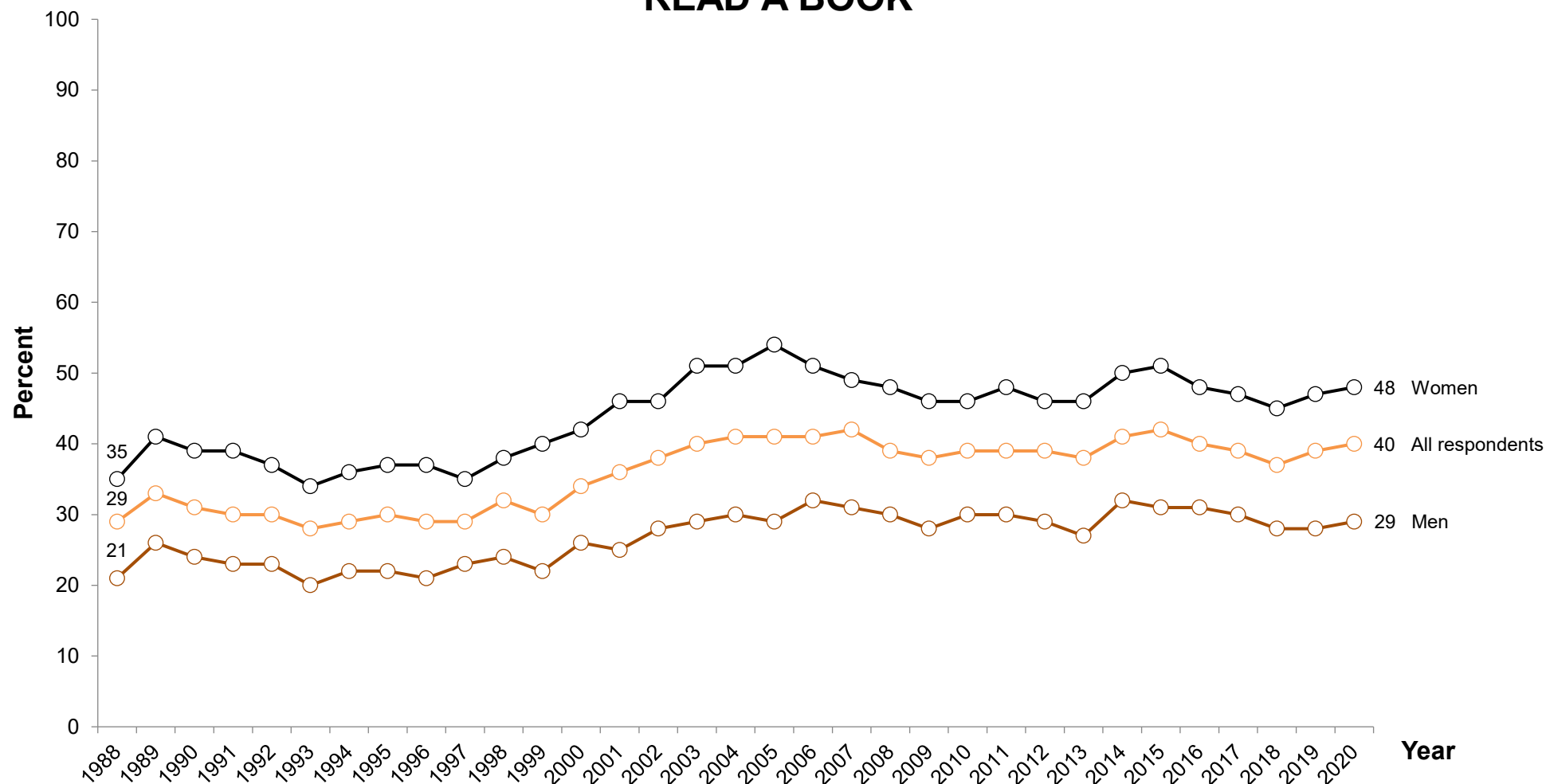
Comment: Seven response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week; Daily". The results show percent among all respondents, active in each area at least once a week.

Question: "During the last twelve months, how often have you done the following?"

Source: The National SOM survey 2005–2020



READ A BOOK



Comment: Six response alternatives to the question asked: "Never; About once/twelve months; About once/six months; About once a month; About once a week; Several times a week". The percent reading a book on at least a weekly basis among men and women who answered each individual item.

Question: "How often have you engaged in the following activities during the past twelve months?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1988–2020



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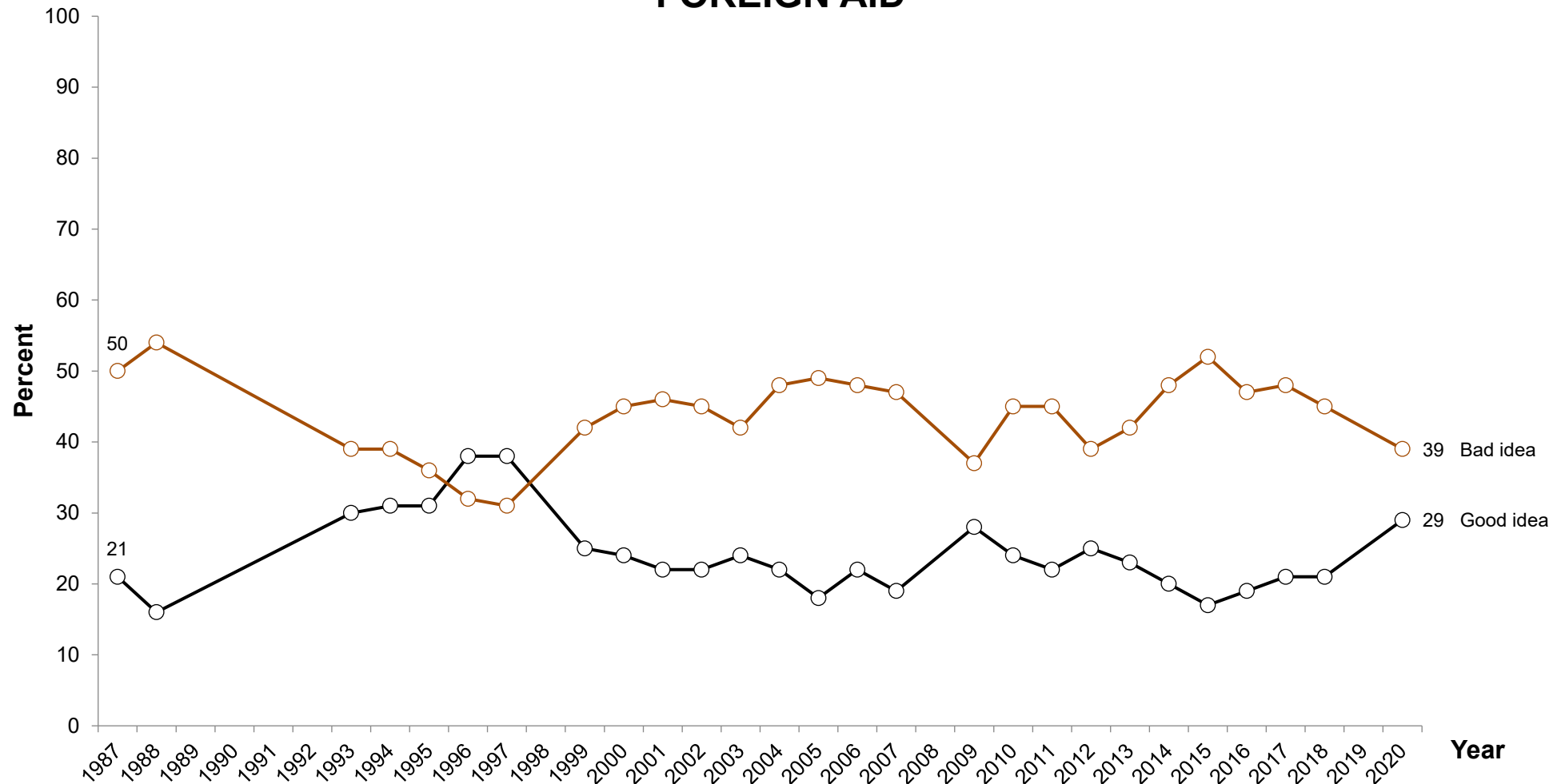


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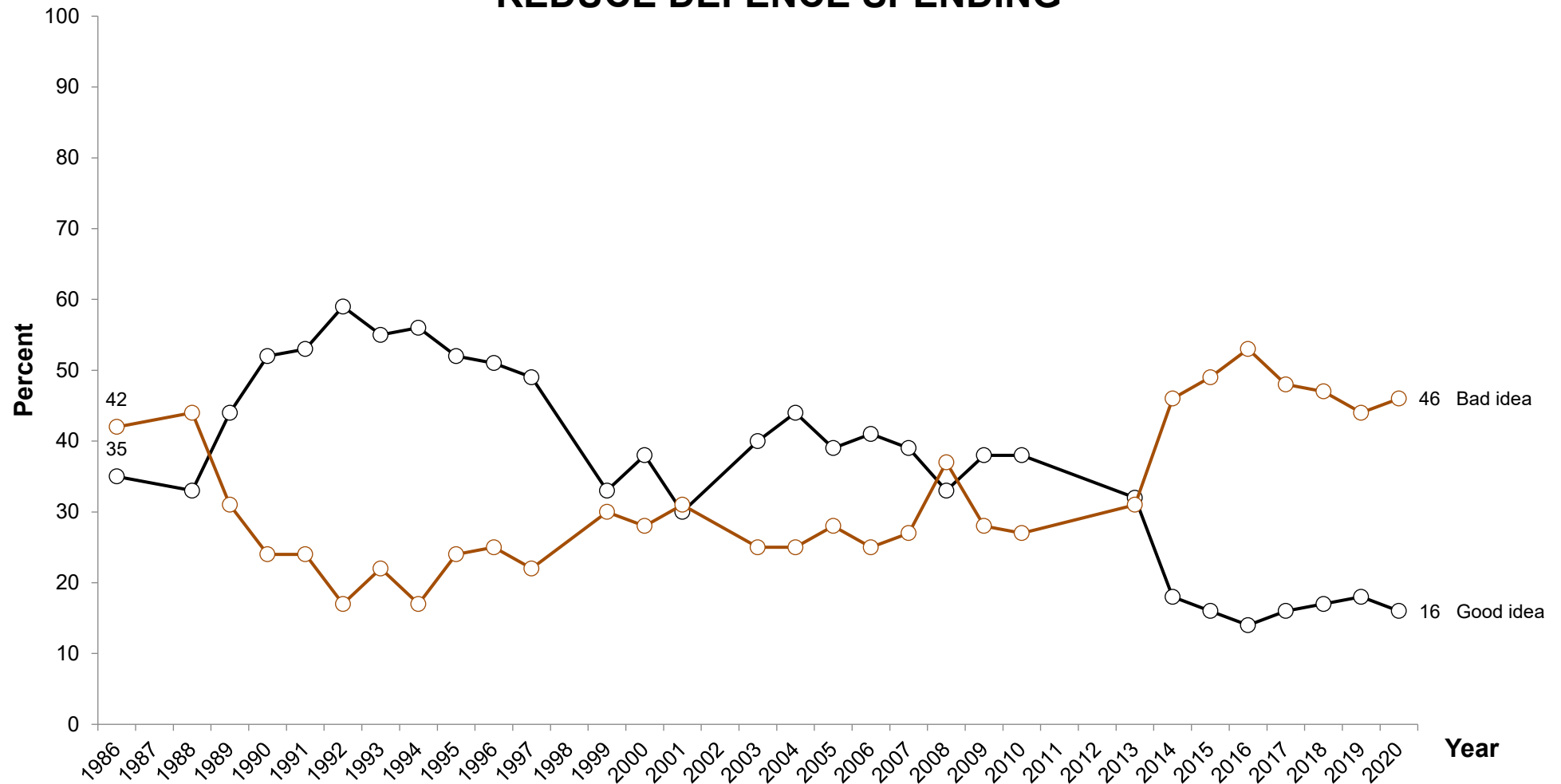
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Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1987–2020



REDUCE DEFENCE SPENDING



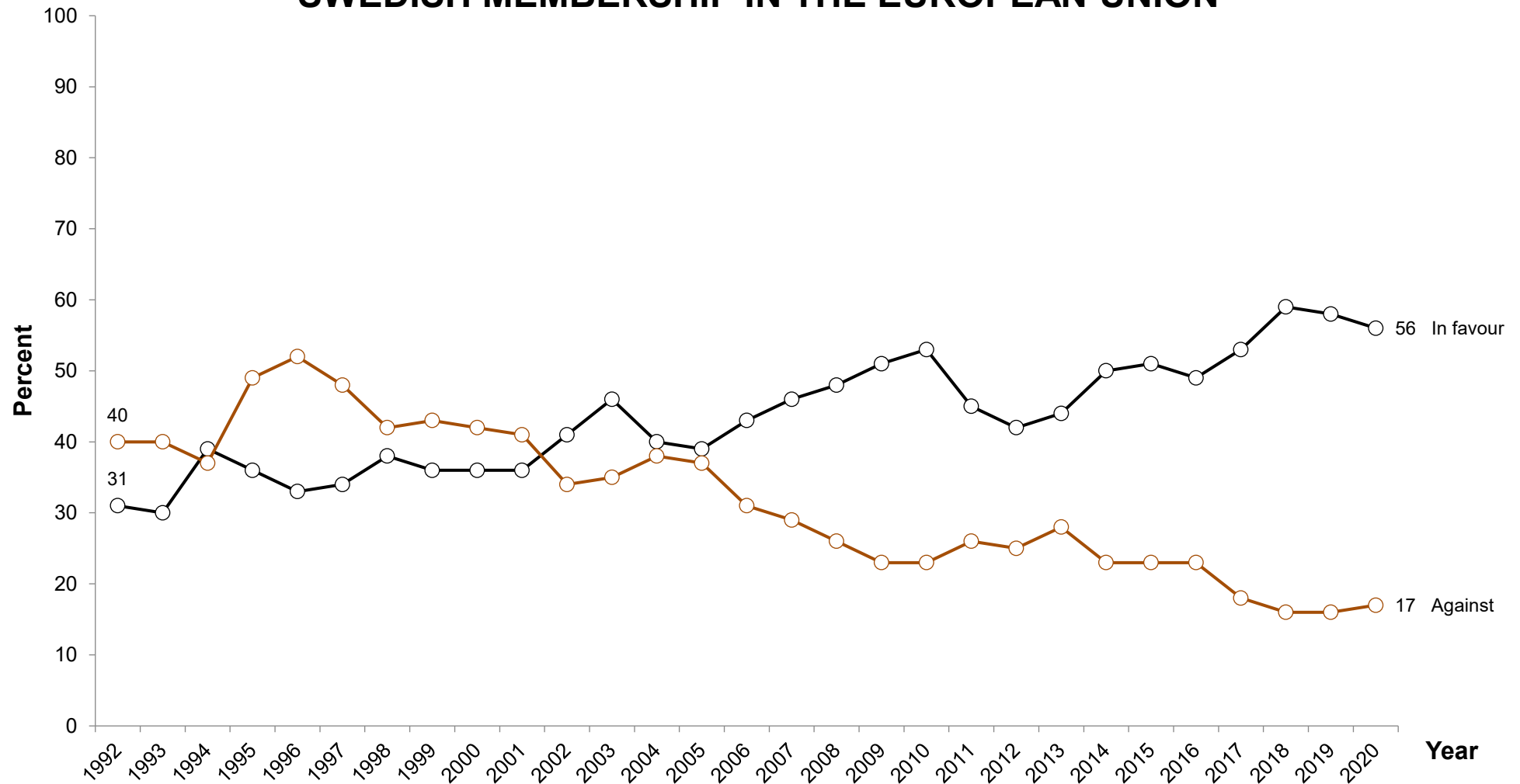
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Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



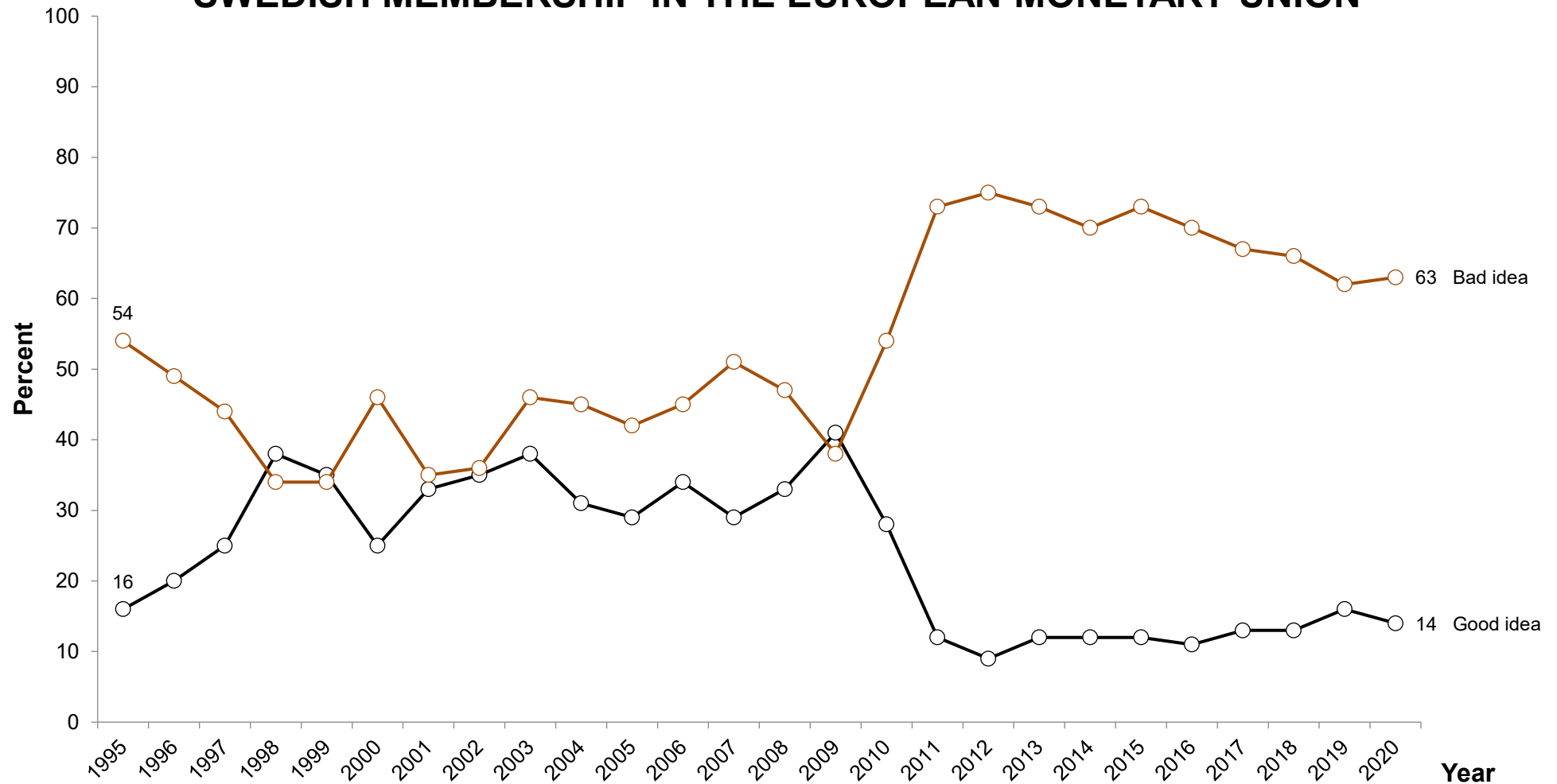
Comment: Three response alternatives to the question asked: "On the whole in favour; On the whole against; No definite opinion". All respondents answering the question are included in the percentage base.

Question: "What is your opinion on the following proposal?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1992–2020



SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN MONETARY UNION



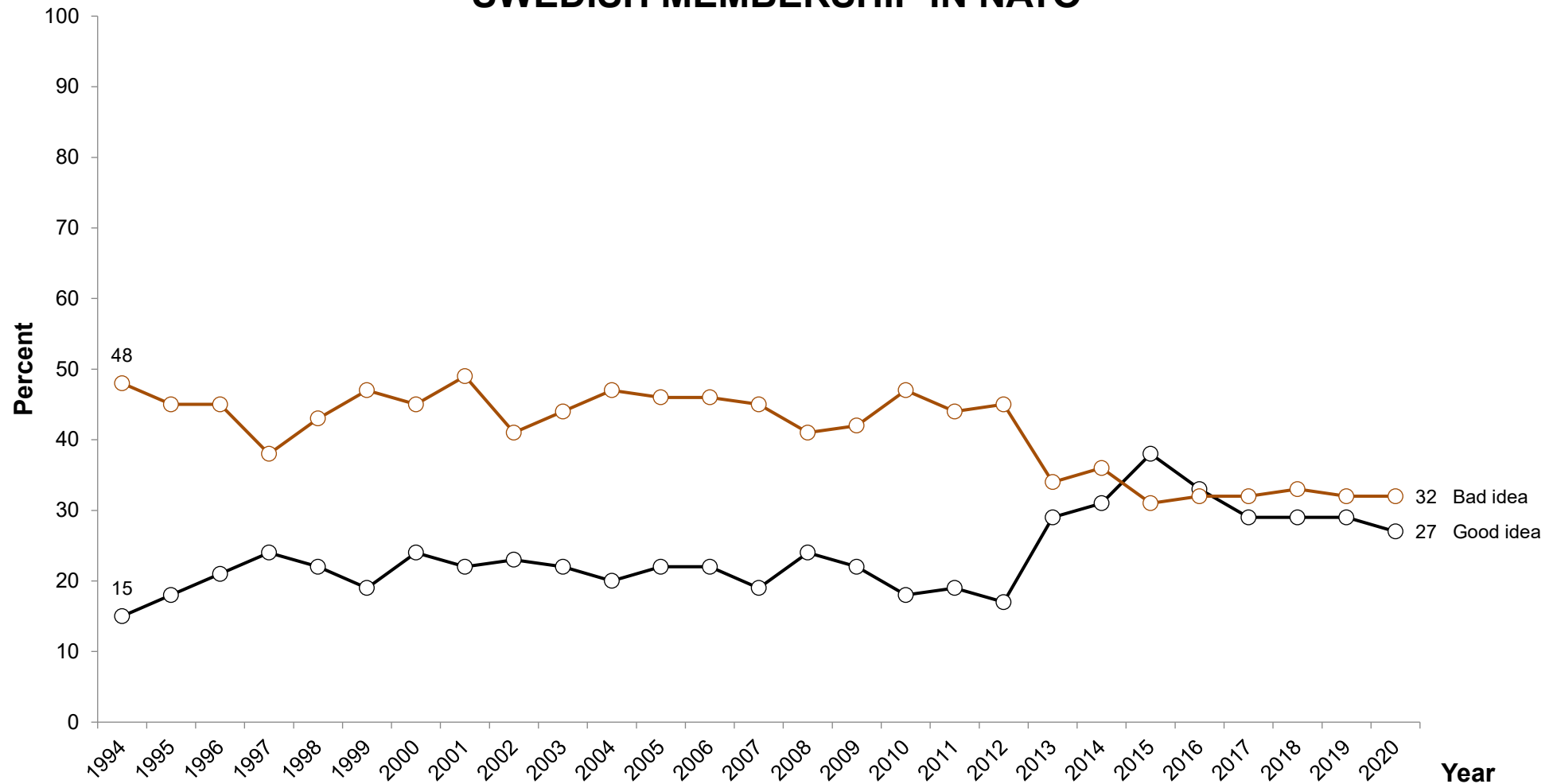
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SWEDISH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO



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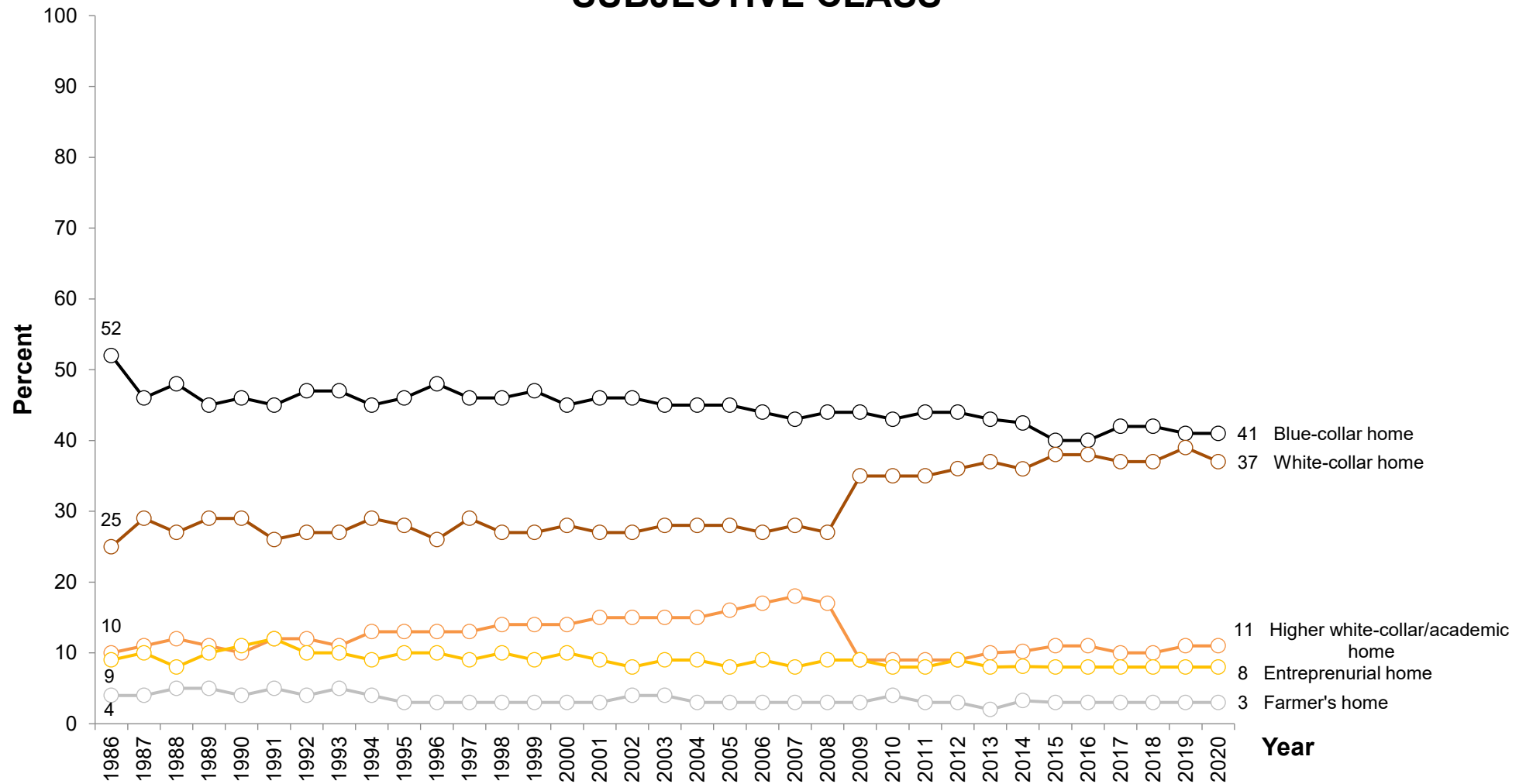


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BACKGROUND



SUBJECTIVE CLASS



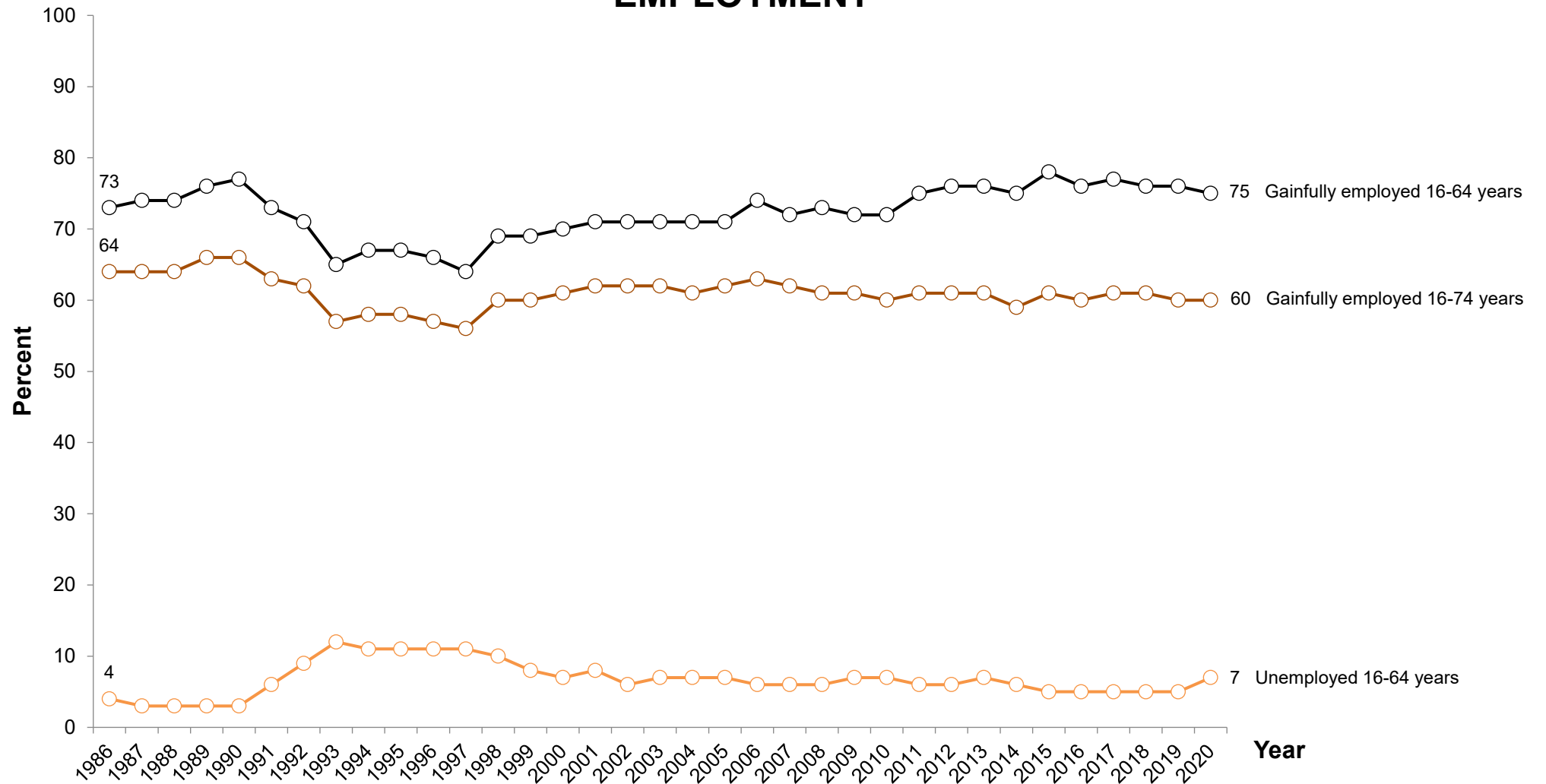
Comment: Percentages are based on respondents answering the question.

Question: If you describe your home during your childhood, which of the categories below is most appropriate?

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



EMPLOYMENT



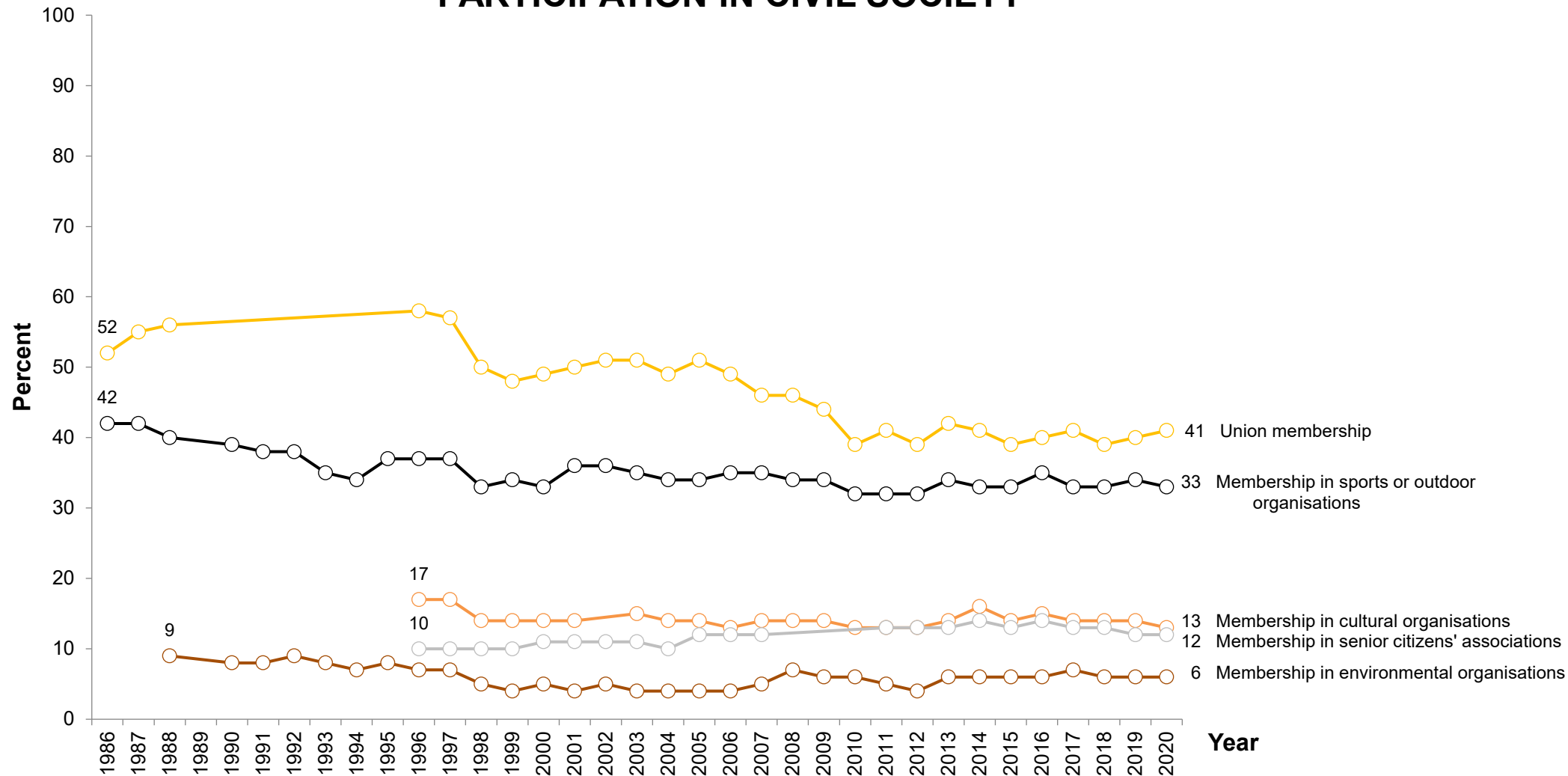
Comment: Based on self-classification. Unemployment includes people in relief work or training programs. The percent calculations are based upon respondents who have answered the questions.

Question: "Which of the following groups do you belong to?"

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020



PARTICIPATION IN CIVIL SOCIETY



Comment: All respondents are included in the percent calculations.

Question: "List which associations you are a member of, and how active you are in those associations."

Source: The National SOM survey 1986–2020

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