

## World Database of Happiness



### Correlational Findings on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period) Subject Code: N2

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#### Classification of Findings

<i>Subject Code</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Nr of Studies on this Subject</i>
N2	NATION: ERA (temporal period)	21
N2.1.1	Average happiness in era	1
N2.1.1.2	Trend average happiness in era	0
N2.1.1.2.1	. trend in general public	10
N2.1.1.2.2	. trend in special publics	6
N2.2	Inequality of happiness in era	0
N2.2.1	. trend inequality of happiness in era	1
N2.3	Happy Life Years in era	0
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Study **ADAMS 1997***Reported in:* Adams, V.H.

A Paradox in African American Quality of Life.

Social Indicators Research, 1997, Vol 42, 205 - 219. ISSN p 0303 8300; ISSN e 1573 0921 DOI:10.1023/

A:1006806601848

Page in Report: 215

*Population:* Black Americans, USA, followed from 1980 to 1992*Sample:* Probability stratified sample*Non-Response:* T1: 32%; T2: 19%; T3: 17%; T4:17%*N:* 623

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Change over time*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2*Measurement:* Happiness assessed at

T1: 1980

T2: 1987/1988

T3: 1989

T4: 1992

## Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>
<u><a href="#">O-SLu/c/sq/v/4/b</a></u>	<u><a href="#">DMt=+</a></u>	T1: M=3.08 SD=0.77 T2: M=3.20 SD=0.73 T3: M=3.24 SD=0.73 T4: M=3.21 SD=0.77
<u><a href="#">O-SLu/c/sq/v/4/b</a></u>	<u><a href="#">F=8.95</a></u> <u><a href="#">p&lt;.00</a></u>	
<u><a href="#">O-SLu/c/sq/v/4/b</a></u>	<u><a href="#">t.=+4.5</a></u> <u><a href="#">p&lt;.001</a></u>	linear trend in means
<u><a href="#">O-SLu/c/sq/v/4/b</a></u>	<u><a href="#">t.=-1.9</a></u> <u><a href="#">p&lt;.06</a></u>	quadratic trend in means

<u>O-HL/c/sq/v/0/a</u>	<u>DMt=-</u>	T1: M=2.19 SD=0.62
		T2: M=2.07 SD=0.64
		T3: M=2.09 SD=0.61
		T4: M=2.07 SD=0.65

<u>O-HL/c/sq/v/0/a</u>	<u>F=7.47</u>
	<u>p&lt;.001</u>

<u>O-HL/c/sq/v/0/a</u>	<u>t.=-4.1</u>	linear trend in means
	<u>p&lt;.001</u>	

<u>O-HL/c/sq/v/0/a</u>	<u>t.+=1.5</u>	quadratic trend in means
	<u>p&lt;.12</u>	

The divergence in trend of happiness general-satisfaction-item cannot be explained by response bias or other methodological issues

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### Study **BRADB 1965/2**

*Reported in:* Bradburn, N.M.; Caplovitz, D.  
Reports on Happiness. A Pilot Study of Behavior Related to Mental Health.  
Aldine Publishing Company, 1965, Chicago, USA  
Page in Report: 82-85

*Population:* Adult, general public, 2 towns, prosperous and depressed, Illinois, USA, 1962/3 - 1962/10

*Sample:*

*Non-Response:* ?

*N:* 547

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Living in a period of national crisis (1)

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Re-interview during Cuban missile crisis in October 1962 (T2).  
This crisis involved a political confrontation between the USA and the USSR and might have resulted in a (nuclear) war.  
Happiness assessed at T1 and T2.

### Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>
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A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/e      G=-      Index of Positive Affects only:  $G' = -.23$  (01)  
 Stronger among Ss who were worrying about the  
 crisis.  
 No relationship with the Index of Negative  
 Affects.

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa      G=+.13      T1 happiness by T2 happiness.  
p<.05      Most Ss got slightly happier.  
 Unaffected by worrying about the crisis.

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### Study                      BRADB 1969

*Reported in:* Bradburn, N.M.  
 The Structure of Psychological Well-Being.  
 Aldine Publishing, 1969, Chicago, USA  
 Page in Report: 216

*Population:* 21-60 aged, general public, urban areas, USA, 1963 - 64

*Sample:*

*Non-Response:* ± 20%, Attrition ± 30%

*N:* 2787

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### Correlate

*Authors label:* Social trauma: Kennedy's assassination (1)

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Happiness assessed before and after assassination in  
 november 1963.

Before:

T1: January 1963

T2: June 1963

T3: Oktober 1963

After:

T3b: November 1963 (subsample N=366)

T4: January 1964

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### Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>
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A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/aD%= ns

Shortterm change in some specific affects, but not in (summed) Affect Balance.

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### Study

#### COSTA 1987/2

*Reported in:* Costa, P.T.; Zonderman, A.B.; McCrae, R.R.; Cornoni-Huntley J.; et al  
 Longitudinal Analyses of Psychological Well-Being in a National Sample: Stability of Mean Levels.  
 Journal of Gerontology, 1987, Vol 42, 50 - 55. ISSN 0022 1422  
 Page in Report: 52

*Population:* 25-74 aged, USA, samples in 1971-75 and 1981-84

*Sample:* Probability stratified sample

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 11899

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Period (time sequential analysis)

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Happiness assessed at two points in time  
 in different samples  
 - 1971-74  
 - 1981-84

*Measured Values:* 1971: N = 6913, 1984 N = 4986

### Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness Measure*

*Statistics*

*Elaboration/Remarks*

A-BB/cm/mq/v/6/aDM=

Average happiness at different times in independent samples (not the same people)

	1971-74	1981-84	Difference	
Females	1,62	1,73	+,11	(ns)
25-34	-	-		
35-44	0,41	1,31	+0,90	(05)
45-54	1,60	1,82	+0,22	(ns)
55-64	2,15	2,21	+0,06	(ns)
65-74	2,95	2,50	-0,45	(ns)
Males	5,05	4,38	-0,67	(05)
25-34	-	-		
35-44	4,71	3,93	-0,78	(05)
45-54	4,64	4,19	-0,45	(05)

55-64	4,58	4,03	-0,55 (05)
65-74	7,25	5,98	-1,27 (05)

Affect Balance (M) computed by WDH-staff,  
subtracting Negative Affect from Positive Affect  
score

Females	1,98	1,31	-0,23
age 25-34	-	-	
age 35-44	0,41	1,31	+0,90

Affect Balance (M) computed by WDH-staff,  
subtracting Negative Affect from Positive Affect  
score

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### Study

#### CUMMI 2001B

*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A.; Eckersley, R., Pallant, J.; Misajon, R.A.; Davern, M.  
Australian Unity Wellbeing Index, Survey 2, Report 1.  
Australian Centre on Quality of Life, 2001, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm>  
Page in Report: 15

*Population:* 18+aged, Australia, 2001

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 90%

*N:* 2004

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Comparison with Survey 1

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* 1: Survey 1: April- May 2001  
2: Survey 2: December 2001

### Observed Relation with Happiness

#### Happiness Measure

#### Statistics

#### Elaboration/Remarks

M-FH/g/sq/n/11/b

DMt=+

1 Mt = 7,55; SD = 1,97  
2 Mt = 7,72; SD = 1,94

O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca      DMt=+      1 Mt = 7,89; SD = 1,88  
 2 Mt = 7,96; SD = 1,88

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### Study CUMMI 2002B

*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A.; Eckersley, R.; Lo, S.K.; Okerstrom, E.; Davern, M.;  
 Australian Unity Wellbeing Index, Survey 4, Report 4. The Wellbeing of Australians 1. Work and Leisure  
 2. The Impact of September 11 One Year Later.  
 Australian Centre on Quality of Life, 2002, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm>  
 Page in Report: 70+73

*Population:* 18+aged, Australia, 2002

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 88%

*N:* 2003

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Survey number

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* a: survey 1  
 b: survey 2  
 c: survey 3  
 d: survey 4

*Measured Values:* N = a : 1974, b : 1973, c : 2030, d : 1986

### Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<u>O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</u>	<u>DMt=</u> <u>p&lt;.000</u>	a: Mt =75.17, SD =19.59 b: Mt =77.00, SD =19.32 c: Mt =78.14, SD =17.86 d: Mt =77.14, SD =17.15
<u>O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</u>	<u>AoV=</u>	b>a, p<.010 c>a, p<.000 d>a, p<.004

## Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period)

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## Study CUMMI 2003A

*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A.; Eckersley, R; Lo, S.K.; Okerstrom, E.; et.al.  
 Australian Unity Wellbeing Index. Survey 5, Report 5. The Wellbeing of Australians. 1. Personal Finances 2. The Impact of the Bali Bombing.  
 Australian Centre on Quality of Life, 2003, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm>  
 Page in Report: 96

*Population:* 18+aged, Australia, 2002

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 75%

*N:* 1999

## Correlate

*Authors label:* survey number

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* a :Survey 1, April 2001  
 b :Survey 2, September 2001  
 c :Survey 3, March 2002  
 d :Survey 4, August 2002  
 e :Survey 5, November 2002

*Measured Values:* N = a :1974 ; b :1973; c :2030 ; d :1986 ; e :1966

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<a href="#">O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</a>	<a href="#">DMt=+</a>	a Mt =7,51 SD =1,96 b Mt =7,70 SD =1,93 c Mt =7,81 SD =1,79 d Mt =7,72 SD =1,72 e Mt =7.79 SD =1,73
<a href="#">O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</a>	<a href="#">AoV=</a> <a href="#">p&lt;.000</a>	c ,d ,e>a

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## Study CUMMI 2003B



*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A; Eckersley, R; Lo, S.K.; Okerstrom, E.; et.al.  
 Australian Unity Wellbeing Index, Survey 6, Report 6. The Wellbeing of Australians: Impact of the Impending Iraq War.  
 Australian Centre on Quality of Life, 2003, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm>  
 Page in Report: 9+69

*Population:* 18+aged, Australia, 2003

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 88%

*N:* 1979

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Satisfaction with life in Australia

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Single question:  
 How satisfied are you with life as a whole?  
 a : Survey 1, April 2001  
 b : Survey 2, September 2001  
 c : Survey 3, March 2002  
 d : Survey 4, August 2002  
 e : Survey 5, November 2002  
 f : Survey 6, March 2003

*Measured Values:* N = a :1974; b :1973; c :2030; d; 1986; e :1966; f : 1979

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<a href="#">O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</a>	<u>DMt=</u>	a : Mt =7,52;SD =1,96 b : Mt =7,70;SD =1,93 c : Mt =7,81;SD =1,79 d : Mt =7,72;SD =1,72 e : Mt =7,77;SD =1,73 f : Mt =7,82;SD =1,66
<a href="#">O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</a>	<u>AoV=.000</u>	a > b, c, d, e

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Study CUMMI 2003C

*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A.; Eckersley, R.; Lo, S.; Okerstrom, E.; et al  
 The Wellbeing of Australians-The Effects of Work Australian Unity Wellbeing Index, Survey 7, Report 7.  
 The Wellbeing of Australians.The Effects of Work.  
 Ausralian Centre on Centre on Life, 2003, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm>  
 Page in Report: 82+10

*Population:* 18+aged, Australia, 2003

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 85%

*N:* 1993

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Change in satisfaction with life as a whole

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* 1: Survey 1 April 2001  
 2: Survey 2 September 2001  
 3: Survey 3 March 2002  
 4: Survey 4 Augustus 2002  
 5: Survey 5 November 2002  
 6: Survey 6 March 2003  
 7: Survey 7 June 2003

*Measured Values:* N = 1: 1974, 2: 1973, 3: 2030, 4: 1986, 5: 1966, 6: 1979, 7: 1965

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<a href="#">O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</a>	<u>DMt=</u>	1: Mt = 7,52; SD = 1,96 2: Mt = 7,70; SD = 1,93 3: Mt = 7,81; SD = 1,79 4: Mt = 7,72; SD = 1,72 5: Mt = 7,77; SD = 1,73 6: Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,67 7: Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,68
<a href="#">O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</a>	<u>AoV=</u>	3>1, p<.000 4>1, p<.015 5>1, p<.000 6>1, p<.000 7>1, p<.000

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**Study****CUMMI 2003D**

*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A.; Eckersley, R.; Lo, S.K.; Okerstrom, E.; et al  
 The Wellbeing of Australians- Feeling Connected to Australia. Australian Unity Wellbeing Index, Survey 8, Report 8. The Wellbeing of Australians. Feeling Connected to Australia.  
 Australian Centre on Quality of Life, 2003, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm> <http://acqol.deakin.edu.au>  
 Page in Report: 83+85+88

*Population:* 18+aged, Australia, 2003

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 83%

*N:* 1980

**Correlate**

*Authors label:* Survey number

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* a: Survey 1, April 2001  
 b: Survey 2, September 2001  
 c: Survey 3, March 2002  
 d: Survey 4, Augustus 2002  
 e: Survey 5, November 2002  
 f: Survey 6, March 2003  
 g: Survey 7, June 2003  
 h: Survey 8, Augustus 2003

*Measured Values:* N = a: 1974, b: 1973, c: 2030, d: 1986, e: 1966, f: 1979, g: 1965, h: 1980

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<u>O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</u>	<u>DMt=</u> <u>p&lt;.000</u>	a Mt = 7,52; SD = 1,96
		b Mt = 7,70; SD = 1,93
		c Mt = 7,81; SD = 1,79
		d Mt = 7,72; SD = 1,72
		e Mt = 7,77; SD = 1,73
		f Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,67
		g Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,68
		h Mt = 7,80; SD = 1,70
		all Mt = 7,71; SD = 0,10
<u>O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</u>	<u>AoV=</u>	c>a, p<.000
		d>a, p<.020
		e>a, p<.000
		f>a, p<.000
		g>a, p<.000
		h>a, p<.000

M-AC/g/sq/n/11/a      DMt=      h Mt = 7,86; SD = 1,49

M-FH/g/sq/n/11/b      DMt=      h Mt = 7,68; SD = 1,53

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### Study                      CUMMI 2004B

*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A.; Eckersley, R.; Lo, S.K.; Okerstrom, E.; et al  
Australian Unity Wellbeing Index, Survey 9, Report 9. The Wellbeing of Australians. Effects of Household Debt.  
Australian Centre on Quality of Life, 2004, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm>  
Page in Report: 92+94+95

*Population:* 18+ aged, Australia, 2003

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 88%

*N:* 1897

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### Correlate

*Authors label:* Survey Number

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* a: Survey 1 April 2001  
b: Survey 2 September 2001  
c: Survey 3 March 2002  
d: Survey 4 August 2002  
e: Survey 5 November 2002  
f: Survey 6 March 2003  
g: Survey 7 June 2003  
h: Survey 8 August 2003  
i: Survey 9 November 2003

*Measured Values:* N = a: 1973, b: 1971, c: 2026, d: 1986, e: 1966, f: 1977, g: 1965, h: 1980, i: 1897

*Remarks:* Normative Ranges calculated from Survey Mean Scores(N=i)  
all    Mt = 7,75; SD = .10  
-2 SD Mt = 7,56  
+2 SD Mt = 7,94

Normative Ranges calculated from Aggregated Individual  
Data(N=i)  
all    Mt = 7,75; SD = 1,76;  
-2 SD Mt = 4,23  
+2 SD Mt = 11,27

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/c</u>	<u>DMt=</u>	a Mt = 7,52; SD = 1,95 b Mt = 7,70; SD = 1,93 c Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,77 d Mt = 7,72; SD = 1,72 e Mt = 7,77; SD = 1,73 f Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,64 g Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,68 h Mt = 7,80; SD = 1,70 i Mt = 7,77; SD = 1,69
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/c</u>	<u>AoV=</u>	c>a, p< .000 d>a, p< .032 e>a, p< .001 f>a, p< .000 g>a, p< .000 h>a, p< .000 i>a, p< .007

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### CUMMI 2004D

*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A.; Eckersley, R.; Lo, S.K.; Okerstrom, E.; et al. Australian Unity Wellbeing Index. Survey 2004. Report 11.0. The Wellbeing of Australians-Personal Financial Debt. Australian Centre on Quality of Life, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm> <http://acqol.deakin.edu.au>  
Page in Report: A20+B+2+3+5

*Population:* 18+aged, Australia, 2004

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 72

*N:* 2000

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Survey Number

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

Measurement: a: S1 April 2001  
 b: S2 September 2001  
 c: S3 March 2002  
 d: S4 August 2002  
 e: S5 November 2002  
 f: S6 March 2003  
 g: S7 June 2003  
 h: S8 August 2003  
 i: S9 November 2003  
 j: S10 February 2004  
 k: S11 May 2004

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<u>O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</u>	<u>DMt=</u>	a Mt = 7,52 b Mt = 7,70 c Mt = 7,82 d Mt = 7,72 e Mt = 7,77 f Mt = 7,82 g Mt = 7,82 h Mt = 7,80 i Mt = 7,77 J Mt = 7,74 k Mt = 7,75

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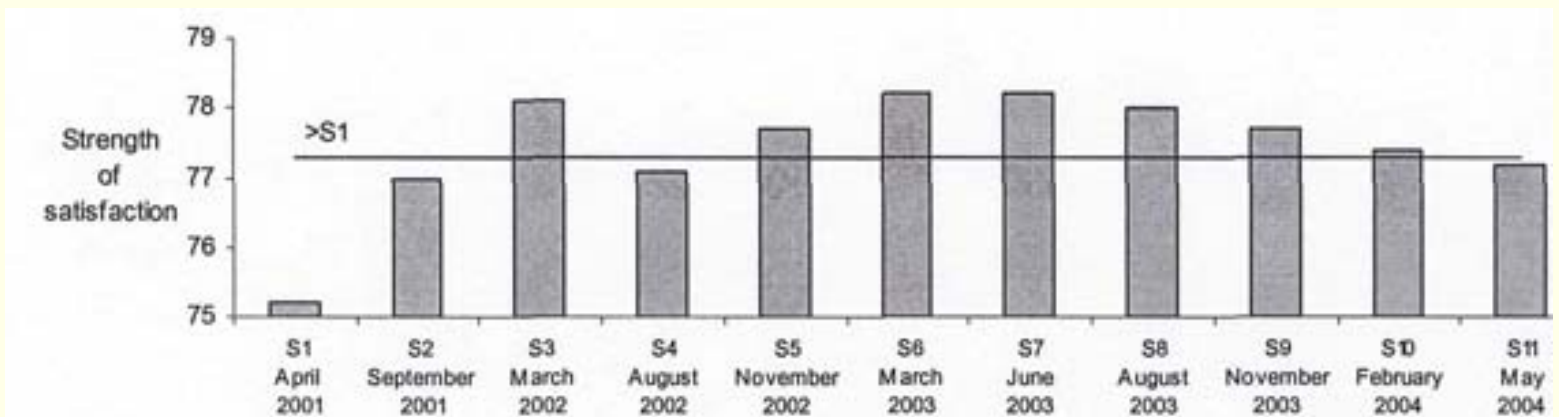


Figure 2.10: Satisfaction with Life as a Whole

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DMt=

<u>O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca</u>	<u>AoV=</u>	c>a p<.000 e>a p<.002 f>a p<.000 g>a p<.000 h>a p<.000 i>a p<.001 j>a p<.014 k>a p<.001
<u>M-FH/g/sq/n/11/b</u>	<u>DMt=-</u>	h Mt = 7,86; SD = 1,49 j Mt = 7,85; SD = 1,42
<u>M-FH/g/sq/n/11/b</u>	<u>DMt=</u>	k Mt = 7,50; SD = 1,81
<u>M-FH/g/sq/n/11/b</u>	<u>AoV=</u>	k>h p<.000 k>j p<.000
<u>M-AC/g/sq/n/11/a</u>	<u>DMt=</u>	h Mt = 7,68; SD= 1,53

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### CUMMI 2004E

*Reported in:* Cummins, R.A.; Eckersley, R.; Lo, S.K.; Okerstrom, E.; et al  
Australian Unity Wellbeing Index, Survey 2004, Report 12.0. The Wellbeing of Australians-Job Security.  
Australian Centre on Quality of Life, 2004, Melbourne, Australia. <http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/acqol/index.htm> <http://acqol.deakin.edu.au>  
Page in Report: A19+B2+B6

*Population:* 18+aged, Australia, 2004

*Sample:* Probability area sample

*Non-Response:* 88%

*N:* 1997

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Survey Number

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

Measurement: a: S1 April 2001  
 b: S2 September 2001  
 c: S3 March 2002  
 d: S4 August 2002  
 e: S5 November 2002  
 f: S6 March 2003  
 g: S7 June 2003  
 h: S8 August 2003  
 i: S9 November 2003  
 j: S10 February 2004  
 k: S11 May 2004  
 l: S12 August 2004

Measured Values: N = a: 1975, b: 1976, c: 2026, d: 1986, e: 1966, f: 1977, g: 1965, h: 1980, i: 1897, j: 1977, k: 1989, i: 1974

### Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics

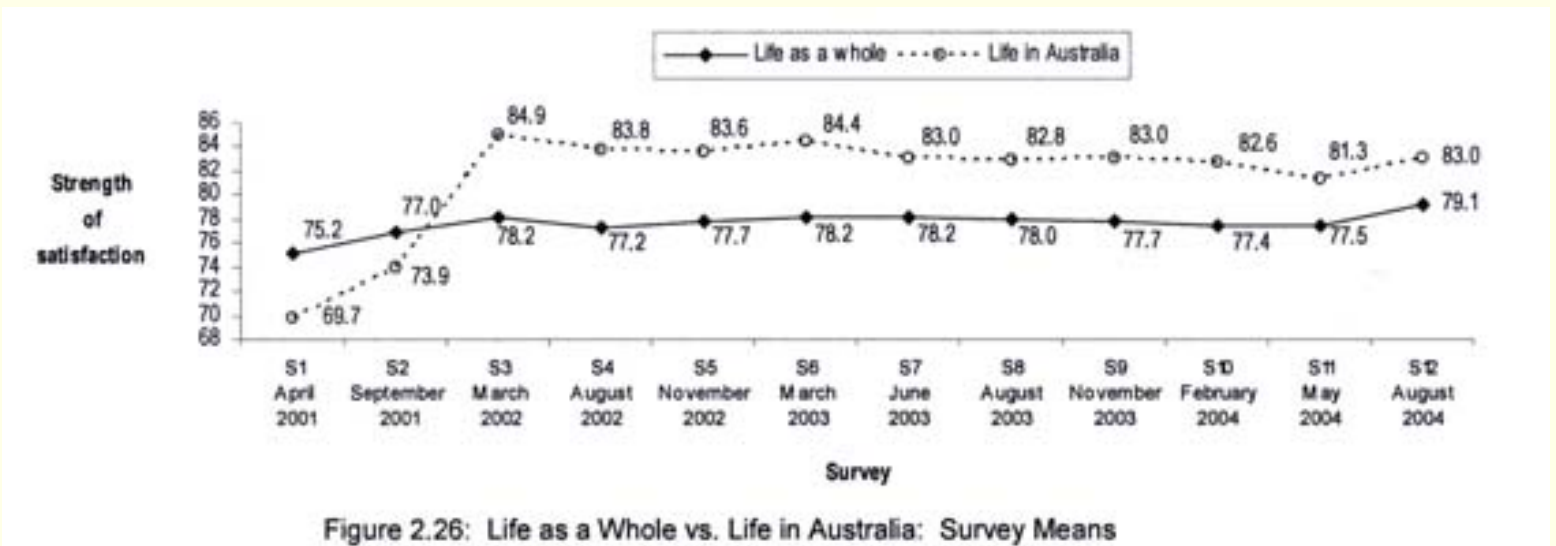
Elaboration/Remarks

O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca

DMt=

a Mt = 7,52; SD = 1,95  
 b Mt = 7,70; SD = 1.93  
 c Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,77  
 d Mt = 7,72; SD = 1,72  
 e Mt = 7,77; SD = 1,73  
 f Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,64  
 g Mt = 7,82; SD = 1,68  
 h Mt = 7,80; SD = 1,70  
 i Mt = 7,77; SD = 1,69  
 j Mt = 7,74; SD = 1,70  
 k Mt = 7,77; SD = 1,68  
 l Mt = 7,91; SD = 1,64

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 .017 i>a  
 .001 j>a  
 .000 k>a  
 .013 k>b  
 .015 k>d

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## Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period)

Subject code: N2

### Study

#### EASTE 1974/4

*Reported in:* Easterlin, R.A.

Does Economic Growth Improve the Human Lot? Some Empirical Evidence.

David, P.A.; Melvin, W.R.; Eds.: "Nations and Households in Economic Growth", Academic Press, 1974, New York, USA, 89 - 125 ISBN 0 1220 50505 9

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*Population:* Adults, USA, 1946-1970*Sample:* Probability simple random sample*Non-Response:*

N: 29143

### Correlate

*Authors label:* AIPO Polls Time Series*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2*Measurement:* Self report on single question:

Taking all things together, how would you say things are these days? Would you say you are...?

3 very happy

2 fairly happy

1 not very happy

Asked in 10 surveys between 1946-1965

*Measured Values:* Mean: on original scale: 2,40, transformed to range 0-10: 6,99

*Remarks:* AIPO Polls in: Apr. '46: 3151, Dec. '47: 1434, Aug. '48: 1596, Nov. '52: 3003, Sep. '56: 4186, Mar. '57: 1627, July '63: 3368, Oct. '66: 3531, Dec. '70: 1517

### Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>		
<u>O-HL/g/sq/v/3/a</u>	<u>DMt=</u>	Time	Mean happiness	N
		apr.46	6,45	3151
		dec.47	6,60	1434
		aug.48	6,65	1596
		nov.52	6,95	3003
		sep.56	7,40	4186
		mar.57	7,55	1627
<u>O-HL/g/sq/v/3/l</u>	<u>DMt=</u>	Time	Mean happiness	N
		jul. 63	7,10	3668
		oct. 66	7,30	3531
		dec. 70	6,90	1517

## Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period)

Subject code: N2

### Study **EASTE 1974/4**

*Reported in:* Easterlin, R.A.

Does Economic Growth Improve the Human Lot? Some Empirical Evidence.

David, P.A.; Melvin, W.R.; Eds.: "Nations and Households in Economic Growth", Academic Press, 1974, New York, USA, 89 - 125 ISBN 0 1220 50505 9

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*Population:* Adults, USA, 1946-1970

*Sample:* Probability simple random sample

*Non-Response:*

N: 29143

### Correlate

*Authors label:* NORC Polls Time Series

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Self report on single question:

Taking all things together, how would you say things are these days? Would you say you are...?

3 very happy

2 pretty happy

1 not too happy

Asked in 3 surveys between 1957-1965

*Measured Values:* Mean: on original scale: 2,18, transformed to range 0-10: 5,89

*Remarks:* NORC Polls in: Spring '57: 2460, Dec. '63: 1501, June '65: 1469

## Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>		
<u>O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa</u>	<u>DMt=</u>	Time	Mean happiness	N
		spr.57	6,20	2460
		dec.63	5,80	1501
		jun 65	5,65	1469

## Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period) Subject code: N2

### Study HEADE 1995/1

*Reported in:* Headey, B.; Andorka, R.; Krause, P.  
Political Legitimacy versus Economic Imperatives in System Transformation: Hungary and East Germany 1990-93.  
Social Indicators Research, 1995, Vol. 36, 247 - 273. ISSN p 0303 8300; ISSN e 1573 0921 DOI:10.1007/BF01078816  
Page in Report: 267

*Population:* 16+ aged East Germany, followed from 1990 to 1992

*Sample:* Probability simple random sample

*Non-Response:* ± 30%

*N:* 4453

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Satisfaction with Life-as-a-whole

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Selfreport on single question about 'satisfaction with life-as-a-whole' rated 0 entirely dissatisfied to 10 entirely satisfied

*Remarks:* Assessed in 1990, 1991 and 1992

## Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>	
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/d</u>	1990	M = 6.6	SD = 1.4
	1991	M = 6.0	SD = 2.0
	1992	M = 6.1	SD = 1.8

## Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period)

Subject code: N2

### Study HEADE 1995/2

*Reported in:* Headey, B.; Andorka, R.; Krause, P.  
 Political Legitimacy versus Economic Imperatives in System Transformation: Hungary and East Germany 1990-93.  
 Social Indicators Research, 1995, Vol. 36, 247 - 273. ISSN p 0303 8300; ISSN e 1573 0921 DOI:10.1007/BF01078816  
 Page in Report: 267

*Population:* 16+ aged Hungary 1992

*Sample:* Probability simple random sample

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 4266

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Satisfaction with Life-as-a-whole

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Selfreport on single question about 'satisfaction with life-as-a-whole' rated 0 entirely dissatisfied to 10 entirely satisfied

### Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>	
<u>O-SLu/u/sq/n/11/a</u>	Mean	6.6	
	SD	2.7	

## Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period)

Subject code: N2

**Study**                      **HEADE 2003**

*Reported in:* Headey, B.; Headey, D.  
 German Reunification: Welfare Gains and Losses East and West.  
 Social Indicators Research, 2003, Vol. 64, 107 - 138. ISSN p 0303 8300; ISSN e 1573 0921 DOI:10.1023/A:1024780114892  
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*Population:* 16+ aged, East and West Germany, followed from 1990 to 1997

*Sample:* Probability simple random sample

*Non-Response:* ± 40%

*N:* 10000

**Correlate**

*Authors label:* Life satisfaction

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Selfreport on single question asking about 'satisfaction with life' on a 0-10 scale ranging from 0 entirely dissatisfied to 10 entirely satisfied

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>		
		1990	1992	1997
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/d</u>				
	East	6.9	6.1	6.3
	West	7.3	7.3	6.9

**Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period)**

**Subject code: N2**

**Study**                      **TAMME 2007**

*Reported in:* Tammes, T.  
 Komt Geluk met de Jaren? ( Does Happiness Rise with Age?)  
 Schnabel, P.; Ed.: "Veel Geluk in 2007" (Lots of Happiness in 2007), Social Cultural Planning Office (SCP), 2007, The Hague, Netherlands, 81-88. ISBN 9789037702958  
 Page in Report: 85

*Population:* 16+Aged, The Netherlands, 2007

*Sample:* Probability simple random sample

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 21929

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## Correlate

*Authors label:* Age cohorts

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* 1= 16-29, born between 1950-1963  
2= 30-44, born between 1935-1949  
3= 45-59, born between 1920-1934  
4= 60-74, born between 1905-1919

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## Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness Measure*

*Statistics*

*Elaboration/Remarks*

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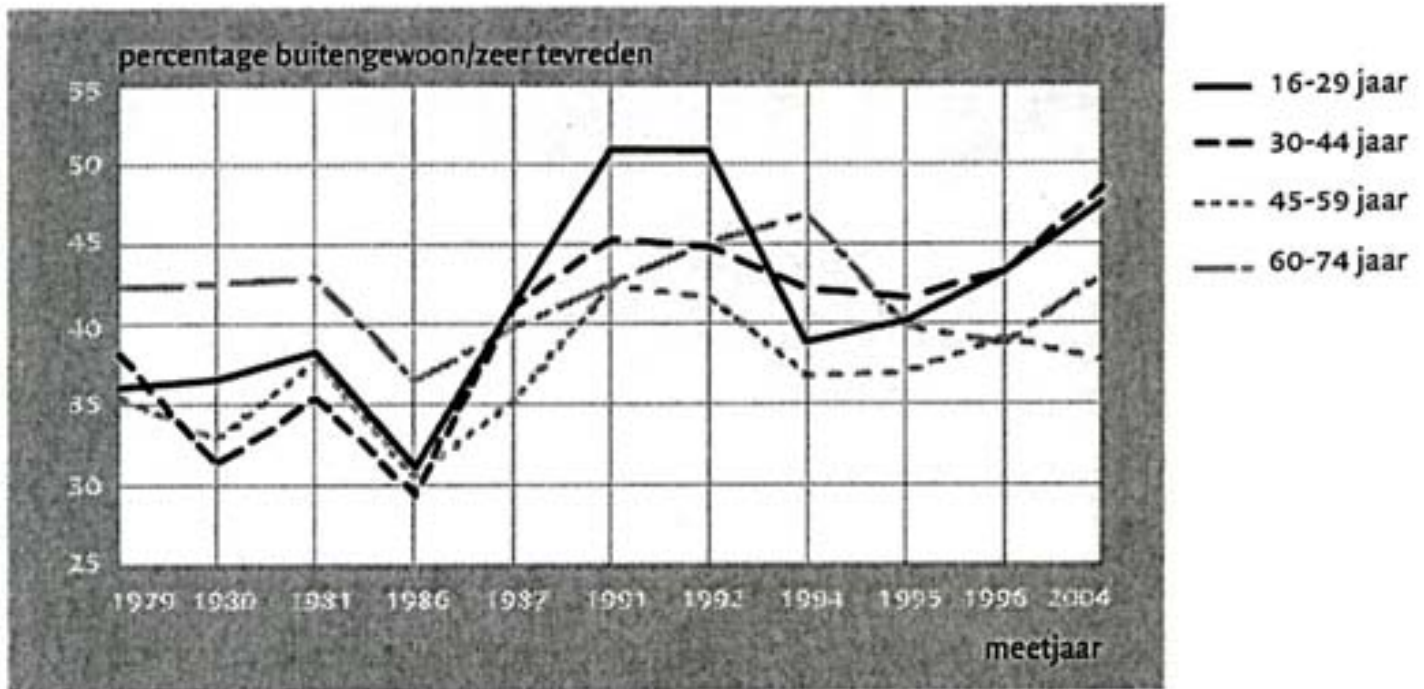
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% (very) happy in the Netherlands, 1979-2004.  
Age-cohorts show comparable developments but  
younger people show more outspoken ups and downs.

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**Figuur 4**

**Buitengewoon of zeer tevreden met leven naar leeftijdscategorie in 1979-2004 (in procenten)**



Bron: SCP (CV 1979-81/86-87/91-92/94-96/2004) N=21.929

Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period)

Subject code: N2

Study VEENH 1994/2

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.  
Is Happiness a Trait? Test of the Theory that a Better Society does not Make People any Happier.  
Social Indicators Research, 1994, Vol. 32, 101 - 160. ISSN p 0303 8300;ISSN e 1573 0921 DOI:  
DOI:10.1007/BF01078732  
Page in Report: 134

*Population:* Adults, 9 nations, 1948 - 1981

*Sample:* Non-probability accidental sample

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 9

Correlate

*Authors label:* Relative temporal stability of average happiness in nations

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2

*Measurement:* Similarity in rank order of average happiness in nations in 1948 and in 1981

*Remarks:* Meta-analysis of data drawn from this World database of happiness

## Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>	
<u>O-SLW*/sq/t/11/a</u>	<u>rs=+.73</u> <u>p&lt;.01</u>	Country	rank order of happiness
			1948                      1981
		Australia	2                              2/3
		Britain (Great)	9                              7
		France	7/8                            5
		Germany (West)	4                              1
		Italy	7/8                            8
		Netherlands	5                              6
		Norway	1                              2/3
		Mexico	6                              9
		USA	3                              4

## Correlational finding on Happiness and NATION: ERA (temporal period)

Subject code: N2

### Study VEENH 2004

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.  
Veiligheid en Geluk. (Safety and Happiness).  
Muller, E.R.; Ed.: "Veiligheid Studies over Inhoud, Organisatie en Maatregelen", Kluwer, 2004,  
Dordrecht, Netherlands, 153 - 185. ISBN 90 1300 11 292  
Page in Report: 177

*Population:* Adults, 65 nations, 1995 and 1997

*Sample:* Probability sample (unspecified)

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 90000

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Crisis

*Our classification:* NATION: ERA (temporal period), code N2



*Measurement:* Critical incidents in the nation such as natural disasters; economic recession or terrorist attacks.

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness  
Measure

Statistics Elaboration/Remarks

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Happiness by crisis in the Netherlands from 1974 to 2002

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Happiness by crisis in Belgium from 1974 to 2002

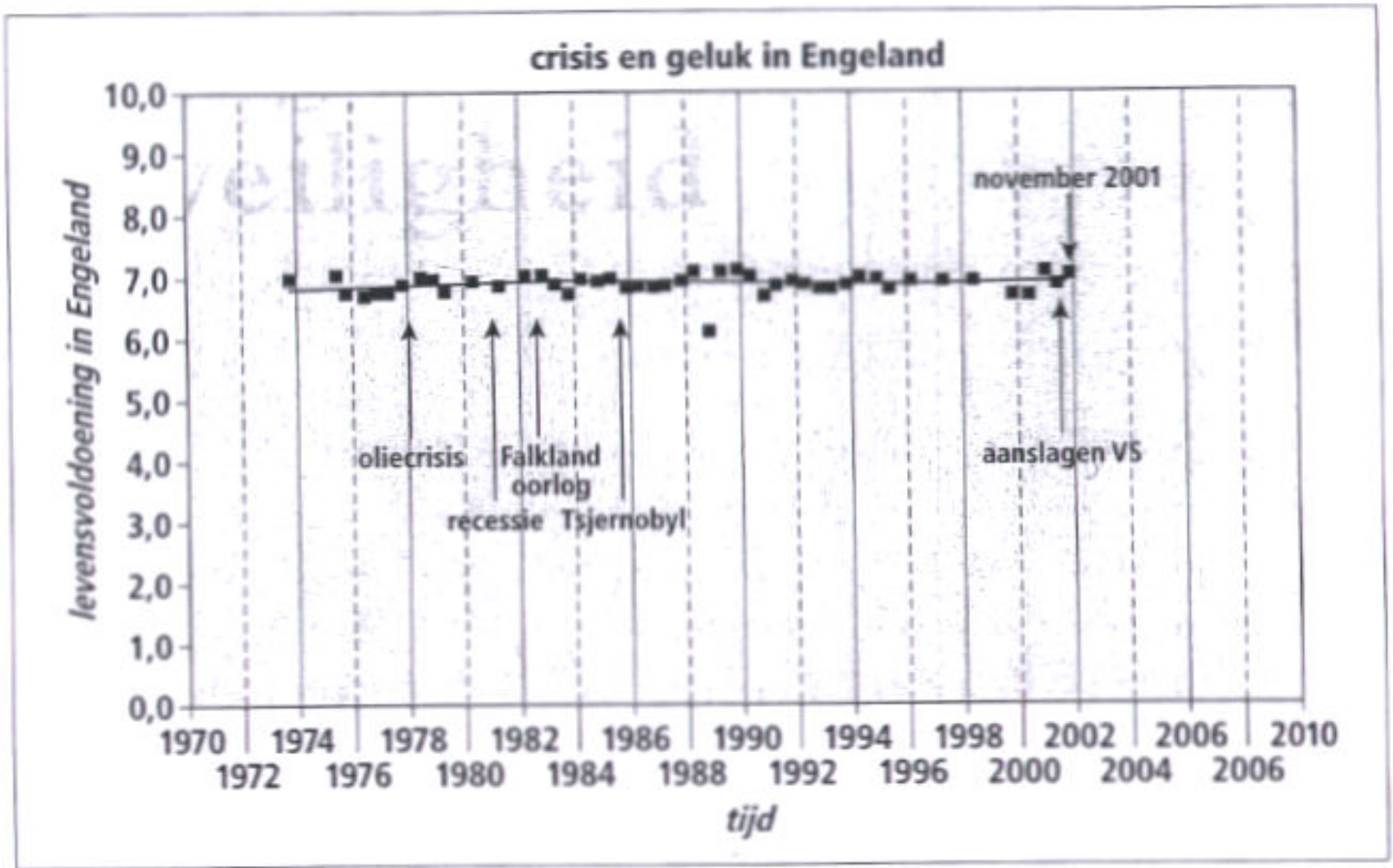
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Happiness by crisis in England from 1974 to 2002

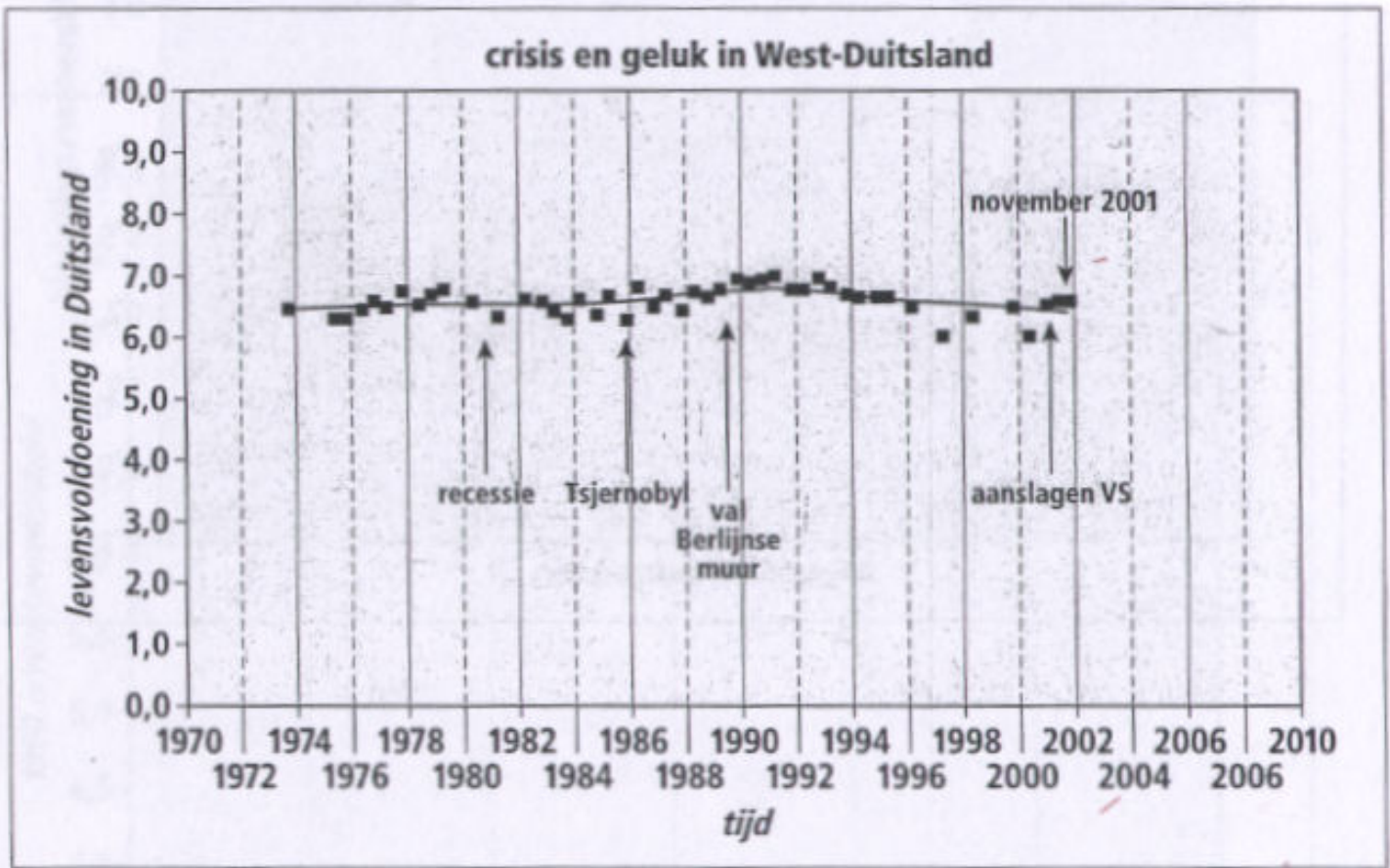
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Happiness by crisis in West-Germany from 1974 to 2002

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Correlational finding on Happiness and Average happiness in era  
Subject code: N2.1.1

Study **BJORN 2007A**

*Reported in:* Bjornskov, C; Dreher, A; Fischer, J.A.

The Bigger the Better? Evidence of the Effect of Government Size on Life Satisfaction around the World.  
Public Choice, 2007, Vol. 130, 267 - 292. ISSN 0048 5829 DOI:10.1007/s11127-006-9081-5  
Page in Report: 11

*Population:* 18+ aged, 74 nations, 1997-2001

*Sample:* Probability sample (unspecified)

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 120000

Correlate

*Authors label:* Post-communist

*Our classification:* Average happiness in era, code N2.1.1

*Measurement:* Postcommunist nation  
 1 no  
 2 yes

*Remarks:* "Postcommunist" nations had a totalitarian communist regime between 1950-2000.

## Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/10/a</u>	<u>B=-.16</u> <u>p&lt;.01</u>	% very happy citizens by a (recent) communist history  B controlled for -social trust -openness -investment price -log GDP per capita -government consumption

## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

<i>Study</i>	<b>DITEL 2006/2</b>
<i>Reported in:</i>	DiTella, R.;MacCulloch, R. Some Uses of Happiness Data in Economics. Journal of Economic Perspectives, 2006, Vol. 20, 25 - 46. ISSN 0895 3309 Page in Report: 33
<i>Population:</i>	Adults, West Germany 1985-2000
<i>Sample:</i>	Probability simple random sample
<i>Non-Response:</i>	
	<i>N:</i> 8649

## Correlate

<i>Authors label:</i>	national income
<i>Our classification:</i>	. trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1
<i>Measurement:</i>	Real Annual Income measured in 1995 Deutschmarks

## Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness  
Measure*

*Statistics*

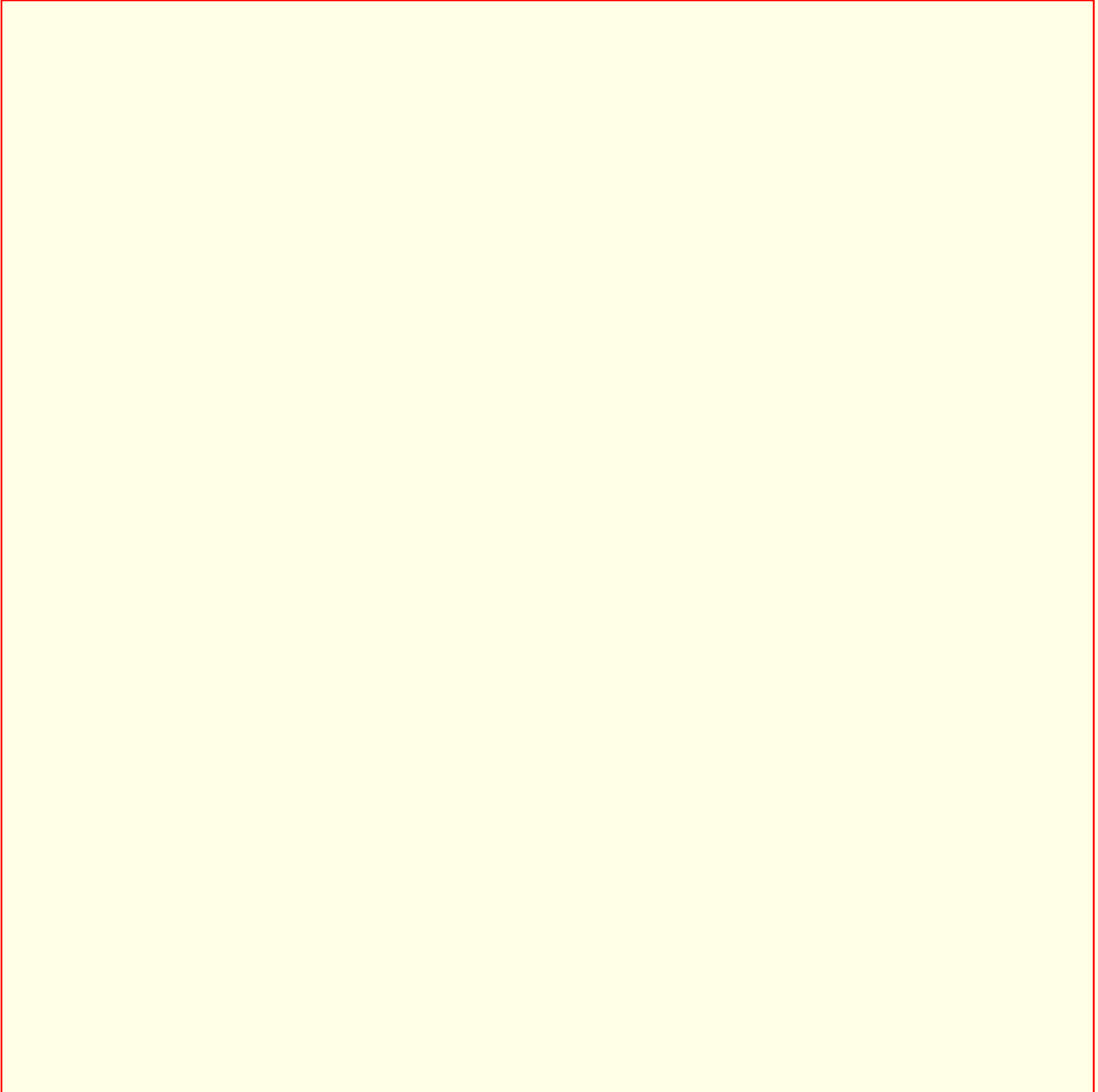
*Elaboration/Remarks*

O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/d

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AVERAGE HAPPINESS and AVERAGE INCOME over 15  
years.

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## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

<b>Study</b>	<b>DITEL 2006/3</b>
<i>Reported in:</i>	DiTella, R.;MacCulloch, R. Some Uses of Happiness Data in Economics. Journal of Economic Perspectives, 2006, Vol. 20, 25 - 46. ISSN 0895 3309 Page in Report:
<i>Population:</i>	Adults, USA, 1975-1997
<i>Sample:</i>	Probability multi-stage cluster sample
<i>Non-Response:</i>	
	N: 25000

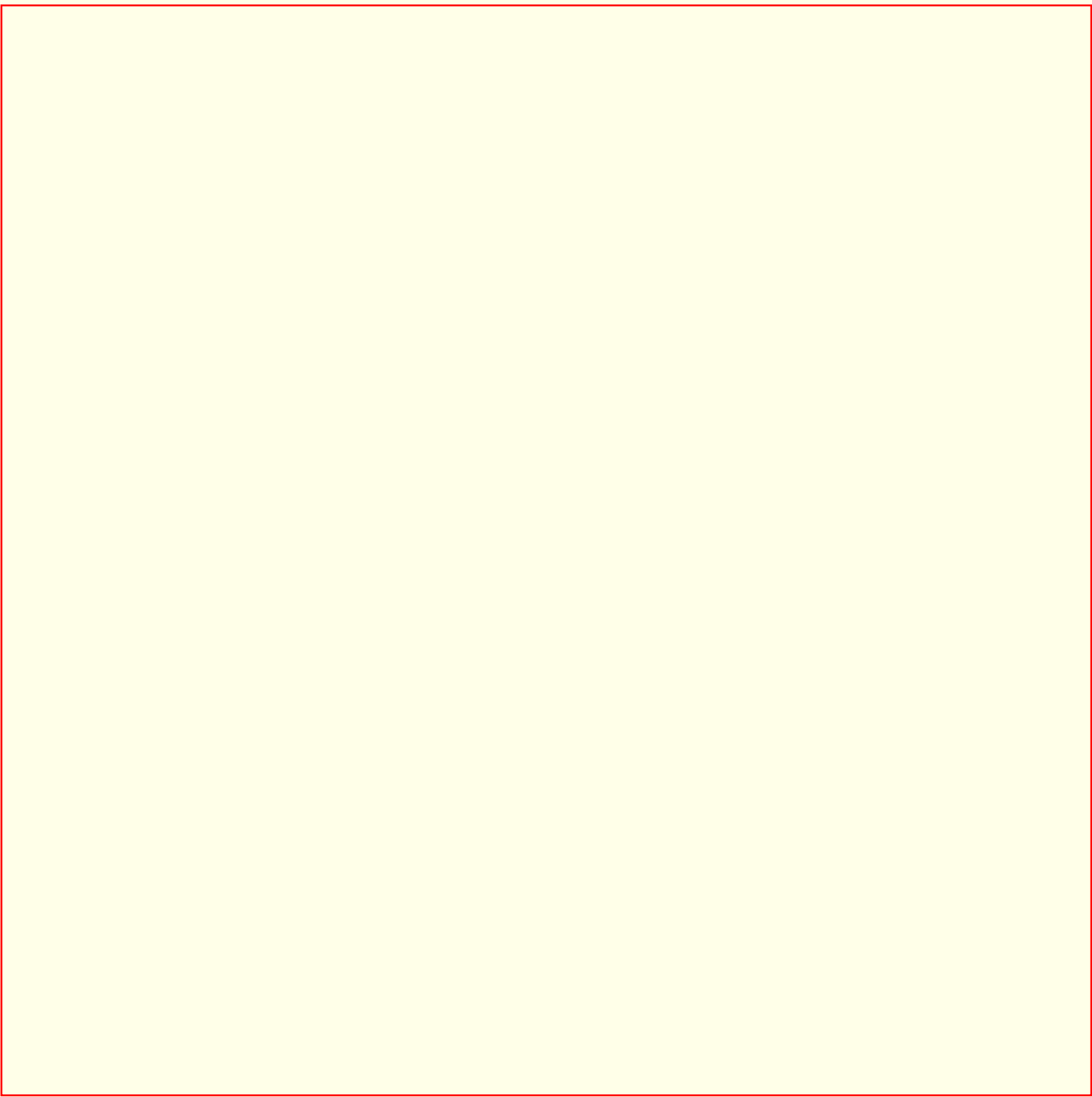
## Correlate

<i>Authors label:</i>	GDP per Capita
<i>Our classification:</i>	. trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1
<i>Measurement:</i>	Real GDP per Capita measured in 1990 U.S. Dollars

## Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>
<a href="#">O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa</a>	<a href="#">DM=0 ns</a>	AVERAGE HAPPINESS and AVERAGE INCOME over 20 years.

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Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public  
Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

Study                      GRAHA 2004



*Reported in:* Graham, C.; Eggers, A; Sukhtankar, S.  
 Does Happiness Pay? An Exploration based on Panel Data from Russia  
 Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2004, Vol. 55, 319 - 342. ISSN 0167 2681 DOI:10.1016/j.jebo.2003.09.0002  
 Page in Report: 331

*Population:* 10+ aged, followed 5 years, Russia 1995-2000

*Sample:* Probability sample (unspecified)

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 5269

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Change in happiness 1995-2000

*Our classification:* . trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1

*Measurement:* Happiness assessed at:  
 T1: 1995  
 T2: 2000

*Measured Values:* T1 (1995) M = 2,21 SD = 1,06 T2 (2000) M = 2,36 SD = 1,08

*Remarks:* Assessed at T1 (1995) and T2 (2000)  
 Russia went through major changes in this era, among which  
 a financial crisis in 1998

## Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/v/5/n</u>	<u>DM=+</u>	T1 (1995) M = 2,21 SD = 1,06 T2 (2000) M = 2,36 SD = 1,08 difference +0,15
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/v/5/n</u>	<u>Beta=</u>	Positive among: - people who's income increased (B =+.19)  Negative among: - school leavers (B = -.84) - people who got divorced (B = -.57)  No significant change in happiness across - age - gender - minority status - change in marital status other than divorce - change in employment - change in smoking

## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

## Study KOCH 2005

*Reported in:* Koch, S.; Stephan, S.; Walwei, U.

Workfare: Möglichkeiten und Grenzen. (Workfare: Possibilities and Limitations).

IAB Discussion Paper no. 17/2005, Institut für Arbeitsmarkt und Berufsforschung, Nürnberg, Germany.

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*Population:* 18-65 aged, on low wage or on social security, Germany, 2002-2003*Sample:* Probability stratified sample*Non-Response:*

N: 2568

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Year*Our classification:* . trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1*Measurement:* 1 2002

2 2003

## Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness Measure**Statistics**Elaboration/Remarks*[O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/d](#)B=-.23

2003 (vs 2002)

p<.00

B controlled for:

- Employment status, social assistance
- Net household income
- Net household income per head
- Nationality (German, not German)
- Age
- Age squared
- Years of education in school and occupation
- Living together with a partner
- Satisfaction with health
- Level of being unfit for work activity
- Region (West, East)

Robust OLS. Ordered Probit analysis yields similar result

## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

## Study **VEENH 2005B**

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.  
Apparent Quality-of-Life in Nations: How Long and Happy People Live.  
Social Indicators Research, 2005, Vol. 71, 61 - 86  
Page in Report: 71

*Population:* Adults, 67 nations, 1990s

*Sample:* Probability sample (unspecified)

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 100000

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## Correlate

*Authors label:* Trend in happy life years 1948-1998

*Our classification:* . trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1

*Measurement:*

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## Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness Measure*

*Statistics*

*Elaboration/Remarks*

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Happy life years in the USA 1948-1988

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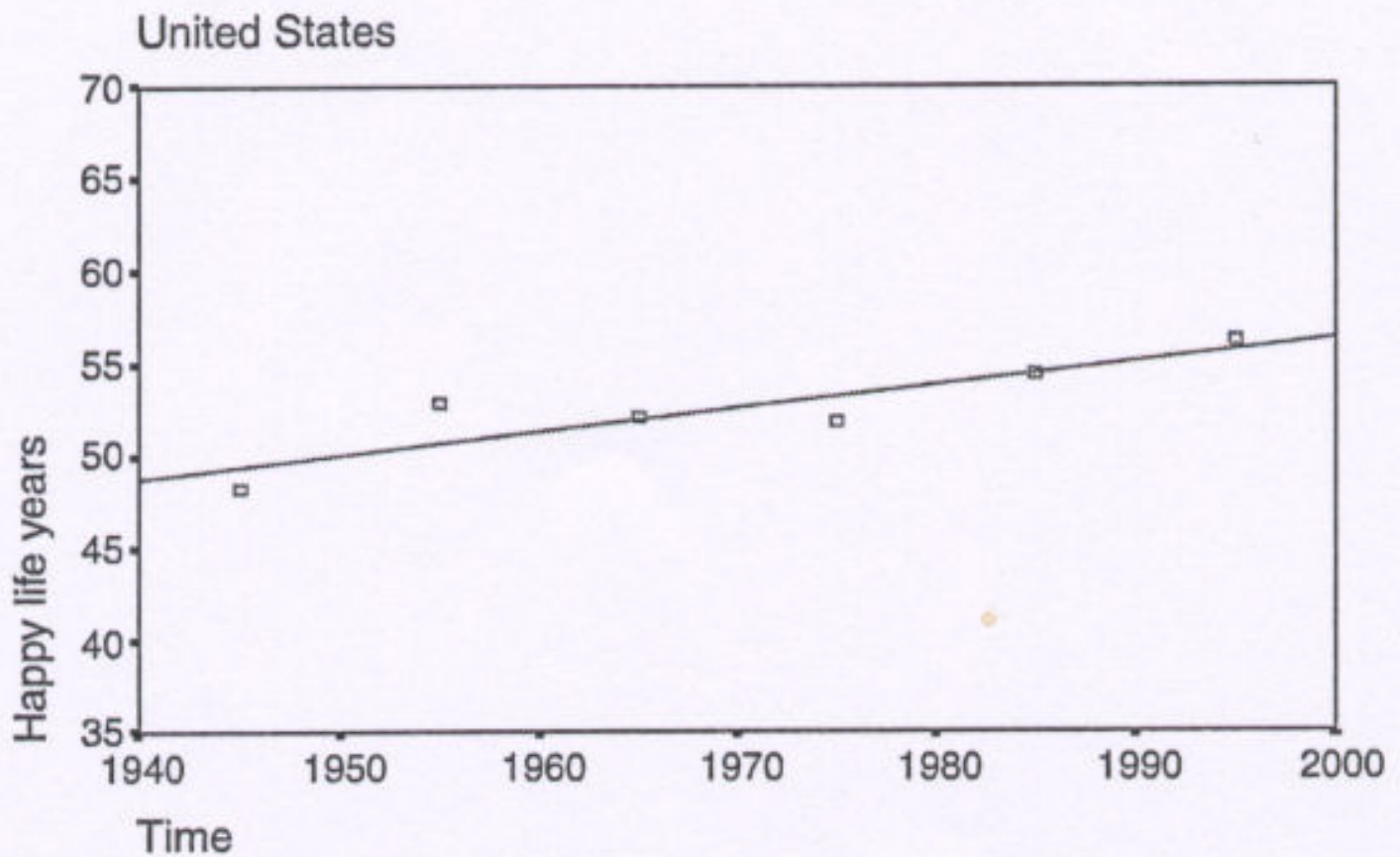


Figure 1. Happiness adjusted life years in the USA 1948–1998.

Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public  
Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

Study VEENH 2005C/2

Reported in: Veenhoven, R.  
Is Life getting Better? How Long and Happily Do People live in Modern Society?  
European Psychologist, 2005, Vol. 10, 330 - 343  
Page in Report: 337

Population: Adults, 8 EU Nations, USA and Japan, 1973-2002

Sample: Mixed samples

Non-Response:

N: 300000

Correlate

Authors label: Trend Happy Life Years (HLY)

Our classification: . trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1

Measurement:

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness  
Measure

Statistics

Elaboration/Remarks

[Y-LH//yh/n/100/a](#) $r=+.20$ Trend in happy life years in some modern nations  
1973 - 2002

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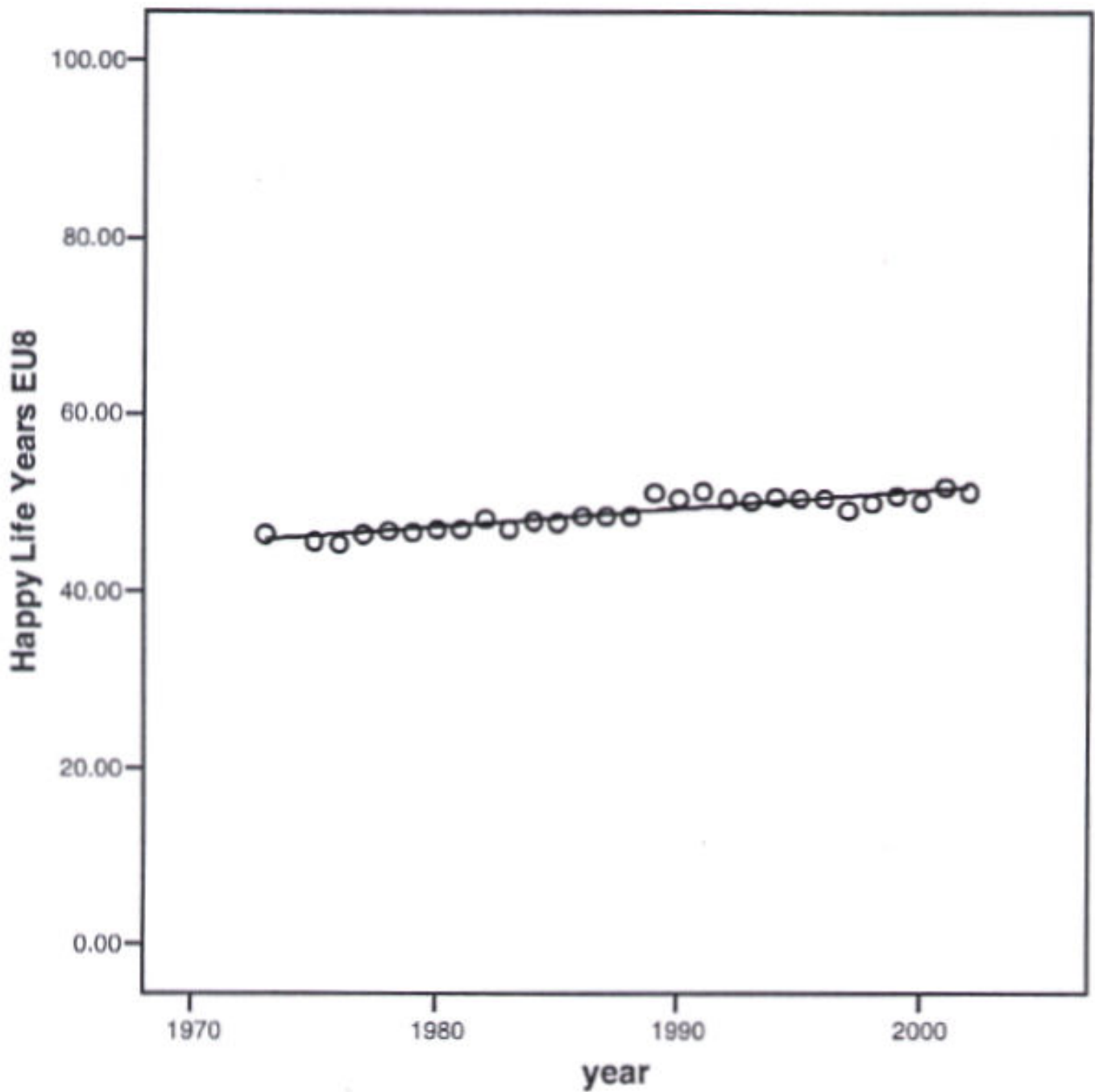


Figure 1 Trend HIV in 8 EU Nations

## Figure 4. Trend HLY in 8 EU Nations 1973–2000.

Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

### Study VEENH 2005C/2

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.  
Is Life getting Better? How Long and Happily Do People live in Modern Society?  
European Psychologist, 2005, Vol. 10, 330 - 343  
Page in Report: 338

*Population:* Adults, 8 EU Nations, USA and Japan, 1973-2002

*Sample:* Mixed samples

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 300000

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Trend average happiness

*Our classification:* . trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1

*Measurement:*

### Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks	
<a href="#">O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</a>		Nation	Yearly increase B CI95
<a href="#">O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</a>	<a href="#">B=+.01</a>	Luxemburg	+ .009 [+ .002 ; + .017]
<a href="#">O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</a>	<a href="#">B=+.02</a>	Denmark	+ .016 [+ .010 ; + .022]
<a href="#">O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</a>	<a href="#">B=+.01</a>	France	+ .010 [- .003 ; + .016]
<a href="#">O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</a>	<a href="#">B=-.00</a>	Germany W	+ .001 [- .006 ; + .009]
<a href="#">O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</a>	<a href="#">B=+.00</a>	USA	+ .003 [- .005 ; + .012]

<u>O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</u>	<u>B=+.00</u>	UK	+ .002	[ - .003 ; + .008 ]
<u>O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</u>	<u>B=+.00</u>	Netherlands	+ .003	[ - .002 ; + .009 ]
<u>O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</u>	<u>B=+.03</u>	Italy	+ .032	[ + .026 ; + .039 ]
<u>O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</u>	<u>B=-.02</u>	Japan	- .016	[ - .025 ; - .008 ]
<u>O-HV*/sq/vt/11/a</u>	<u>B=-.03</u>	Belgium	- .026	[ - .039 ; + .013 ]

B is average yearly change in points on scale 0-10

## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

### Study VEENH 2005E

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.  
Return of Inequality in Modern Society? Test by Dispersion of Life-Satisfaction across Time and Nations.  
Journal of Happiness Studies, 2005, Vol. 6, 457 - 487  
Page in Report: 474-477

*Population:* 15+ aged, EU nations, 1973 - 2001

*Sample:* Mixed samples

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 374000

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Trend in dispersion of life-satisfaction

*Our classification:* . trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1

*Measurement:* Selfreport on single question:  
On the whole how satisfied are you with the life you lead?  
4 very satisfied  
3 fairly satisfied  
2 not very satisfied  
1 not at all satisfied  
- Don't know

*Measured Values:* Average standard deviation about 0,7

*Remarks:* Inequality in happiness measured using the standard deviation

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics

Elaboration/Remarks

[O-SLL/u/sq/v/4/b](#)

[B=-.00 p<.05](#)

B = -.00176 CI95 [ -0,001 to -0,003]  
 This means a yearly drop in inequality of 0,18%.  
 If this trend continues linearly, it will take about 50 years to reduce the standard-deviation from about 0,7 to 0,6 and another 300 years would be required to reduce it to zero

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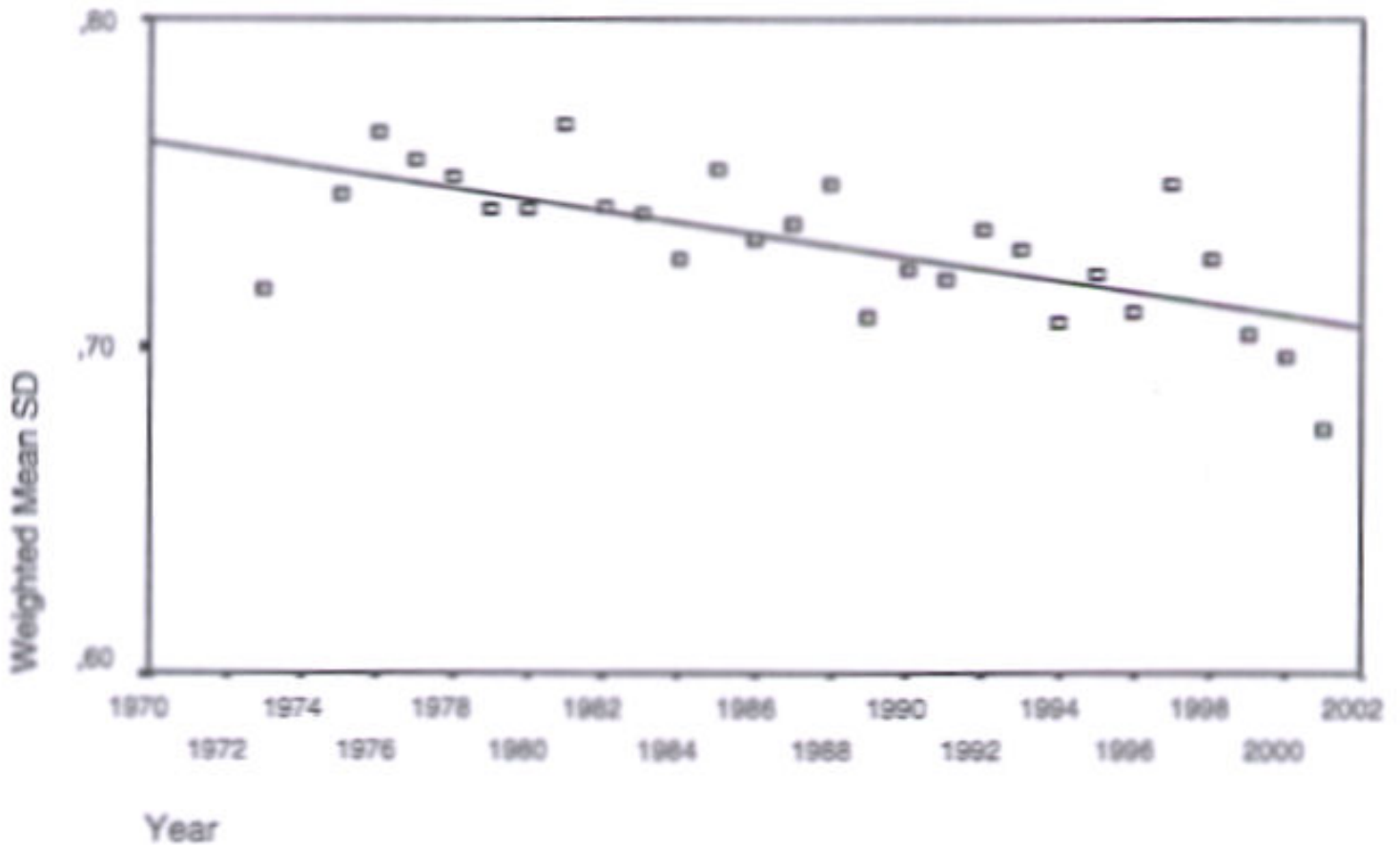


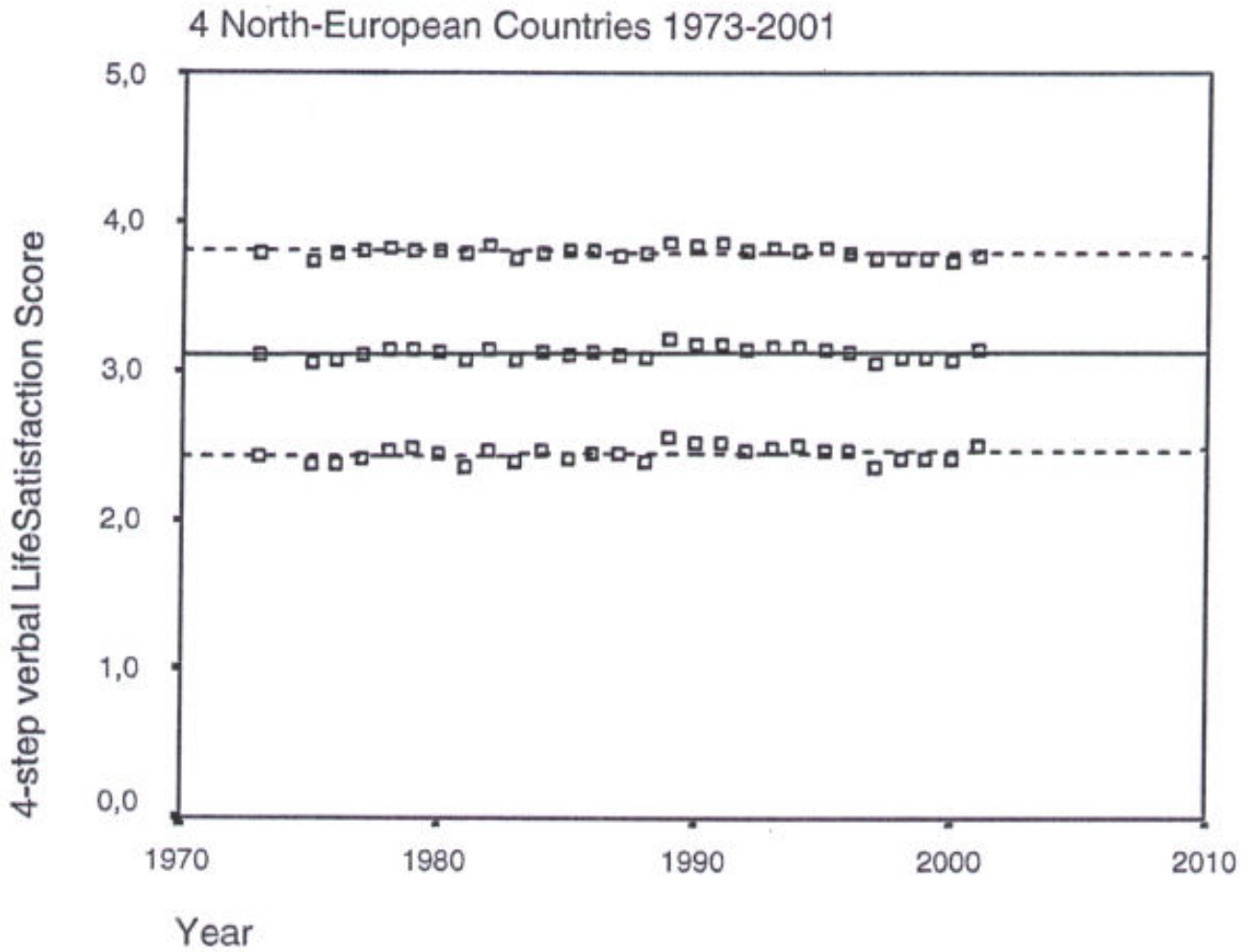
Figure 5. Trend in dispersion of life-satisfaction in the European Union.

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Decline of inequality of happiness stronger in South than North European countries



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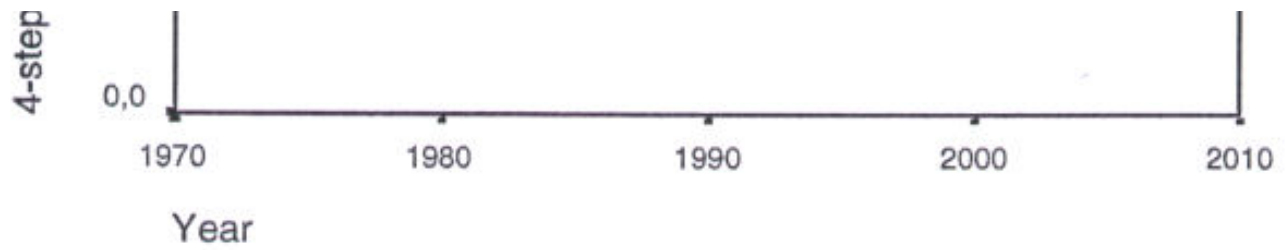


Figure 6. Trend in life-satisfaction in Northern and Southern EU nations.

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The decline of standard deviations is only partly due to rise of the mean level of happiness

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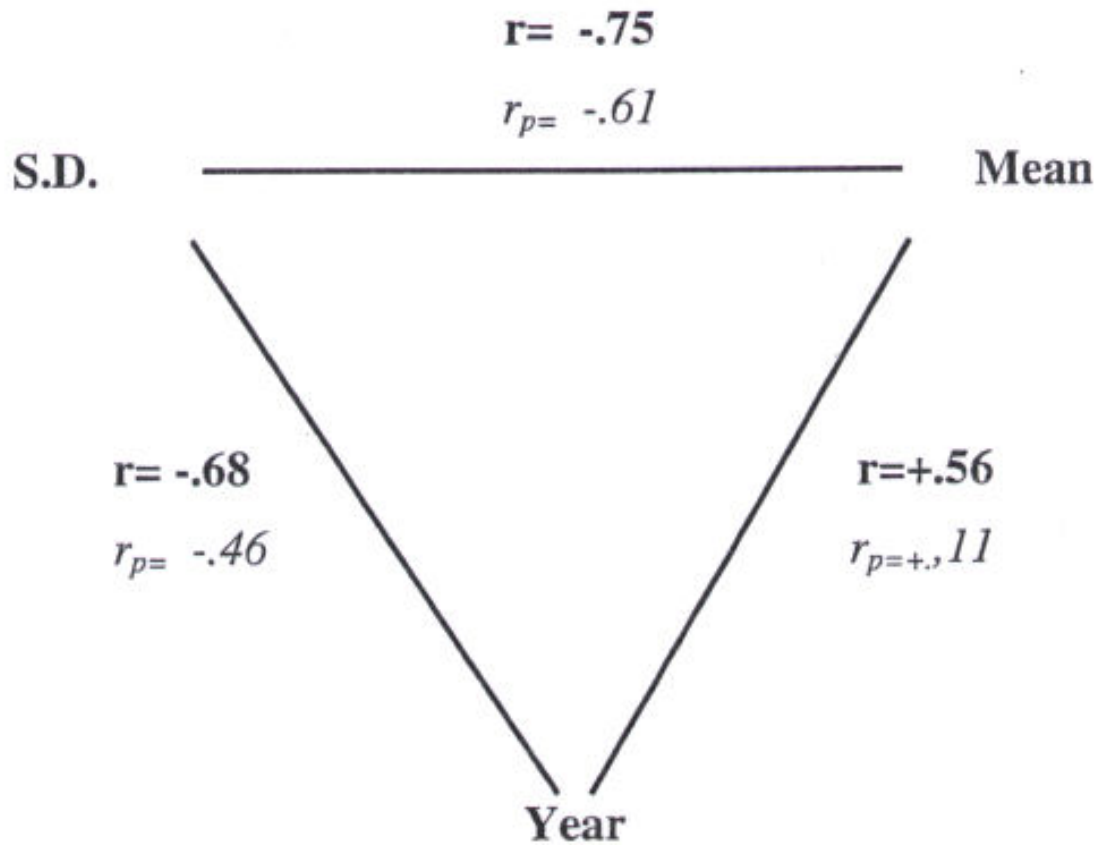


Figure 7. Partial correlation analysis of level, dispersion and year.

Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public  
Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

Study VEENH 2005E

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.  
Return of Inequality in Modern Society? Test by Dispersion of Life-Satisfaction across Time and Nations.  
Journal of Happiness Studies, 2005, Vol. 6, 457 - 487  
Page in Report: 476

*Population:* 15+ aged, EU nations, 1973 - 2001

*Sample:* Mixed samples

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 374000

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Trend in life-satisfaction

*Our classification:* . trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1

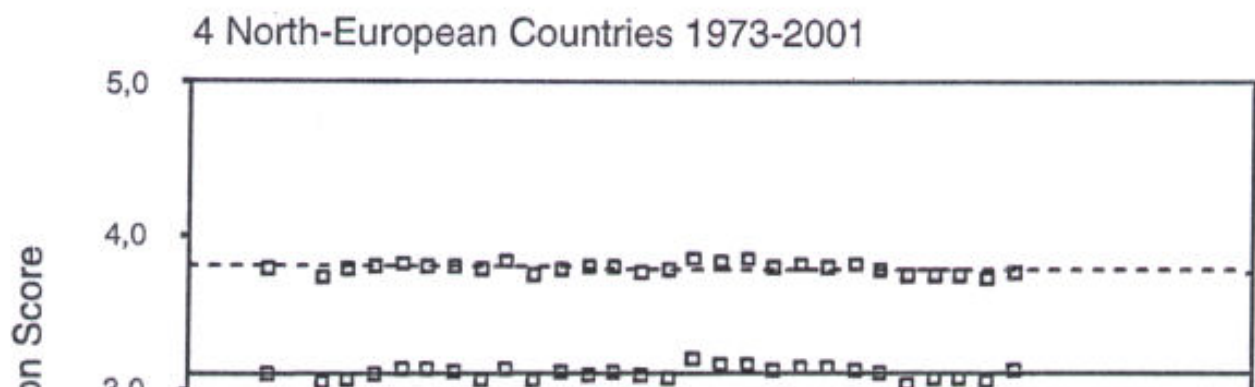
*Measurement:* Selfreport on single question:  
On the whole how satisfied are you with the life you lead?  
4 very satisfied  
3 fairly satisfied  
2 not very satisfied  
1 not at all satisfied  
- Don't know

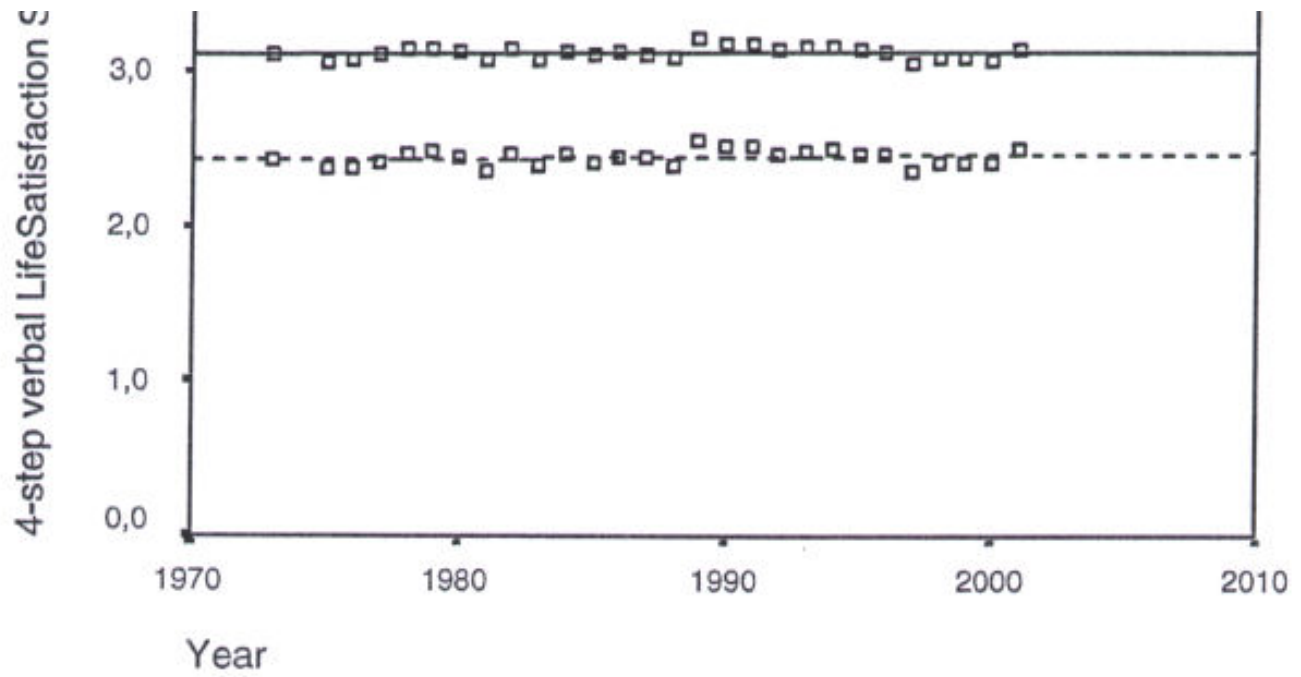
*Remarks:* Level of happiness measured using the average. Inequality of happiness measured using the standard deviation.

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<a href="#">O-SLL/u/sq/v/4/b</a>	<u>DM=+</u>	Northern EU nations: stable level, slight decline of dispersion in happiness  Southern EU countries: rising level, strong decline of dispersion in happiness

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4 South-European Countries 1985-2001

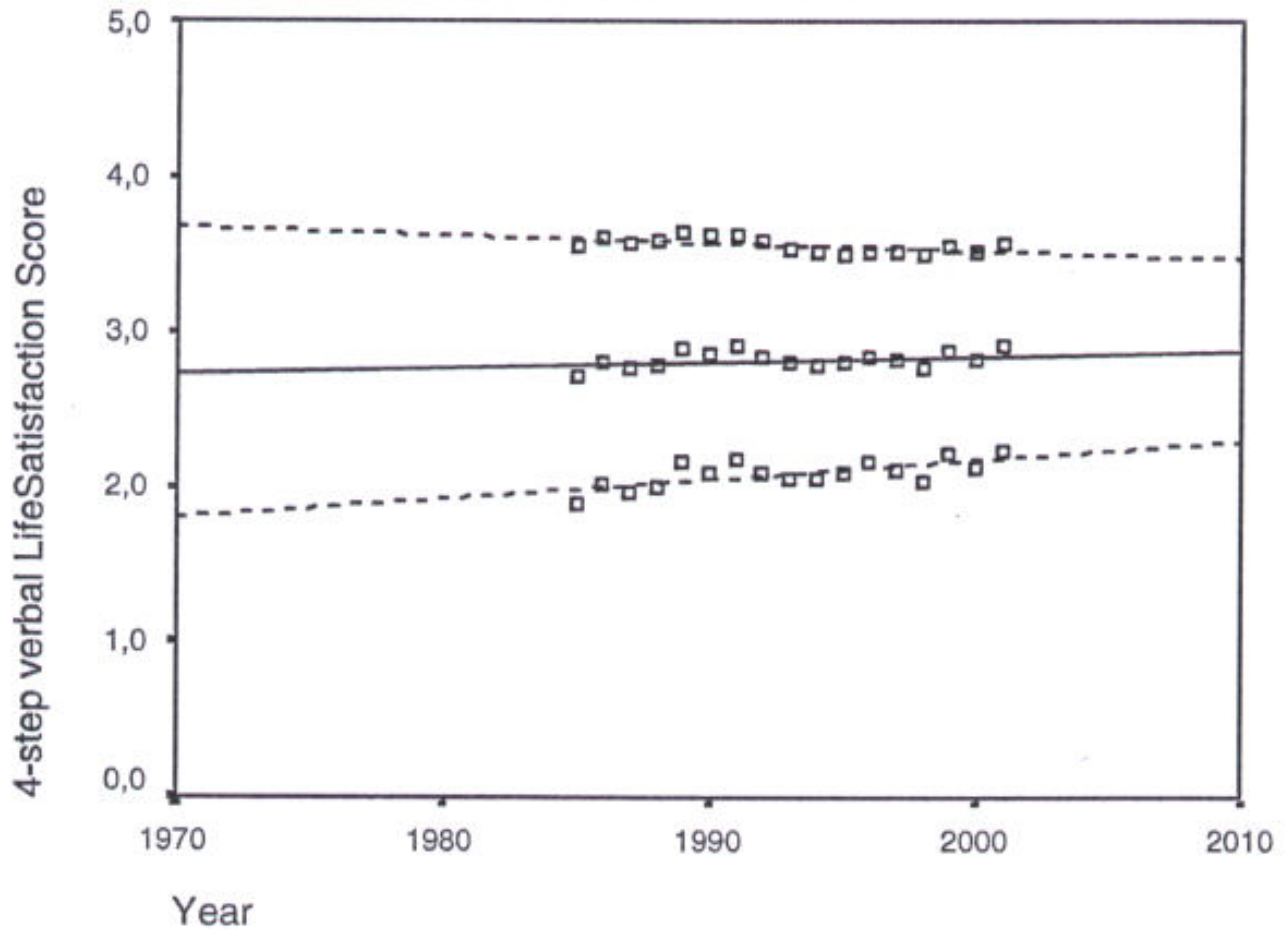


Figure 6. Trend in life-satisfaction in Northern and Southern EU nations.

## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in general public

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.1

Study **VEENH2005D2**

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.;Kalmijn, W.  
 Inequality-Adjusted Happiness in Nations. Egalitarianism and Utilitarianism Married in a New Index of Social Performance.  
 Journal of Happiness Studies, 2005, Vol. 6, 421 - 455  
 Page in Report: 438

*Population:* Adults, 8 EU Nations and USA 1973-2004

*Sample:* Mixed samples

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 12000

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Trend 1973-2004

*Our classification:* . trend in general public, code N2.1.1.2.1

*Measurement:* Inequality-adjusted happiness measured using index of mean and standard deviation of life-satisfaction in nations.  
 Nation scores compared over time 1973-2004

*Measured Values:* Possible range 0-100, actual range: 74-20

## Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness Measure*

*Statistics*

*Elaboration/Remarks*

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Change Inequality Adjusted Happiness 1973- 2004 on 0-100 scale

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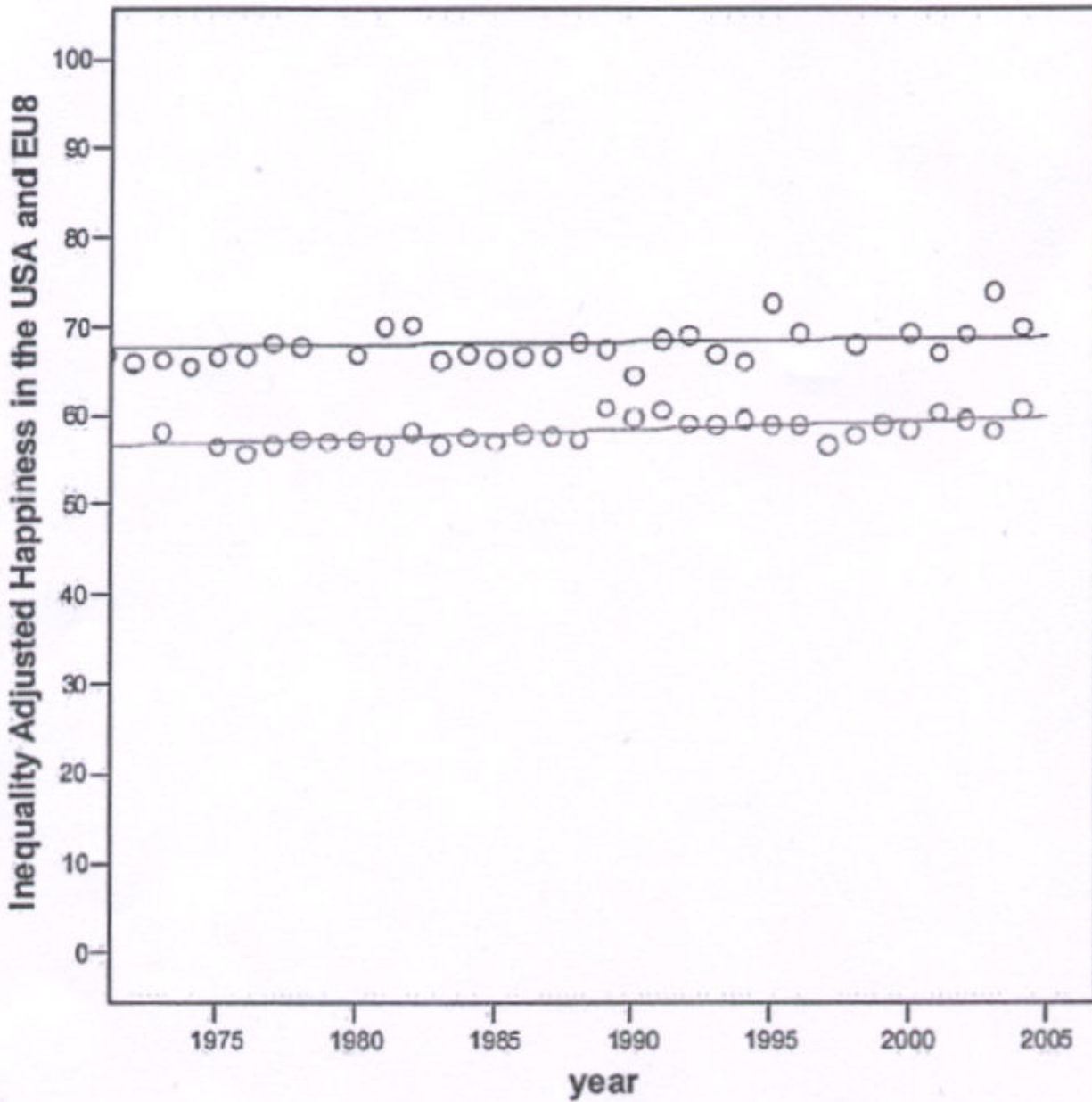


Figure 3. Inequality-Adjusted Happiness in the USA and EU8 Trend 1973–2004.

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 Bottom line = EU

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[O-SLW\\*/sq/t/11/a](#) DM=+ Denmark 5.12

[O-SLW\\*/sq/t/11/a](#) DM=+ USA 3.35

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## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in special publics

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.2

### Study

#### ARORA 2003

*Reported in:* Arora, R.  
Happiness and the Jobless Recovery.  
Gallup Poll News Service, 17 June 2003, The Gallup Organization, Washington DC, USA  
Page in Report: 1

*Population:* 18+aged, employed, USA, 2000-2003

*Sample:* Probability simple random sample

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 1000

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Unemployment

*Our classification:* . trend in special publics, code N2.1.1.2.2

*Measurement:* Unemployment rate in %

### Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

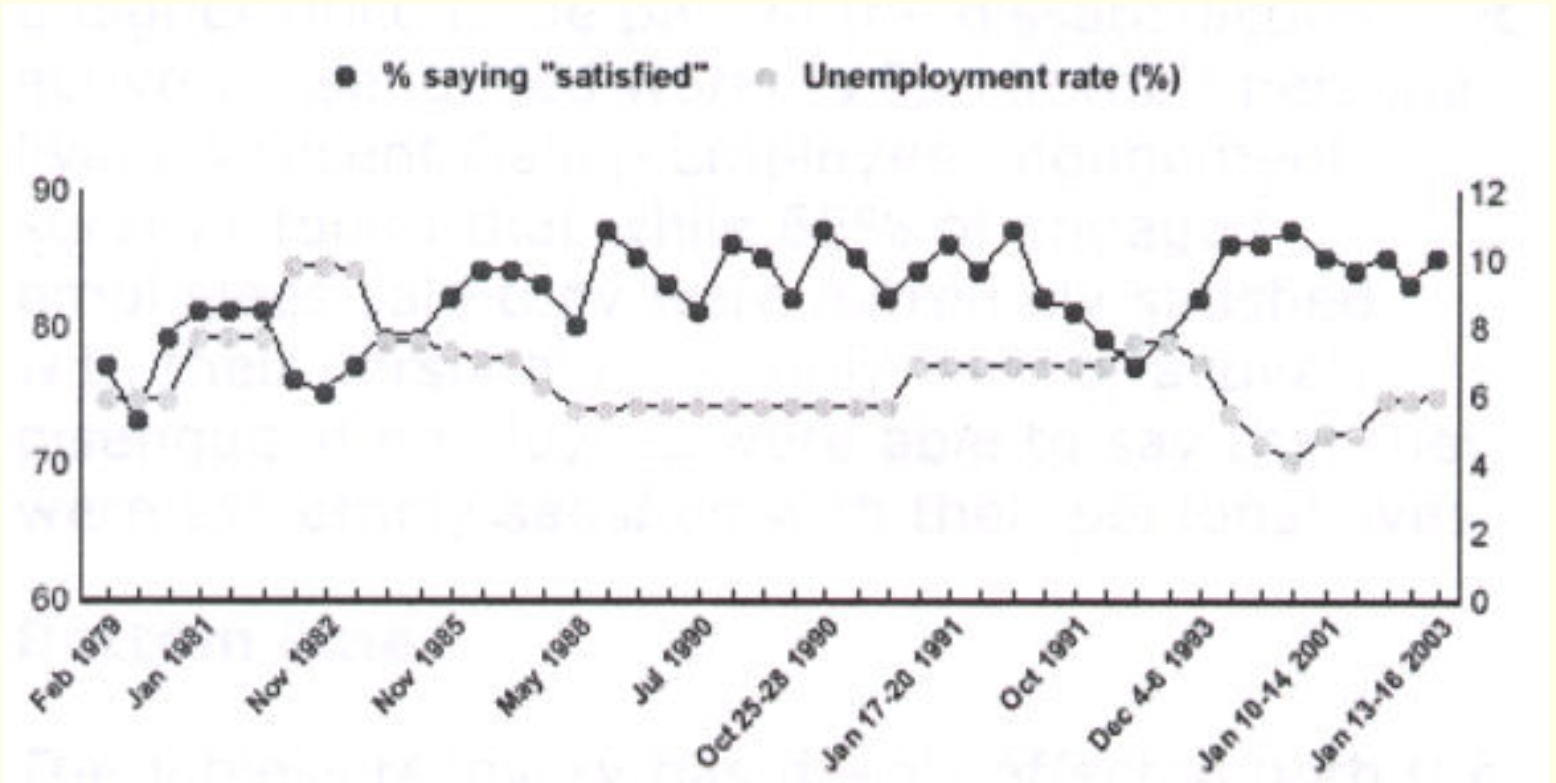
Statistics

Elaboration/Remarks

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D%=- p<.05

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Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in special publics  
 Subject code: N2.1.1.2.2

Study FERRE 1984

Reported in: Ferree, M.M.  
 Class, Housework, and Happiness: Womens' Work and Life Satisfaction.  
 Sex Roles, 1984, Vol. 11, 1057 - 1074. ISSN 0360 0025 DOI:10.1007/BF00288134  
 Page in Report: 1067

Population: White married women, USA, 1971-76

Sample: Probability stratified sample

Non-Response:

N: 2541

Correlate

Authors label: Employment trend



*Our classification:* . trend in special publics, code N2.1.1.2.2

*Measurement:* 0 Housewives: Women not in the labor force  
1 Employed: women in the labor force

*Remarks:* Assessed in 6 studies 1971-1976  
Quality of American Life survey (QAL)  
NORC General Social Surveys (NORC)

## Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness Measure*

*Statistics*

*Elaboration/Remarks*

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% very happy in 6 studies:

Study	N	Employed	Housewives	Difference
1971 QAL	252	45,8 %	34,9 %	+10,9 %
1972 NORC	205	32,1 %	34,2 %	-2,1 %
1973 NORC	234	39,8 %	43 %	-3,2 %
1974 NORC	224	50 %	45,4 %	+4,6 %
1975 NORC	238	45,8 %	40 %	+5,8 %
1976 NORC	243	47,6 %	34,8 %	+12,8 %
Sum	1396			

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Tau in 6 studies:

Study	Tau
1971 QAL	252 - .11
1972 NORC	205 +.02
1973 NORC	234 +.03
1974 NORC	224 +.05
1975 NORC	238 -.02
1976 NORC	243 -.11
Sum	1396

## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in special publics

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.2

**Study**

**GRAHA 2004**

*Reported in:* Graham, C.; Eggers, A; Sukhtankar, S.  
Does Happiness Pay? An Exploration based on Panel Data from Russia  
Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization, 2004, Vol. 55, 319 - 342. ISSN 0167 2681 DOI:10.1016/j.jebo.2003.09.0002  
Page in Report: 331

*Population:* 10+ aged, followed 5 years, Russia 1995-2000

*Sample:* Probability sample (unspecified)

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 5269

## Correlate

*Authors label:* Change in happiness 1995-2000

*Our classification:* . trend in special publics, code N2.1.1.2.2

*Measurement:* Happiness assessed at:  
T1: 1995  
T2: 2000

*Measured Values:* T1 (1995) M = 2,21 SD = 1,06 T2 (2000) M = 2,36 SD = 1,08

*Remarks:* Assessed at T1 (1995) and T2 (2000)  
Russia went through major changes in this era, among which a financial crisis in 1998

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/v/5/n</u>	<u>DM=+</u>	T1 (1995) M = 2,21 SD = 1,06 T2 (2000) M = 2,36 SD = 1,08 difference +0,15
<u>O-SLW/c/sq/v/5/n</u>	<u>Beta=</u>	Positive among: - people who's income increased (B = +.19)  Negative among: - school leavers (B = -.84) - people who got divorced (B = -.57)  No significant change in happiness across - age - gender - minority status - change in marital status other than divorce - change in employment - change in smoking

## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in special publics

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.2

### Study

LUECH 2008/1

*Reported in:* Luechinger, S.; Meier, S.; Stutzer, A.  
Why does Unemployment Hurt the Employed? Evidence from the Life Satisfaction Gap between the Public and the Private Sector.  
WWZ Working Paper 03/008, Center of Business and Economics (WWZ), 2008, University of Basel, Switzerland  
Page in Report: 10, 28

*Population:* Employees, private and public sector. West-Germany, 1984-2004.

*Sample:* Probability stratified sample

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 20764

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## Correlate

*Authors label:* Changes in regional unemployment

*Our classification:* . trend in special publics, code N2.1.1.2.2

*Measurement:* Mean adjusted annual unemployment rate in Rheinland-Pfalz and Saarland 1984-2004 (weighted by their populations)

*Measured Values:* Range in unemployment rate: 6-11%

*Remarks:* Source: GSOEP 1984-2004

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## Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness Measure*

*Statistics*

*Elaboration/Remarks*

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Figure 1: more unemployment, lower average happiness in private and public sector. (Germany, Rheinland-Pfalz and Saarland).

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*Notes:* Life satisfaction of 18-to-65-year-old individuals working full-time or part-time in West Germany.

*Source:* GSOEP 1984–2004 and Federal Statistical Office Germany.

**Figure 1: Unemployment and Life Satisfaction of Working People in West Germany**

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[B=-.04 p<.01](#)

Average happiness of employees in year by unemployment rate in region in year.

- B controlled for:
- actual working hours
  - individual and household income
  - persons in household
  - having children
  - head of household
  - age squared/100
  - years of education
  - working full-time/part-time
  - partner employed/unemployed
  - marital status
  - state and year (dummies)

## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in special publics

Subject code: N2.1.1.2.2

### Study **OUWEN 2002/1**

*Reported in:* Ouweneel, P.

Social Security and Well-Being of the Unemployed in 42 Nations.

Journal of Happiness Studies, 2002, Vol. 3, 167-192. ISSN p 1389 4979; ISSN e 1573 7780; <http://dx.doi.org/10.1023/A:1019619324661>

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*Population:* Unemployed adults, 42 nations, 1990

*Sample:* Mixed samples

*Non-Response:* n.a.

*N:* 60000

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### Correlate

*Authors label:* Average change in well-being of the unemployed 1980-1990

*Our classification:* . trend in special publics, code N2.1.1.2.2

*Measurement:* A Low welfare state levels and increase social security:

a Canada

b Italy

c Japan

d Mexico

e Spain

B Low welfare state levels and decrease social security:

a Great Britain

b USA

c Norway (happiness)

d Argentina (life satisfaction)

C High welfare state levels and increase social security:

a Denmark

b Finland

c France

d Netherlands

e Sweden

f Norway (life satisfaction)

D High welfare state levels and increase social security:

a West Germany

b Ireland

*Remarks:* state welfare level at the starting point in 1980 and change in social security expenditures 1980-1990

dividing point level welfare state spending in low and high is 17.4 % of GDP for happiness and 17.8 % for life satisfaction

happiness scores were converted from a 4-point to a 10-point scale to enable comparison with change in life satisfaction

data social security: ILO

## Observed Relation with Happiness

<i>Happiness Measure</i>	<i>Statistics</i>	<i>Elaboration/Remarks</i>
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<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/10/a</u>	<u>DMt=+.95</u>	Italy
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<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/10/a</u>	<u>DMt=+1.3</u>	Spain
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<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/10/a</u>	<u>DMt=+.20</u>	Denmark
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<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/10/a</u>	<u>DMt=+.06</u>	Sweden
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<u>O-SLW/c/sq/n/10/a</u>	<u>DMt=+.37</u>	Ireland

DMt is increase/decrease on scale 1-10

Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend in special publics  
Subject code: N2.1.1.2.2

**Study****VEENH 1991/2**

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.; VanSchoonhoven, R.  
Levensvoldoening van Alleenstaanden; Achterstand op Samenwoners in 11 EG landen 1974-1986. (Life Satisfaction of Singles; Arrearage on Cohabitants in 11 EC countries 1974-1986).  
Gezin, 1991, Vol.3, 15 - 25  
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*Population:* 18+ aged, 11 EU countries 1975 -1986

*Sample:* Probability multi-stage cluster sample

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 200000

**Correlate**

*Authors label:* living together (vs single)

*Our classification:* . trend in special publics, code N2.1.1.2.2

*Measurement:* 0 single  
- never married  
- separated  
- widowed  
1 together  
- married  
- unmarried co-habiting

*Remarks:* Possibly some of the married Ss live alone and some of the singles may in fact live together

**Observed Relation with Happiness**

*Happiness Measure*

*Statistics*

*Elaboration/Remarks*

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r=+.13

AVERAGE correlation in all nations and years  
Co-habitators tend to be happier than singles

Average correlation is similar across separate countries and varies between +.10 and +.16, with the exception of France (+.01)



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r=+.08

CHANGE in correlation over the years  
Cohabitors have become happier relative to singles

Trend correlations differ across separate nations.  
Cohabitors became less happy relatively in  
Denmark, France and Ireland, but happier in  
Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxemburg, the Netherlands  
and the UK, while no change occurred in Belgium and  
Northern Ireland.

The overall trend in differs slightly across sex  
and age categories:

	Males	Females
all 18 aged	r = +.08	r = +.01
25-39 aged	r = +.07	r = +.08

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## Correlational finding on Happiness and . trend inequality of happiness in era

Subject code: N2.2.1

### Study **VEENH 2002B**

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.

Die Rückkehr der Ungleichheit in die moderne Gesellschaft? Die Verteilung der Lebenszufriedenheit in den EU-Ländern von 1973 bis 1996. (Return of Inequality in Modern Society? Dispersion of Life-Satisfaction in EU-Nations 1973 -1996).

Glatzer, W.;Habich, R.;Mayer, K.U.;Eds.: "Sozialer Wandel und gesellschaftliche Dauerbeobachtung", Leske & Budrich, 2002, Opladen, Germany, 273 - 293

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*Population:* Adults, 12 EU nations, 1973 -1996

*Sample:* Probability sample (unspecified)

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 15000

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### Correlate

*Authors label:* Trend inequality in happiness 1973-1996

*Our classification:* . trend inequality of happiness in era, code N2.2.1

*Measurement:* Standard deviation of responses to single question: On the whole how satisfied are you with the life you lead?

- 4 very satisfied
- 3 fairly satisfied
- 2 not very satisfied
- 1 not at all satisfied
- Don't know

Asked bi-annually 1973 to 1996

*Remarks:* Trend assessed in 4 North European nations (Denmark, Germany, Great Britain and the Netherlands) and 4 South European nations (Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain)  
From 1980 on in Ireland, from 1985 on in Portugal and Spain

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### Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure

Statistics

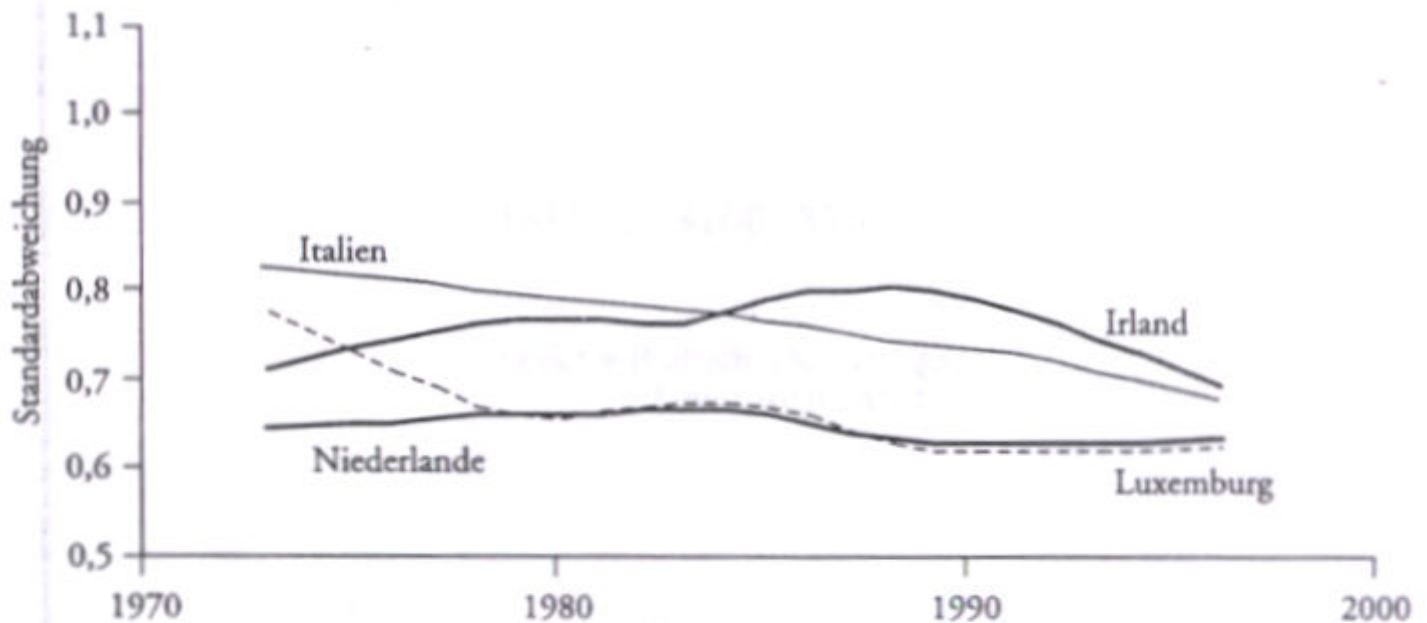
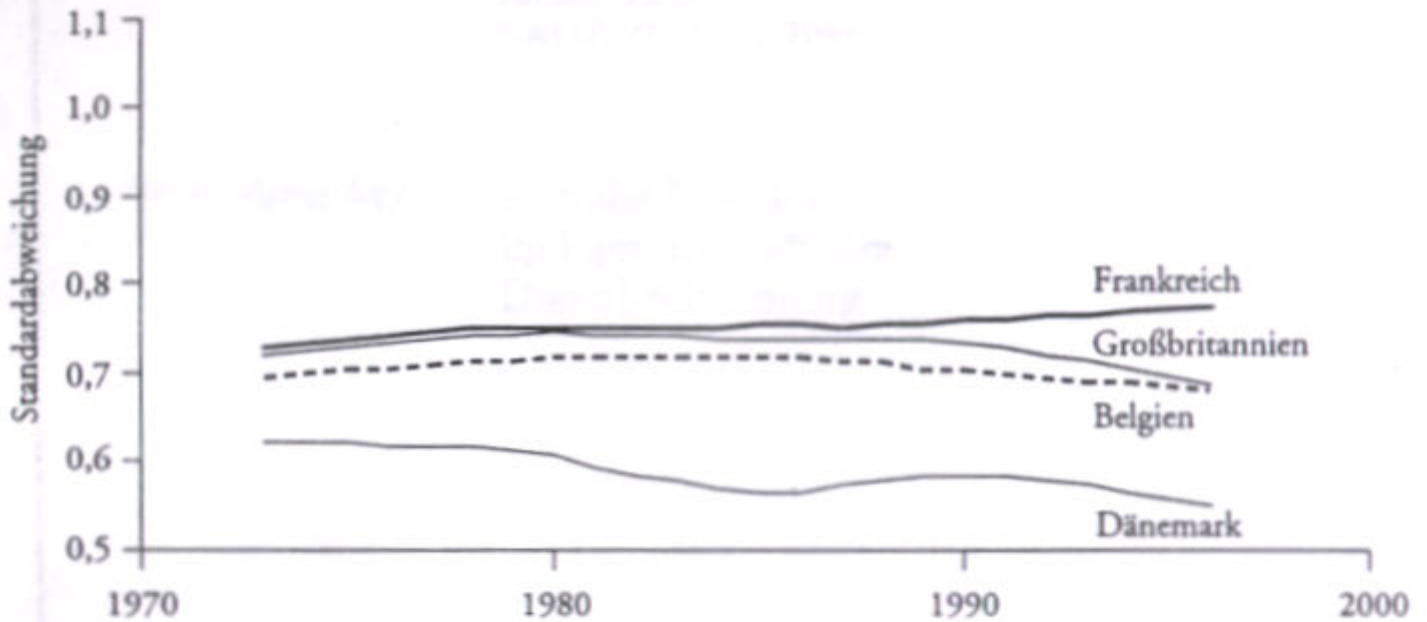
Elaboration/Remarks

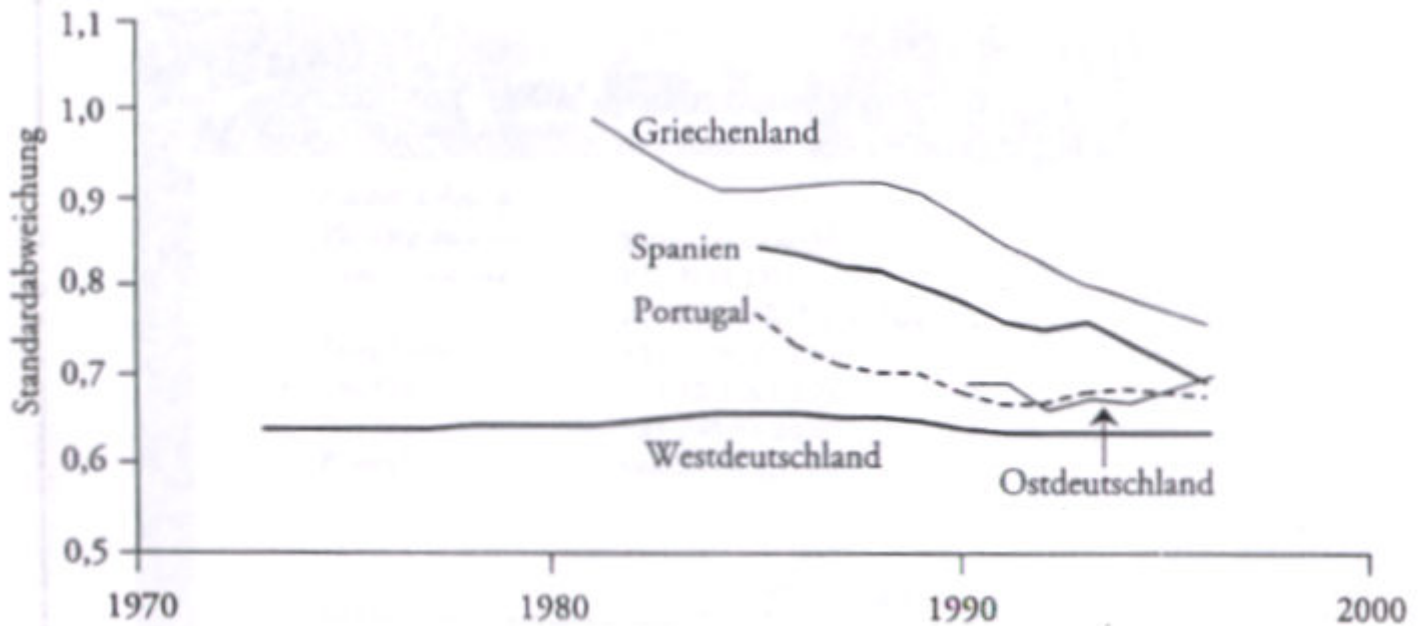
[O-SLL/u/sq/v/4/b](#)  $r=-.67$   $p<.000$

Average standard deviation of life satisfaction by year in 12 EU nations 1973-1996. Inequality in happiness declined in all nations except France

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Anhang 1: Trends in der Streuung von Lebenszufriedenheit in EU-Nationen 1973 bis 1996





[O-SLL/u/sq/v/4/b](#)  $r_{pc} = -.59$   $p < .003$

Trend standard deviation of happiness controlled for trend in average happiness.

Inequality in happiness declined irrespective of rising level of happiness in these nations

## Correlational finding on Happiness and Trend Happy Life Years

Subject code: N2.3.1

### Study

VEENH 2005C/2

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.  
Is Life getting Better? How Long and Happily Do People live in Modern Society?  
European Psychologist, 2005, Vol. 10, 330 - 343  
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*Population:* Adults, 8 EU Nations, USA and Japan, 1973-2002

*Sample:* Mixed samples

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 300000

### Correlate

*Authors label:* Trend Happy Life Years 1973-2002

*Our classification:* Trend Happy Life Years, code N2.3.1

Measurement: Yearly change 1973-2002

Remarks: Data: World Database of Happiness, Collection Happiness in Nations

## Observed Relation with Happiness

Happiness Measure	Statistics	Elaboration/Remarks			
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>		Nation	Yearly increase B	30 year gain CI95	HL Y
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.26</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	Luxemburg	+ .261	[+.203;+.318]	7.70
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.26</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	Denmark	+ .260	[+.165 +.328]	7.54
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.20</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	France	+ .197	[+.145;+.248]	7.70
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.15</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	Germany (W)	+ .153	[+.077;+.229]	7.70
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.15</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	USA	+ .1.46	[+.078;+.218]	4.23
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.14</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	UK	+ .140	[+.104;+.177]	4.06
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.13</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	Netherlands	+ .130	[+.079;+.181]	3.89
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.13</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	Italy	+ .130	[+.079;+.181]	3.77
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=+.05</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	Japan	+ .053	[-.028;+.134]	1.54
<u>Y-LH//yh/n/100/a</u>	<u>B=-.04</u> <u>p&lt;.05</u>	Belgium	- .036	[-.120;+.058]	3.77

B is average yearly change in happy life years years

Correlational finding on Happiness and major events in era  
Subject code: N2.4

Study VEENH 2005A

*Reported in:* Veenhoven, R.  
Happiness is Hardship  
Bruni, L.;Porta, P.L.: "Economics and Happiness", Oxford University Press, 2005, UK, 243 - 266 ISBN  
019 92 86280  
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*Population:* Adults, 55 nations, 1990s

*Sample:* Mixed samples

*Non-Response:*

*N:* 75000

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## Correlate

*Authors label:* Sudden Crisis

*Our classification:* major events in era, code N2.4

*Measurement:* Critical incidents in the nation such as natural disasters;  
economic recession or terrorist attacks.

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## Observed Relation with Happiness

*Happiness  
Measure*

*Statistics*

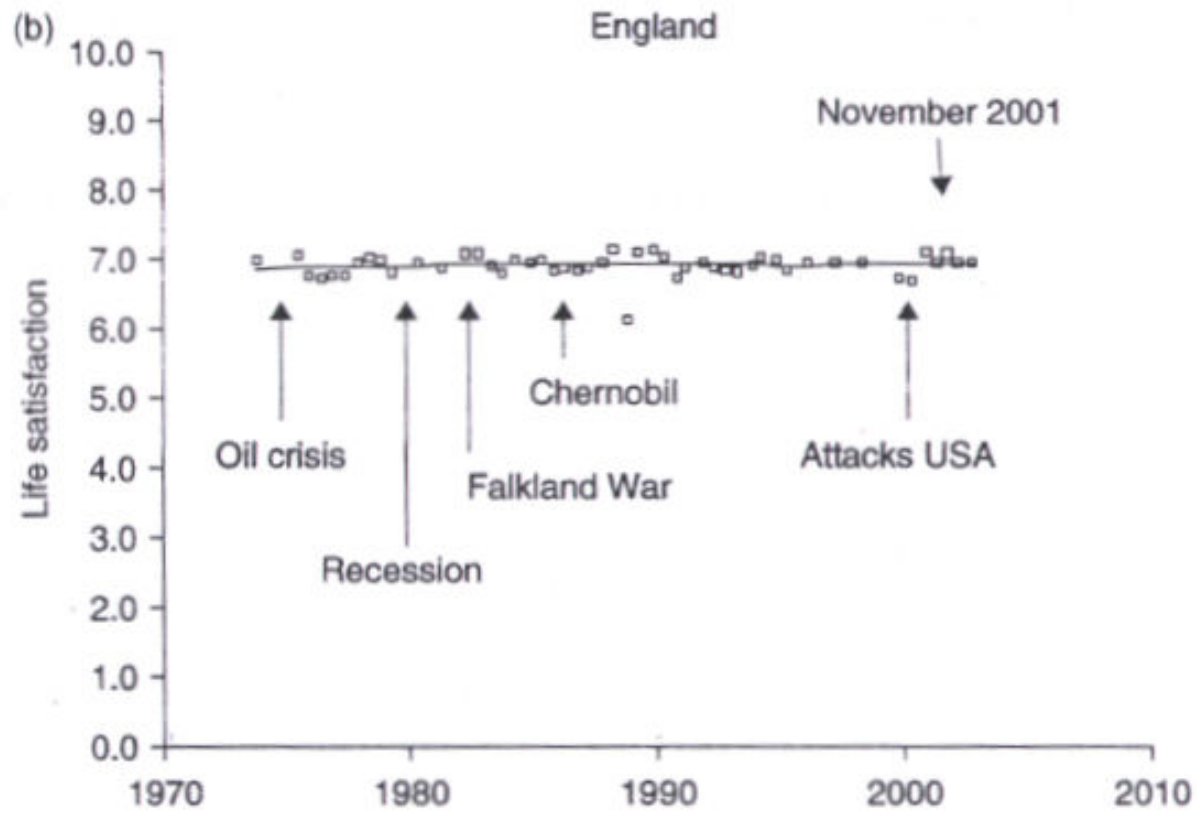
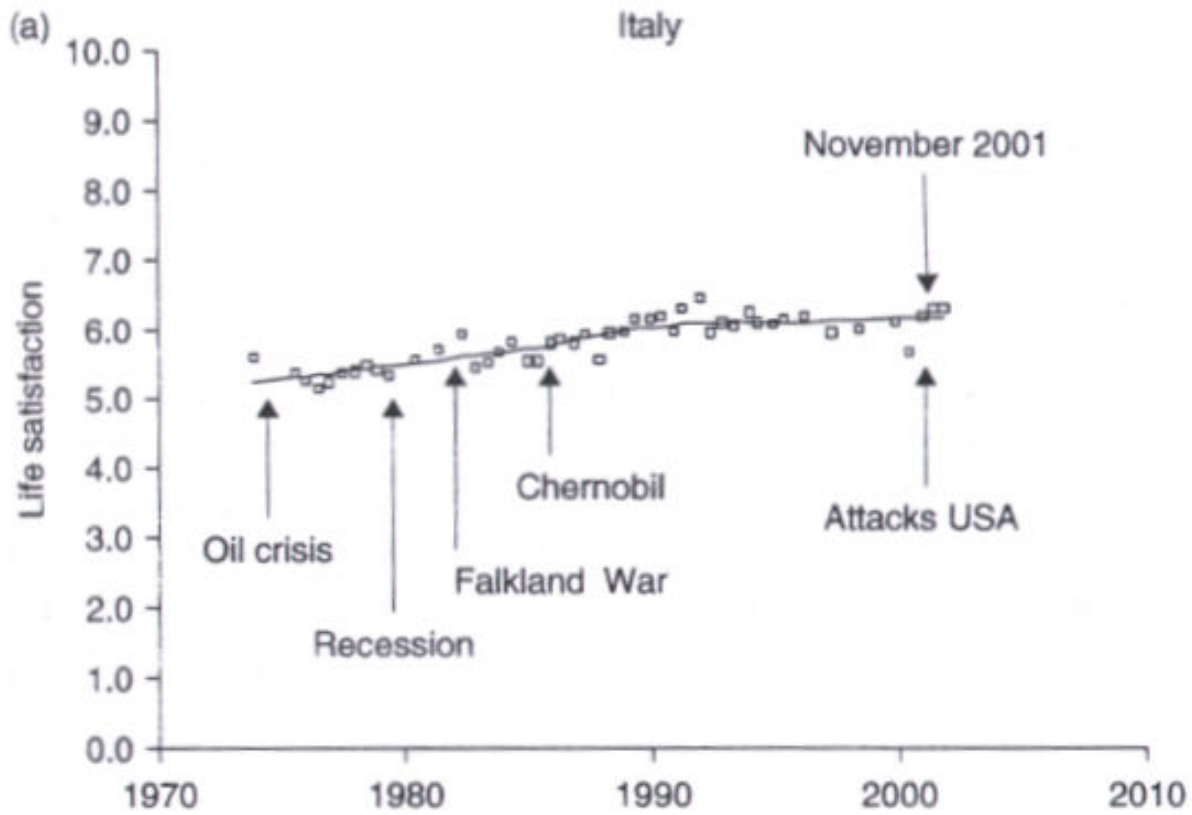
*Elaboration/Remarks*

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Average Happiness by sudden crisis in Italy and  
England from 1974 to 2002

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## Appendix 1: Happiness Items used

*Happiness Item Code*      *Full Text*

A-BB/cm/mq/v/2/a

Selfreport on 10 questions:

- During the past few weeks, did you ever feel ....? (yes/no)
- A Particularly excited or interested in something?
  - B So restless that you couldn't sit long in a chair?
  - C Proud because someone complimented you on something you had done?
  - D Very lonely or remote from other people?
  - E Pleased about having accomplished something?
  - F Bored?
  - G On top of the world?
  - H Depressed or very unhappy?
  - I That things were going your way?
  - J Upset because someone criticized you?

Answer options and scoring:

yes = 1

no = 0

Summation:

-Positive Affect Score (PAS): A+C+E+G+I

-Negative Affect Score (NAS): B+D+F+H+J

-Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS minus NAS

Possible range: -5 to +5

Name: Bradburn's 'Affect Balance Scale' (standard version)

A-BB/cm/mq/v/6/a

Self report on 8 questions

- A Have you been under or felt you were under any strain, stress or pressure during the past month?
- B Have you been anxious, worried, or upset during the past month?
- C Have you been feeling emotionally stable and sure of yourself, during the past month?
- D How relaxed or tense have you been during the past month?
- E How depressed or cheerful have you been, during the past month?
- F How have you been feeling in general during the past month?
- G How happy, satisfied or pleased have you been with your personal life, during the past month?
- H How much energy, pep, vitality have you felt, during the past month?

Rating: 0-5 scale with verbally labeled response options

Computation: (C+F+G+H) - (A+B+D+E)

Name: Shortened General Wellbeing Schedule (GWB)

A-BB/cw/mq/v/4/e

Selfreport on 9 questions:

We are interested in the way people are feeling these days. The following list describes some of the ways people feel at different times. Please indicate how often you felt each way during the last week.

How often last week did you feel ....?

- A On the top of the world
- B Very lonely or remote from other people
- C Particularly excited or interested in something
- D Depressed or very unhappy
- E Pleased about having accomplished something
- F Bored
- G Proud because someone complimented you on something you had done
- H So restless you couldn't sit long in a chair
- I Vaguely uneasy about something without knowing why



Answer options:

- 0 not at all
- 1 once
- 2 several times
- 3 often

Summation:

Positive Affect Score (PAS): summed scores on A, C, E, G  
Negative Affect Score (NAS): summed scores on B, D, F, H, I  
Affect Balance Score (ABS): PAS minus NAS

Possible range: -15 tot +12

Name: Bradburn's 'Affect Balance Scale' (modified version)

M-AC/g/sq/n/11/a

Selfreport on single question:

Now I am going to ask you how you FEEL, not just at the moment, but GENERALLY in your life. How content do you generally feel? On a scale from 0 to 10...

- 0 completely discontented
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 neutral
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 completely content

M-FH/g/sq/n/11/b

Selfreport on single question:

Now I am going to ask you how you FEEL, not just at the moment, but GENERALLY in your life. How happy do you generally feel? On a scale from 0 to 10...

- 0 completely unhappy
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5 neutral
- 6
- 7
- 8
- 9
- 10 completely happy

O-HL/c/sq/v/0/a

Selfreport on single question:

How happy are you these days?

Response options not reported

O-HL/c/sq/v/3/aa

Selfreport on single question:

Taken all together, how would you say things are these days? Would you say that you are....?

- 3 very happy
- 2 pretty happy
- 1 not too happy

O-HL/g/sq/v/3/a

Selfreport on single question:

In general, how happy would you say you are ?

- 3 very happy
- 2 fairly happy
- 1 not at all happy

O-HL/g/sq/v/3/l

Selfreport on single question:

In general, how happy would you say you are ?

- 3 very happy
- 2 fairly happy
- 1 not happy

O-HL/u/sq/v/4/a

Selfreport on single question:

Taking all things together, would you say you are.....?

- 4 very happy
- 3 quite happy
- 2 not very happy
- 1 not at all happy.

O-HV\*/s/vt/11/a

Selfreport on single question:

Equivalent questions on overall happiness. (Slightly different items used in the various nations)  
Scores transformed to common range 0 - 10 by means of Thurstone procedure (response options weighted by experts)

Weights for responses:

- 9.3 - very happy
- 6.7 - pretty happy
- 6.5 - fairly happy
- 4.1 - not too happy
- 3.7 - not very happy
- 2.7 - not happy
- 1.0 - not at all happy
- 0.6 - very unhappy

O-SLL/c/sq/v/5/d

Selfreport on single question:

How satisfied are you with the life you currently lead?

- 5 extraordinary satisfied
- 4 very satisfied
- 3 satisfied
- 2 fairly satisfied
- 1 not so satisfied

O-SLL/u/sq/v/4/b

Selfreport on single question:

On the whole how satisfied are you with the life you lead?

- 4 very satisfied
- 3 fairly satisfied
- 2 not very satisfied
- 1 not at all satisfied
- Don't know

O-SLP/g/sq/v/2/b

Selfreport on single question:

In general, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the way things are going in your own personal life?

- 1 dissatisfied
- 2 satisfied

O-SLu/c/sq/v/4/b

Selfreport on single question:

In general, how satisfied are you with your life these days....?"

4 very satisfied

3 somewhat satisfied

2 somewhat dissatisfied

1 very dissatisfied

O-SLu/u/sq/n/11/a

Selfreport on single question:

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life?

I want you to pick a number between 0 and 10 that indicates your level of satisfaction. The more satisfied you are, the higher the number you should pick. The less satisfied you are, the lower the number.

0

1

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10

This item is at the end of a list of identical questions about satisfaction in specific domains of life: home, employment opportunities, financial situation, safety, neighborhood, health and free time

O-SLW\*/sq/t/11/a

Self report on single question:

Various questions on overall satisfaction with life as a whole.

Scores transformed to scale 0-10

O-SLW/c/sq/n/10/a

Selfreport on single question:

All things considered, how satisfied are you with your life as-a-whole these days?

1 dissatisfied

2

3

4

5

6

7

8

9

10 satisfied

O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/c

Selfreport on single question:

'Taking all things together, how satisfied are you with your life these days? Please answer with the help of this scale. For instance, when you are totally satisfied with your life, please tick '10'. When you are totally unsatisfied with your life, please tick '0'. You may use all values in between to indicate that you are neither totally satisfied nor totally unsatisfied.'

10 totally satisfied

9

8

7

6

5

4

3

2  
1  
0 totally unsatisfied

O-SLW/c/sq/n/11/d

Selfreport on single question:

Taking all things together, how satisfied are you with your life these days? Please answer with the help of this scale. For instance, when you are totally satisfied with your life, please tick '10'. When you are totally unsatisfied with your life, please tick '0'. You may use all values in between to indicate that you are neither totally satisfied nor totally unsatisfied."

10 totally satisfied  
9  
8  
7  
6  
5  
4  
3  
2  
1  
0 totally unsatisfied

O-SLW/c/sq/v/5/n

Selfreport on single question

Now taking everything into account, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your life these days?

5 very satisfied  
4 satisfied  
3 neither satisfied nor dissatisfied  
2 dissatisfied  
1 very dissatisfied  
- don't know  
- no answers

Numerical scale reversed

O-SLW/u/sq/n/11/ca

Selfreport on single question:

Thinking about your own life and personal circumstances, how satisfied are you with your life as a whole?

1 very dissatisfied  
2  
3  
4  
5 neutral  
6  
7  
8  
9  
10 very satisfied

First item in Cummins' 'Personal Well-being Scale' (labels used until 2005)

Y-LH//yh/n/100/a

Happy Life Years

Life-expectancy in nations multiplied by 0-1 average happiness as assessed with survey questions type O-HL

## Appendix 2: Statistics used

<i>Symbol</i>	<i>Explanation</i>
AoV	<p>ANALYSIS of VARIANCE (ANOVA)            Type: statistical procedure            Measurement level: Correlate(s): nominal, Happiness: metric.            In an ANOVA, the total happiness variability, expressed as the sum of squares, is split into two or more parts, each of which is assigned to a source of variability. At least one of those sources is the variability of the correlate, in case there is only one, and always one other is the residual variability, which includes all unspecified influences on the happiness variable. Each sum of squares has its own number of degrees of freedom (df), which sum up to <math>N_e - 1</math> for the total variability. If a sum of squares (SS) is divided by its own number of df, a mean square (MS) is obtained. The ratio of two correctly selected mean squares has an F-distribution under the hypothesis that the corresponding association has a zero-value.</p> <p>NOTE: A significantly high F-value only indicates that, in case of a single correlate, the largest of the c mean values is systematically larger than the smallest one. Conclusions about the other pairs of means require the application of a Multiple Comparisons Procedure (see e.g. BONFERRONI's MULTIPLE COMPARISON TEST, DUNCAN's MULTIPLE RANGE TEST or STUDENT-NEWMAN-KEULS)</p>
B	<p>REGRESSION COEFFICIENT (non-standardized) by LEAST SQUARES (OLS)            Type: test statistic            Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric            Theoretical range: unlimited</p> <p>Meaning:  <math>B &gt; 0</math> A higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, higher happiness rating.  <math>B &lt; 0</math> A higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, lower happiness rating.  <math>B = 0</math> Not any correlation with the relevant correlate.</p>
Beta	<p>(<math>\beta</math>) STANDARDIZED REGRESSION COEFFICIENT by LEAST SQUARES (OLS)            Type: test statistic.            Measurement level: Correlates: all metric, Happiness: metric.            Range: [-1 ; +1]</p> <p>Meaning:  <math>\beta &gt; 0</math> « a higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, higher happiness rating.  <math>\beta &lt; 0</math> « a higher correlate level corresponds with, on an average, lower happiness rating.  <math>\beta = 0</math> « no correlation.  <math>\beta = + 1</math> or <math>-1</math> « perfect correlation.</p> <p>Remark:            Mean of observations is subtracted from all observations if standardized.</p>
D%	<p>DIFFERENCE in PERCENTAGES            Type: descriptive statistic only.            Measurement level: Correlate level: dichotomous, but nominal or ordinal theoretically possible as well.            Happiness level: dichotomous            Range: [-100; +100]</p> <p>Meaning: the difference of the percentages happy people at two correlate levels.</p>
DM	<p>DIFFERENCE of MEANS            Type: descriptive statistic only.            Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness: metric            Range: depending on the happiness rating scale of the author; range symmetric about zero.</p> <p>Meaning: the difference of the mean happiness, as measured on the author's rating scale, between the two correlate levels.</p>

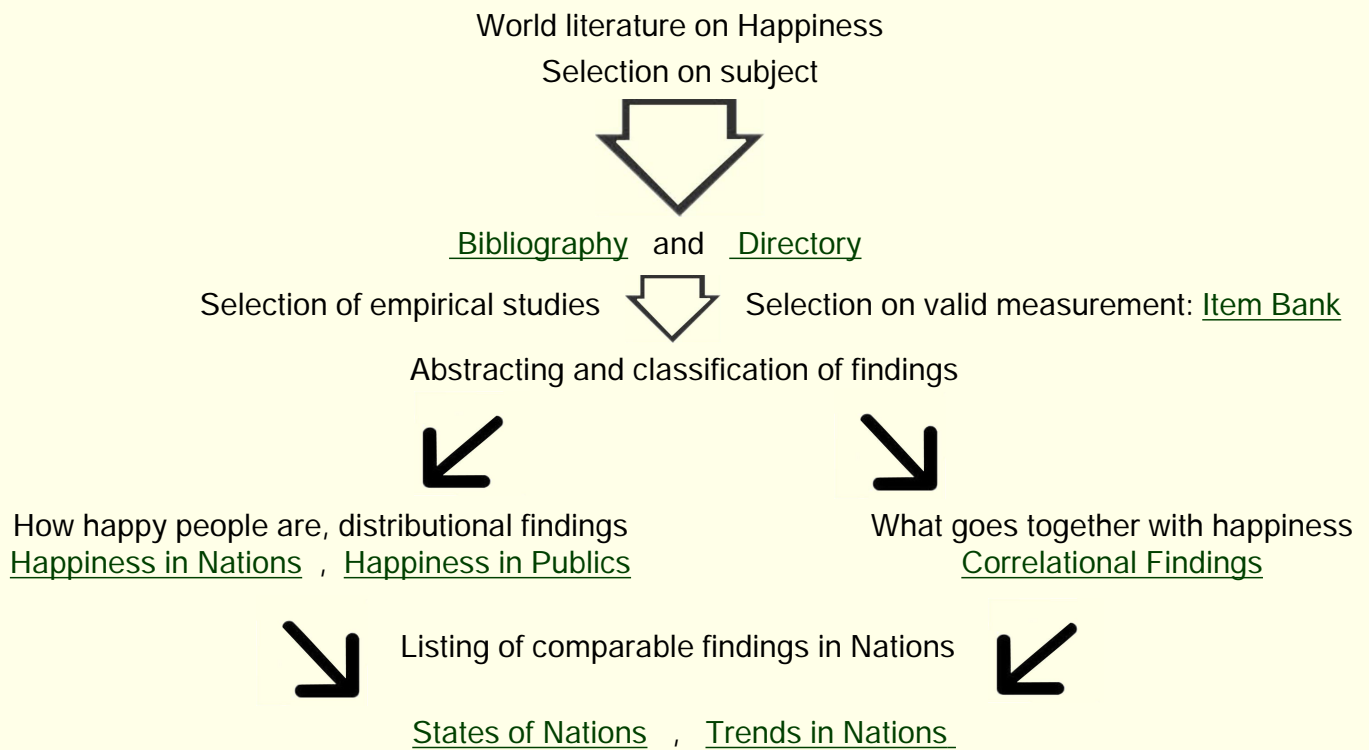
DMt	<p>DIFFERENCE of MEANS AFTER TRANSFORMATION Type: descriptive statistic only. Measurement level: Correlate: dichotomous, Happiness: metric Theoretical range: [-10; +10]</p> <p>Meaning: the difference of the mean happiness (happiness measured at a 0-10 rating scale) between the two correlate levels.</p>
F	<p>F-STATISTIC Type: asymmetric standard test statistic. Range: nonnegative unlimited</p> <p>Meaning : the test statistic is also called the "Variance Ratio" and is the ratio of two independent estimators of the same variance with <math>n_1</math> and <math>n_2</math> degrees of freedom respectively. The critical values of its probability distribution are tabulated extensively in almost any textbook on Statistics</p>
G	<p>GOODMAN &amp; Kruskal's GAMMA Type: test statistic Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happiness: ordinal Range: [-1; +1]</p> <p>Meaning: <math>G = 0</math> « no rank correlation <math>G = +1</math> « strongest possible rank correlation, where high correlate values correspond with high happiness ratings. <math>G = -1</math> « strongest possible rank correlation, where high correlate values correspond with low happiness ratings.</p>
r	<p>PRODUCT-MOMENT CORRELATION COEFFICIENT (Also "Pearson's correlation coefficient" or simply 'correlation coefficient') Type: test statistic. Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric Range: [-1; +1]</p> <p>Meaning: <math>r = 0</math> « no correlation , <math>r = 1</math> « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with high happiness values, and <math>r = -1</math> « perfect correlation, where high correlate values correspond with low happiness values.</p>
rpc	<p>PARTIAL CORRELATION COEFFICIENT Type: test statistic Measurement level: Correlate: metric, Happiness: metric Range: [-1; +1]</p> <p>Meaning: a partial correlation between happiness and one of the correlates is that correlation, which remains after accounting for the contribution of the other influences, or some of them, to the total variability in the happiness scores. Under that conditions <math>rpc &gt; 0</math> « a higher correlate level corresponds with a higher happiness rating, <math>rpc &lt; 0</math> « a higher correlate level corresponds with a lower happiness rating,</p>
rs	<p>SPEARMAN'S RANK CORRELATION COEFFICIENT Type: test statistic Measurement level: Correlate: ordinal, Happiness: ordinal. Range: [-1; +1]</p> <p>Meaning: <math>rs = 0</math> « no rank correlation <math>rs = 1</math> « perfect rank correlation, where high correlate values are associated with high happiness ratings <math>rs = -1</math> « perfect rank correlation, where high correlate values are associated with low happiness ratings</p>

t.	<p>t-STATISTIC (Student's t-statistic)                  Type: symmetric standard test statistic.                  One parameter: n (= number of degrees of freedom (df) ; range df: [1; + infinite)                  Range for t: unlimited</p> <p>Meaning : the test statistic is the ratio of a difference between a statistic and its expected value under the null hypothesis and its (estimated) standard error with n degrees of freedom.                  The critical values of its probability distribution are tabulated extensively in almost any textbook on Statistics.</p>
tau	<p>GOODMAN &amp; Kruskal's TAU                  Type: descriptive statistic only.                  Measurement level: Correlate: nominal, Happiness: ordinal                  Range: [0; +1]</p> <p>Meaning:                  tau = 0 « knowledge of the correlate value does not improve the prediction quality of the happiness rating.                  tau = 1 « knowledge of the correlate value enables a perfect (error-free) prediction of the happiness rating.</p>

### Appendix 3: About the World Database of Happiness

#### Structure of the collections

The World Database of Happiness is an ongoing register of scientific research on the subjective enjoyment of life. It brings together findings that are scattered throughout many studies and provides a basis for synthetic work.



- Size of the collections
- 1226 Happiness measures (Item Bank)
  - 4258 Nations surveys in 206 Nations
  - 149 Distinguished publics in 1199 studies
  - 12032 Correlational findings in 1196 studies

## Appendix 4 Further Findings in the World Database of Happiness

<i>Main Subjects</i>	<i>Subject Description</i>	<i>Number of Studies</i>
A1	ACTIVITY: LEVEL (how much one does)	58
A2	ACTIVITY: PATTERN (what one does)	32
A3	AFFECTIVE LIFE	48
A4	AGE	400
A5	AGGRESSION	12
A6	ANOMY	32
A7	APPEARANCE (good looks)	15
A8	ATTITUDES	6
A9	AUTHORITARIANISM	4
B1	BIRTH CONTROL	1
B2	BIRTH HISTORY (own birth)	201
B3	BODY	77
C1	CHILDREN	1
C2	CHILDREN: WANT FOR (Parental aspirations)	6
C3	CHILDREN: HAVING (parental status)	195
C4	CHILDREN: CHARACTERISTICS OF ONE'S CHILDREN	25
C5	CHILDREN: RELATION WITH ONE'S CHILDREN	8
C6	CHILDREN: REARING OF ONE'S CHILDREN (parental behavior)	26
C7	COMMUNAL LIVING	9
C8	CONCERNS	18
C9	COPING	43
C10	CREATIVENESS	6
C11	CULTURE (Arts and Sciences)	8
D1	DAILY JOYS & HASSLES	5
E1	EDUCATION	302
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G2	GRIEF	1
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H7	HAPPINESS OF OTHERS	0



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L10	LOCAL ENVIRONMENT	374
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M9	MIGRATION: MOVING WITHIN COUNTRY (residential mobility)	17
M10	MIGRATION: MIGRANT WORK	3
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N1	NATION: NATIONALITY	29
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P8	POLITICAL BEHAVIOUR	231
P9	POPULARITY	26
P10	POSSESSIONS	60
P11	PRISON	1
P12	PROBLEMS	25
P13	PSYCHO-SOMATIC COMPLAINTS	62
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W3	WORK: CAREER	2

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## Appendix 5: Related Subjects

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Related Subject(s)</i>
N2.1.1 Average happiness in era	N1 NATION: NATIONALITY
N2.1.1.2 Trend average happiness in era	H6 HAPPINESS: CORRESPONDENCE OF DIFFERENT MEASURES
N2.1.1.2.2 . trend in special publics	G1.1.1 Time trend of happiness in males and females
N2.1.1.2.2 . trend in special publics	M2.6 Time trend current marital status and happiness
N2.1.1.2.2 . trend in special publics	A4.3 Time trend of happiness in age categories
N2.1.1.2.2 . trend in special publics	E1.3 Time trend of happiness in educational cagories
N2.4 major events in era	N4.3.2 Economic growth/decline
N2.4 major events in era	N4.3.4 Unemployment
N2.4 major events in era	N4.6.4 Civil war
N2.4 major events in era	W1 WAR

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