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*“Economic Freedom as a Way to Happiness”*

# ***Philippine Social Weather Indicators***

***Mahar Mangahas  
Social Weather Stations***

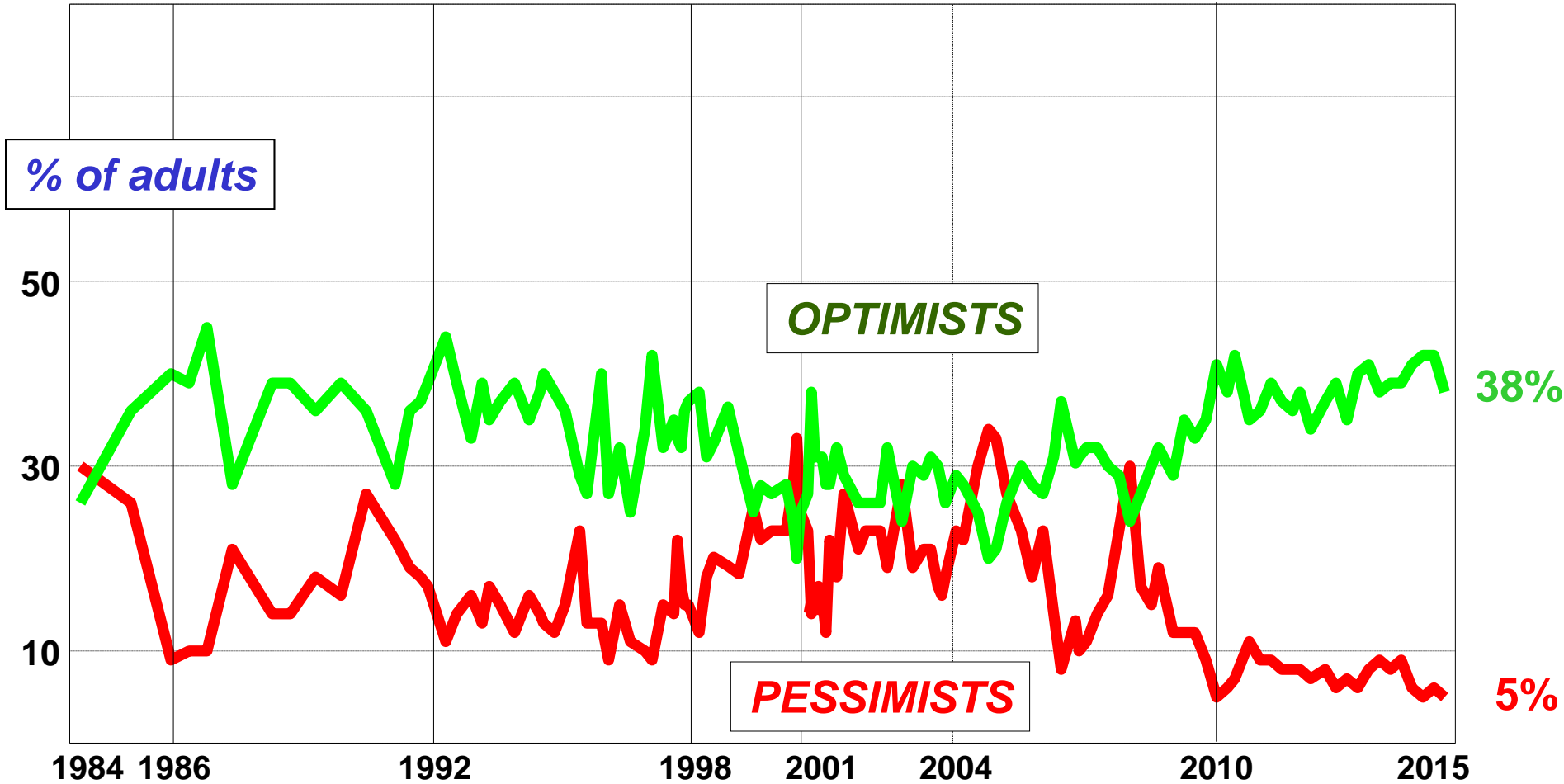
***Presentation for, “Economic Freedom as a Way to Happiness,”  
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***“Social Weather” Indicators are indicators of the Quality of Life (QOL) produced by the quarterly national Social Weather Surveys.***

***Example 1: Optimism that one’s personal QOL will improve in the next 12 months is a sensitive, and hence very useful, indicator.***

# PHILIPPINES: EXPECTED QUALITY OF LIFE IN 12 MONTHS

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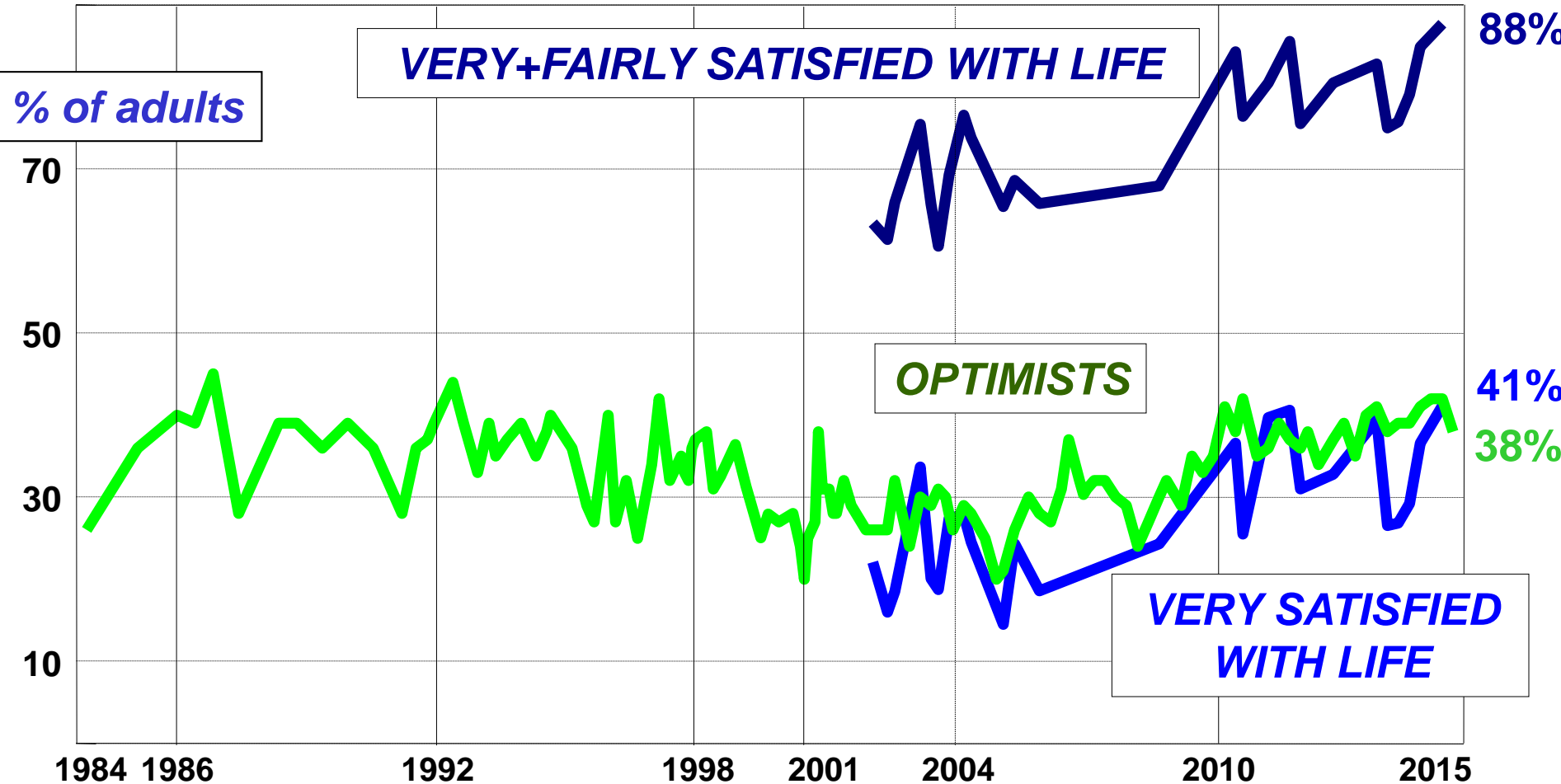


Question. In your opinion, what will be the quality of your life in the coming 12 months? Would you say that your quality of life? (Will be better, Same, Will be worse)

***Life-satisfaction and Happiness, measured by simple 4-point survey questions, are both closely related to Personal Optimism.***

# PHILIPPINES: LIFE-SATISFACTION AND EXPECTED QUALITY OF LIFE IN 12 MONTHS

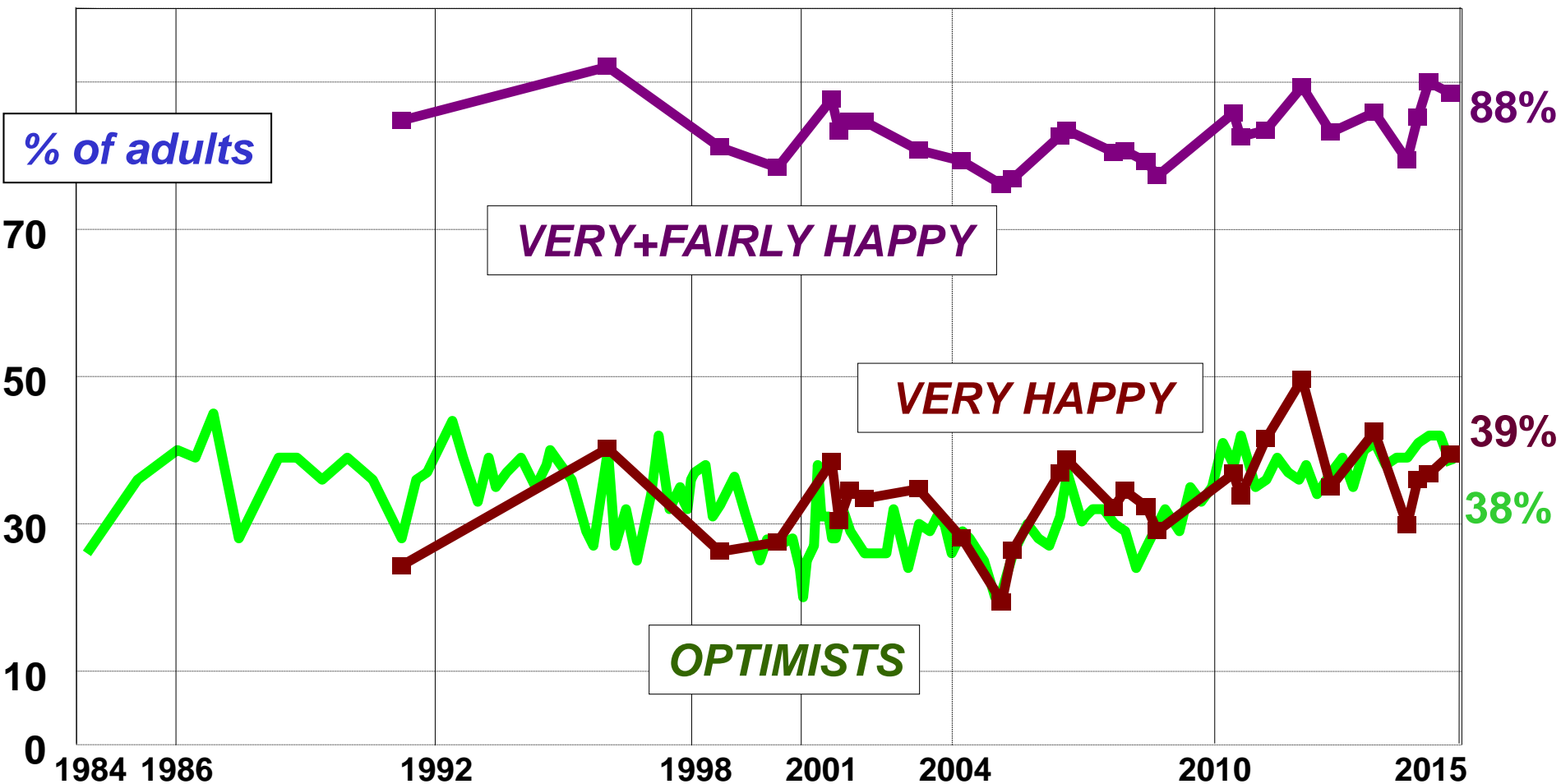
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Question. On the whole, are you Very satisfied, Fairly satisfied, Not very satisfied or Not at all satisfied with the life you lead? Would you say you are?

# PHILIPPINES: HAPPINESS AND EXPECTED QUALITY OF LIFE IN 12 MONTHS

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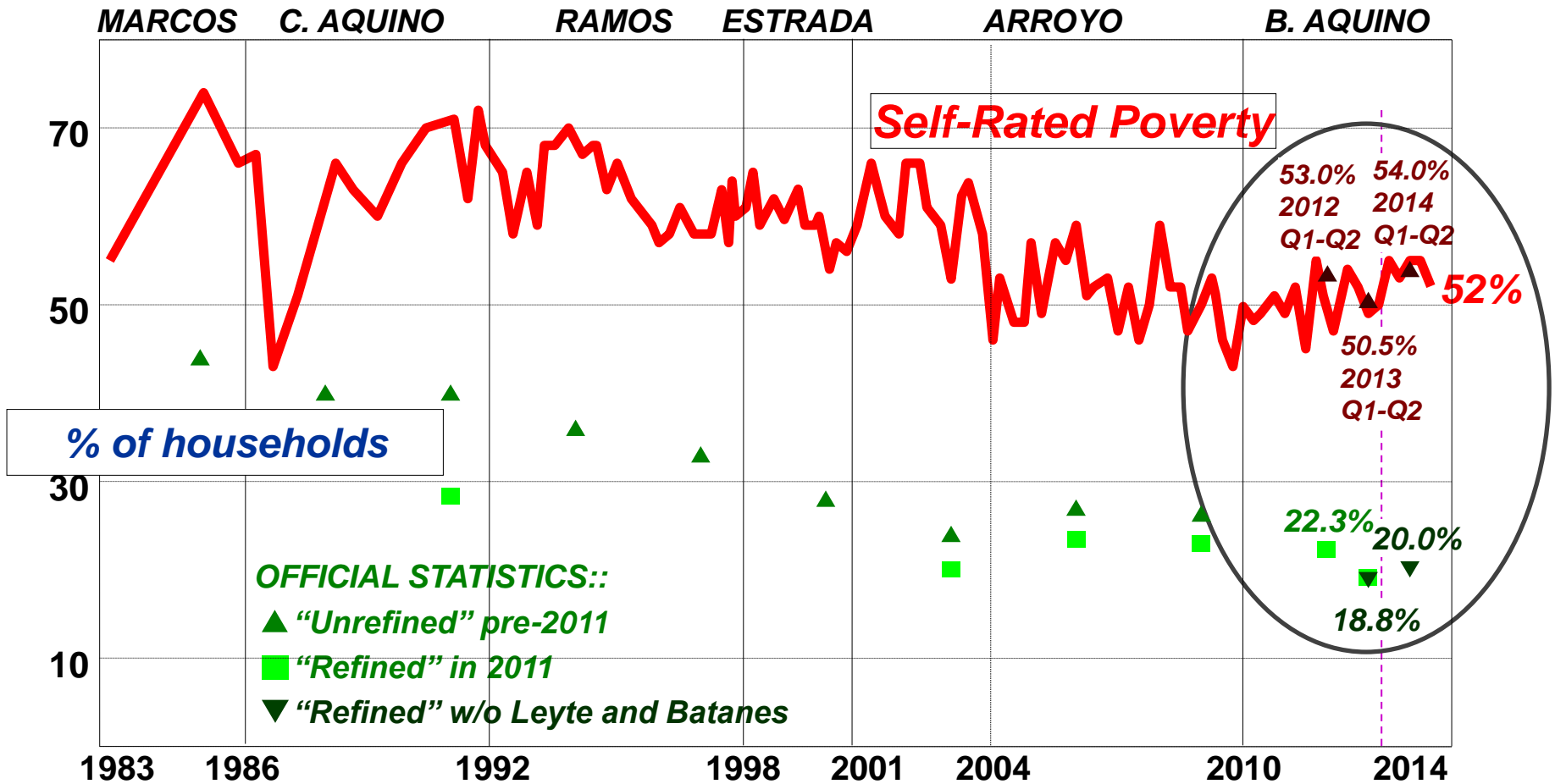
Question. If you were to consider your life in general these days, how happy or unhappy would you say you are on the whole? Are you VERY HAPPY, FAIRLY HAPPY, NOT VERY HAPPY, or NOT AT ALL HAPPY?

*Example 2: SWS has been surveying Self-Rated Poverty for 30 years -- quarterly since 1992, the fastest survey-based estimation of poverty in the world.*

*Dissatisfaction with Life is directly related to Self-Rated Poverty.*



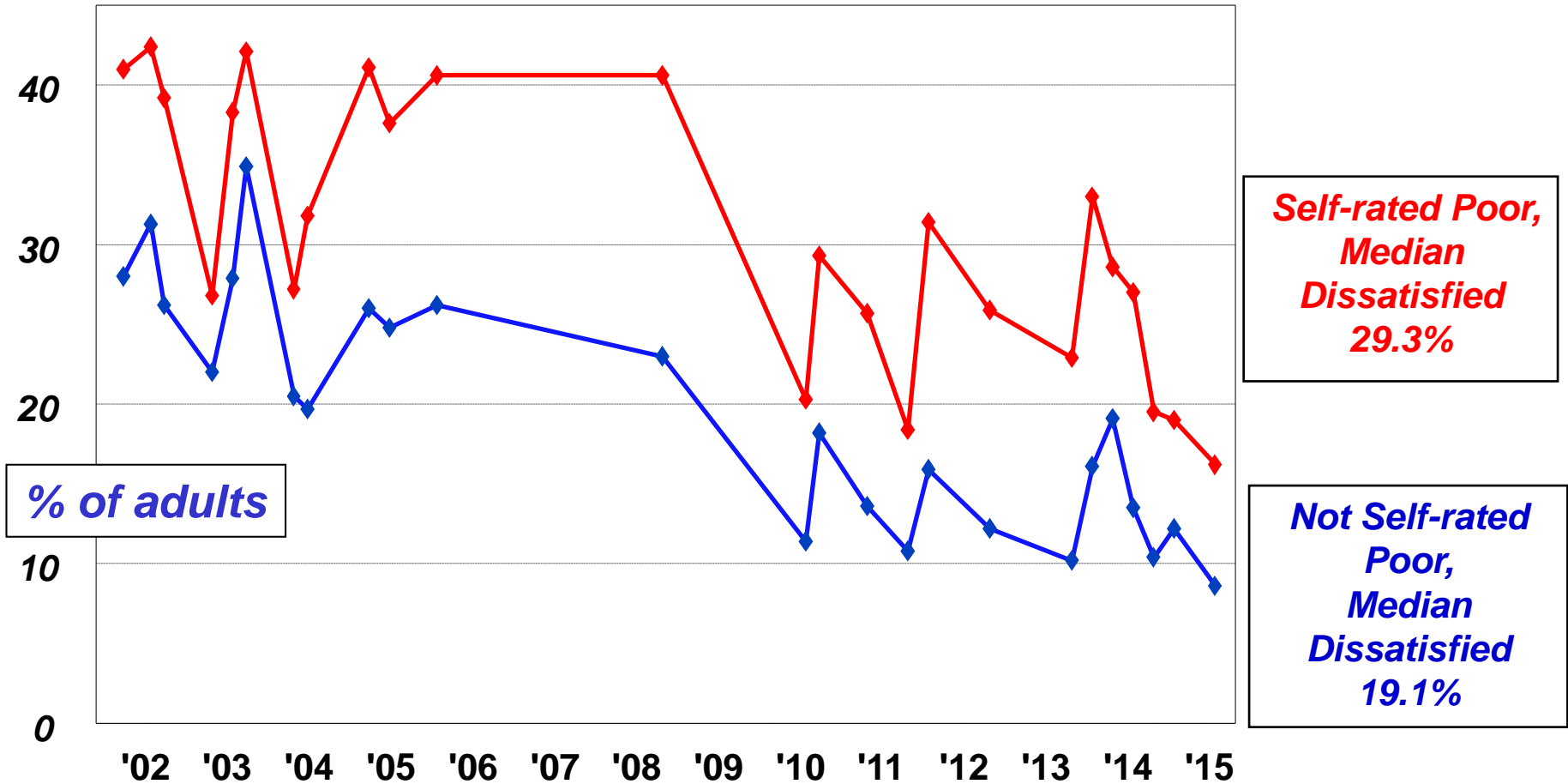
# PHILIPPINES: SELF-RATED POVERTY (“MAHIRAP”)



**Self-Rated Poverty Question:** Where would you place your family in this card? (Not poor, On the line, Poor)

\*Note: The NSCB figures, which compare income of the year to the official poverty line, are plotted in June of the year.

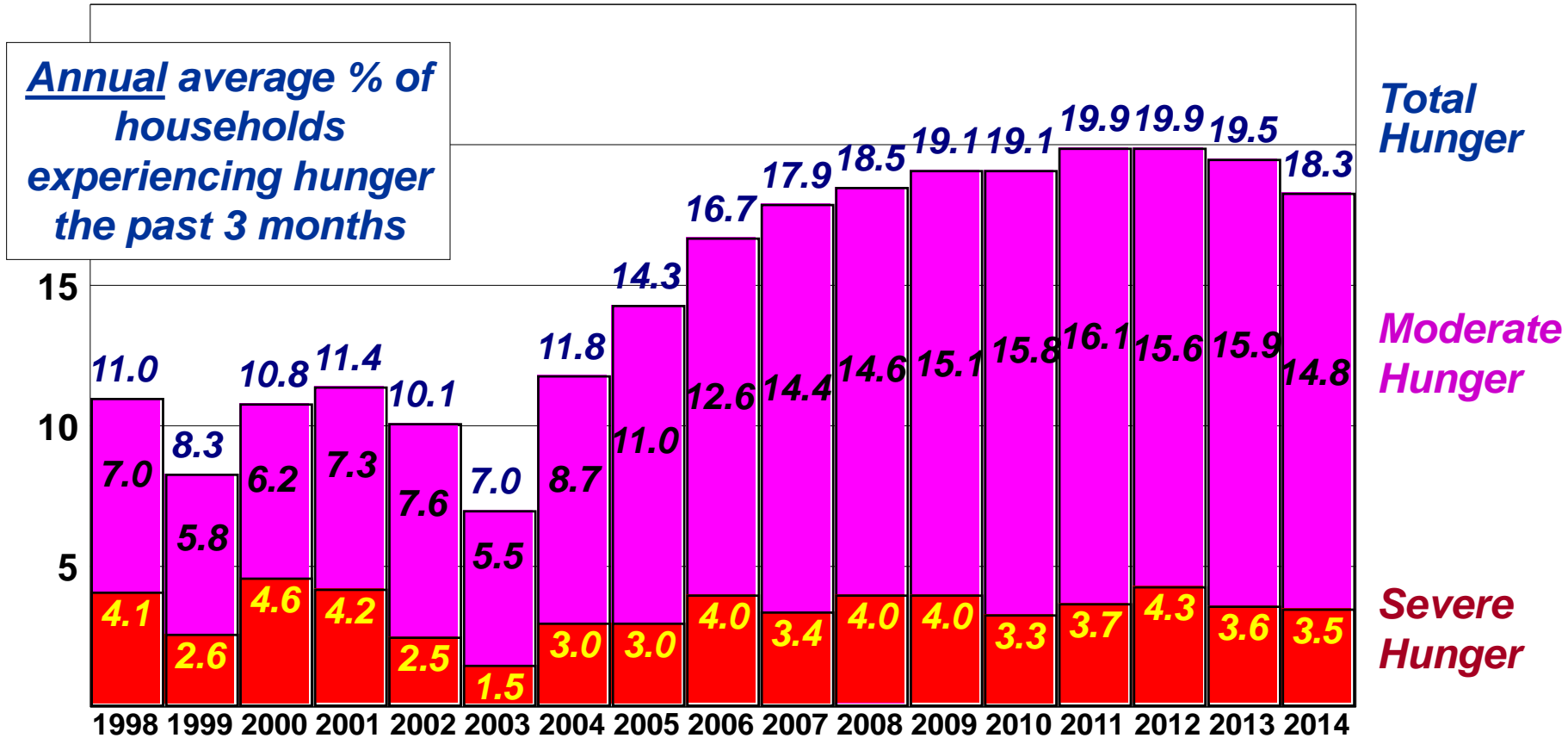
# PHILIPPINES: ADULTS DISSATISFIED WITH LIFE, BY SELF-RATED POVERTY



*Example 3: Since 1998, SWS has been surveying Hunger quarterly, distinguishing Severe Hunger and Moderate Hunger*

*Dissatisfaction with Life is directly related to the existence and degree of Hunger.*

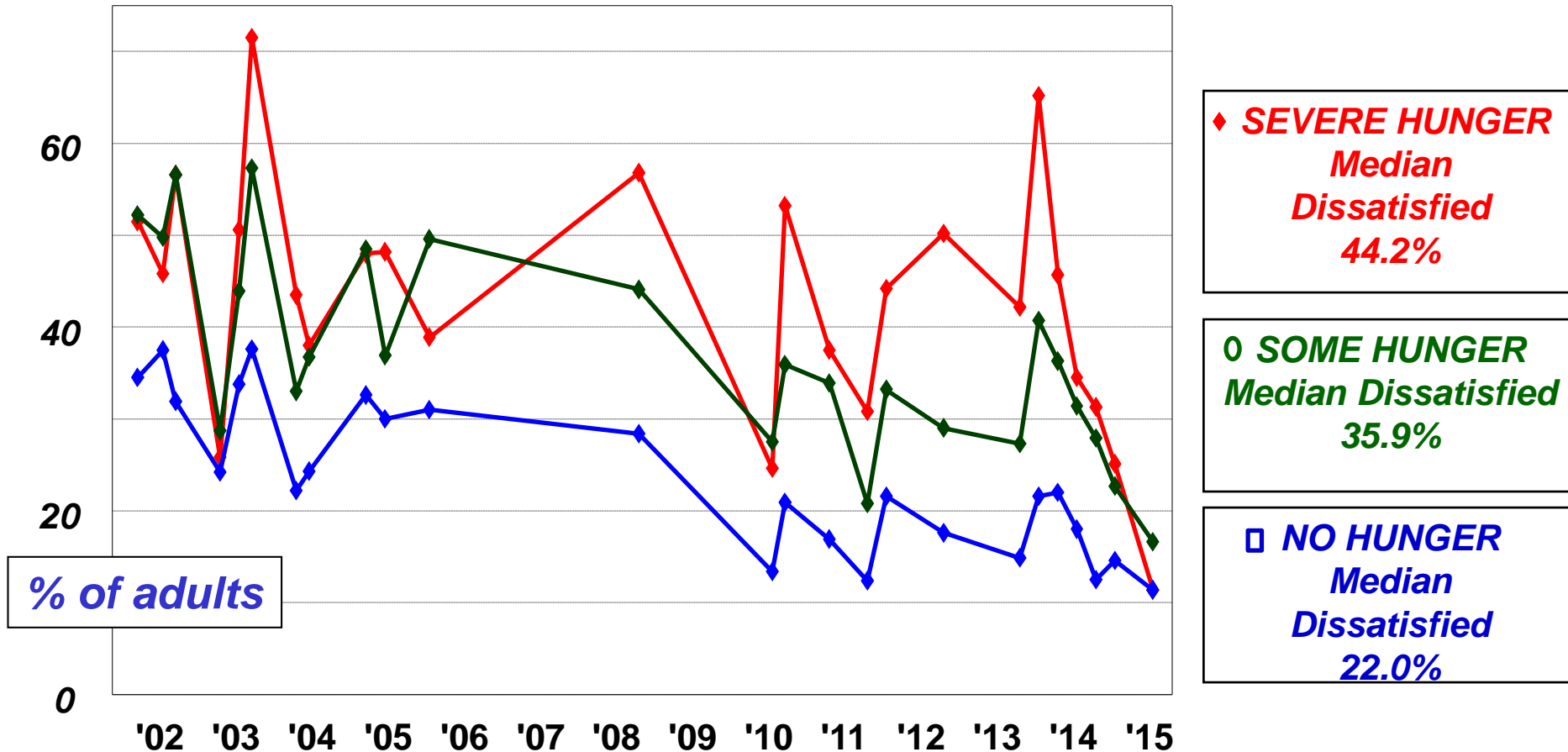
# PHILIPPINES: HUNGER BASED ON QUARTERLY SURVEYS



Note: Don't Know and Refused responses are not shown.

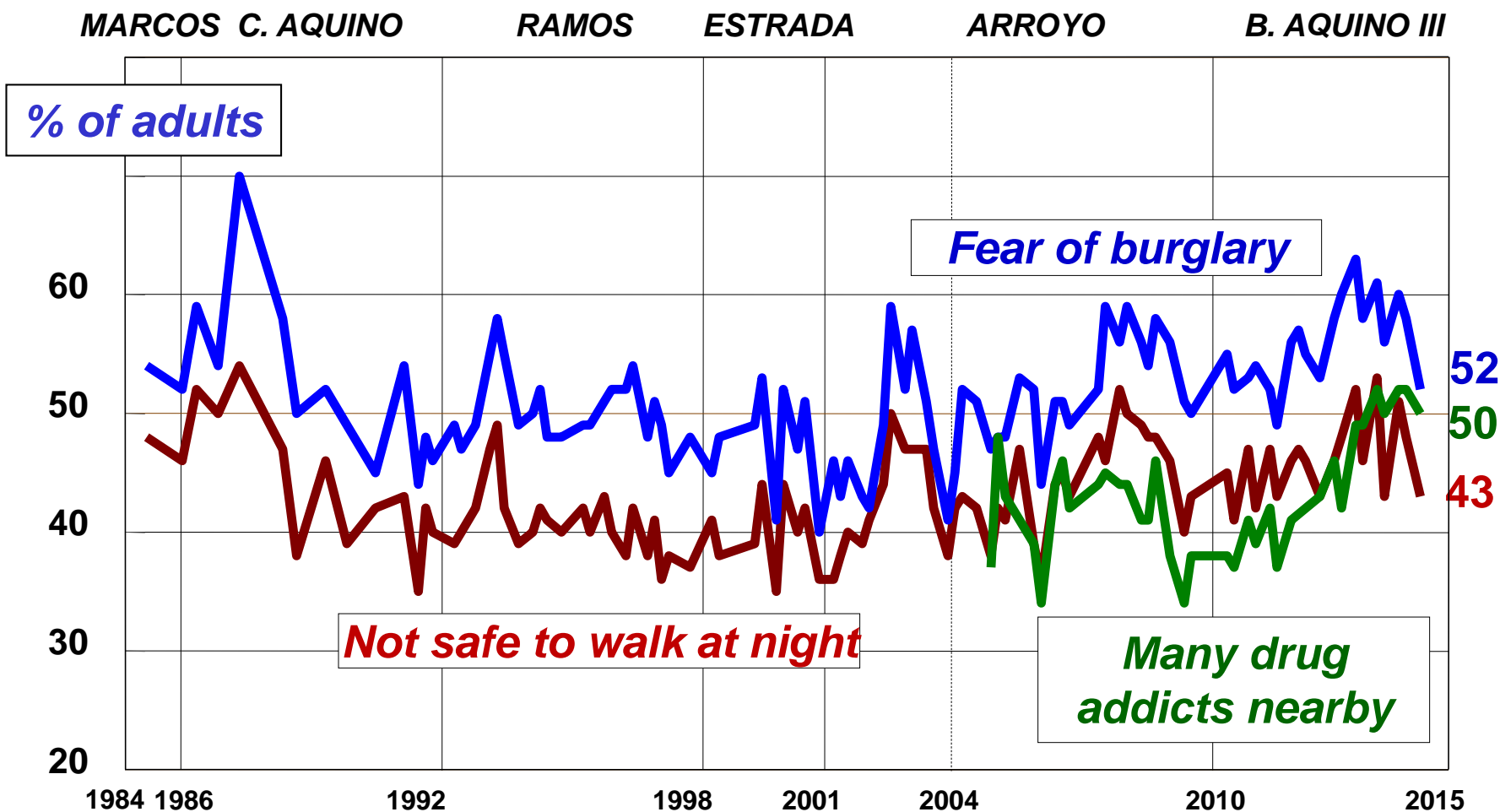
Q: Nitong nakaraang 3 buwan, nangyari po ba kahit minsan na ang inyong pamilya ay nakaranas ng gutom at wala kayong makain? **KUNG OO:** Nangyari po ba 'yan ng MINSAN LAMANG, MGA ILANG BESES, MADALAS, o PALAGI?

# PHILIPPINES: ADULTS DISSATISFIED WITH LIFE, BY DEGREE OF HUNGER



***Example 4: Survey indicators of  
Home-security and Street-  
security are relevant to the public  
sense of Economic Freedom.***

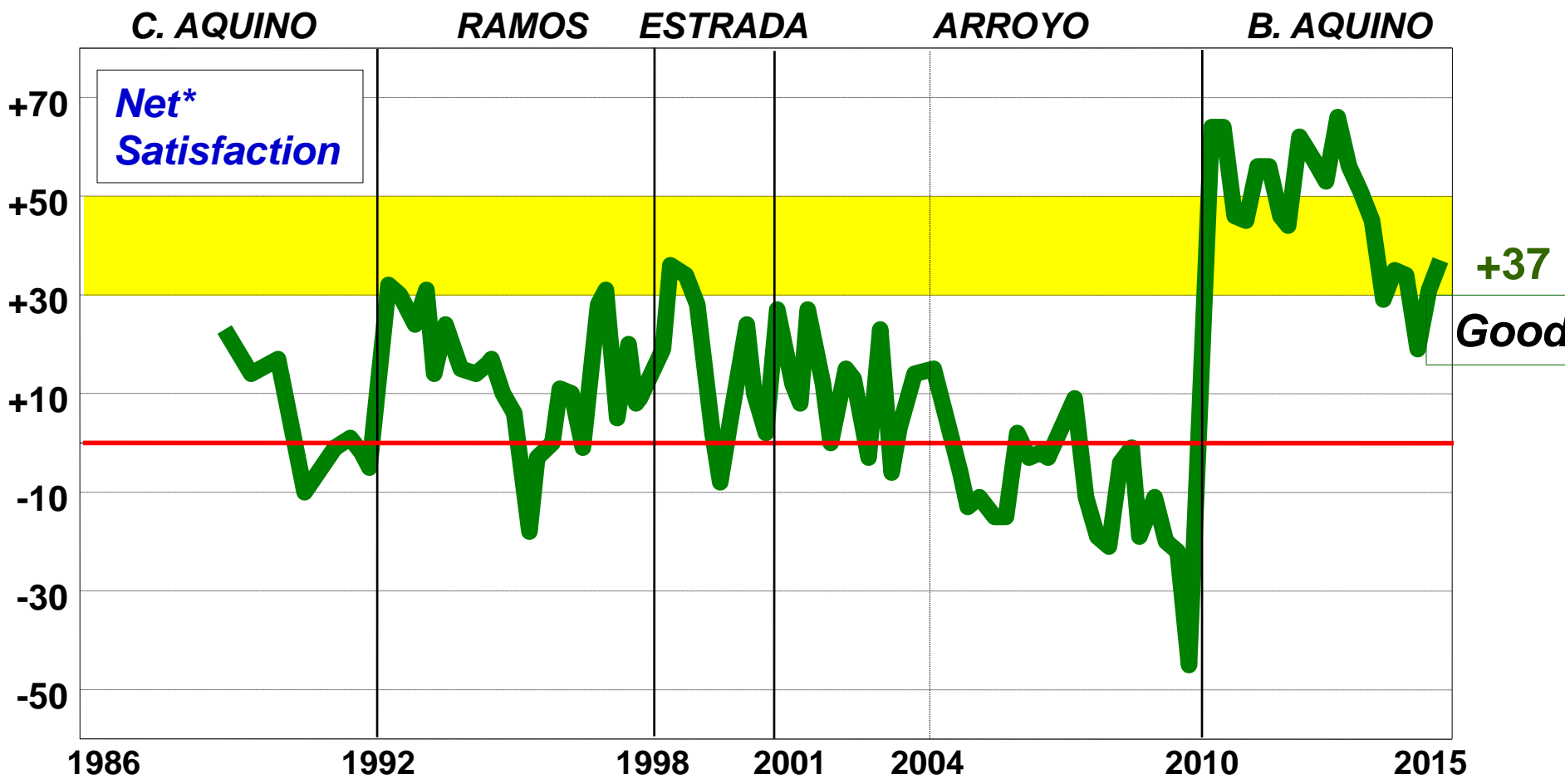
# PHILIPPINES: INDICATORS OF PUBLIC SAFETY



***Example 5: Public satisfaction***  
***with the Performance of***  
***Government, particularly in***  
***Fighting Inflation, are indicators***  
***of Economic Freedom.***

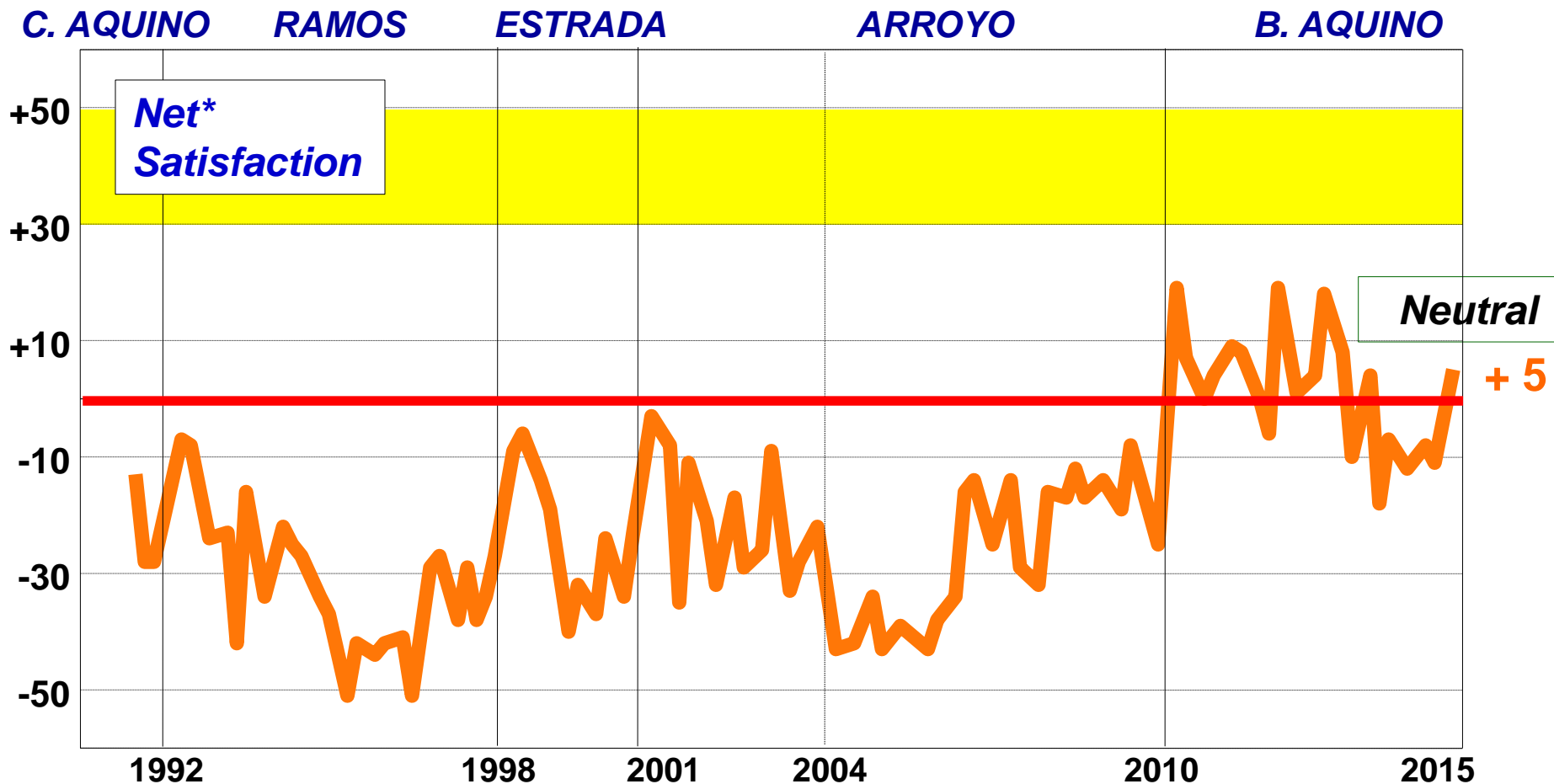


# PHILIPPINES: SATISFACTION WITH THE GENERAL PERFORMANCE OF THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION



\* % of adults Satisfied minus % of adults Dissatisfied, correctly rounded.

# PHILIPPINES: SATISFACTION WITH THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATION ON FIGHTING INFLATION



\* Net figures (% Satisfied minus % Dissatisfied) correctly rounded.

***Subjective indicators of Well-Being – such as Personal Optimism, Life-Satisfaction, Happiness, Self-Rated Poverty, Hunger, Personal Security, and Satisfaction with Government Performance – are valid and practical tools for promoting a nation’s progress.***

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