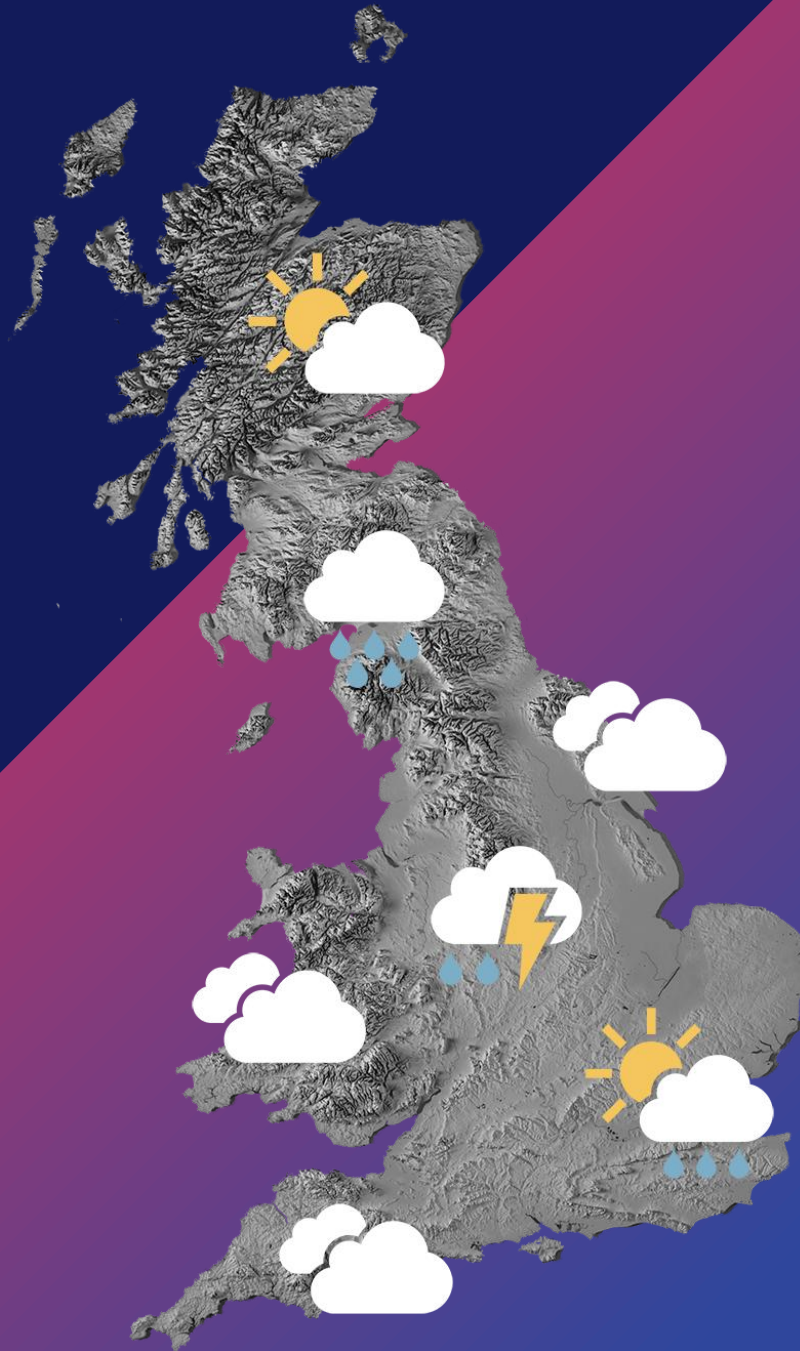


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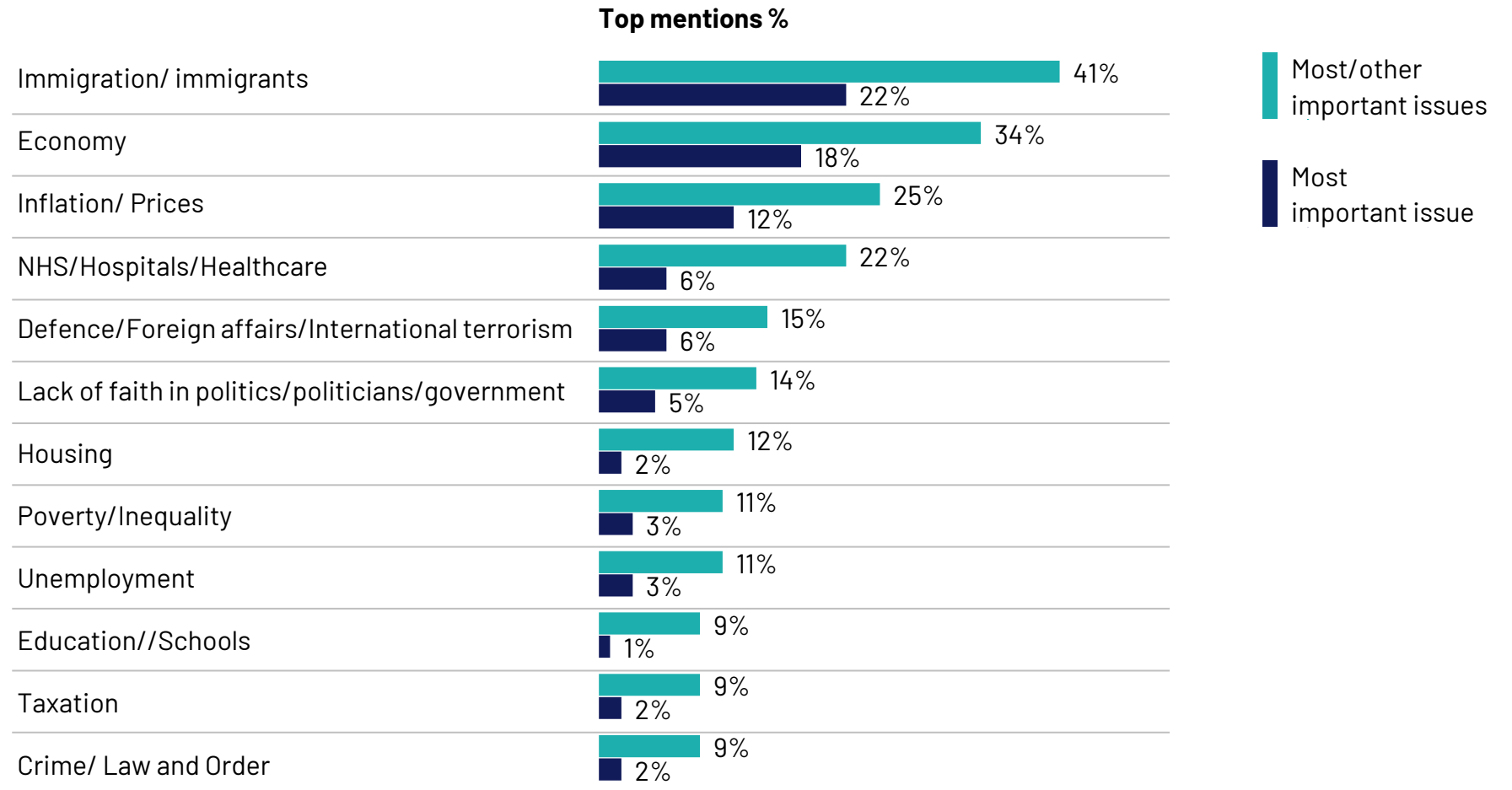
	Top mentions %	Change since April:	
		%	Position
Immigration/ immigrants	41%	+9	+1 ▲
Economy	34%	+1	-1 ▼
Inflation/ Prices	25%	-5	—
NHS/Hospitals/Healthcare	22%	+1	+1 ▲
Defence/Foreign affairs/International terrorism	15%	-10	-1 ▼
Lack of faith in politics/politicians/government	14%	+4	+1 ▲
Housing	12%	0	-1 ▼
Poverty/Inequality	11%	+3	+1 ▲
Unemployment	11%	+3	+1 ▲
Education/Schools	9%	0	-2 ▼
Taxation	9%	+1	-1 ▼
Crime/ Law and Order	9%	+1	-1 ▼

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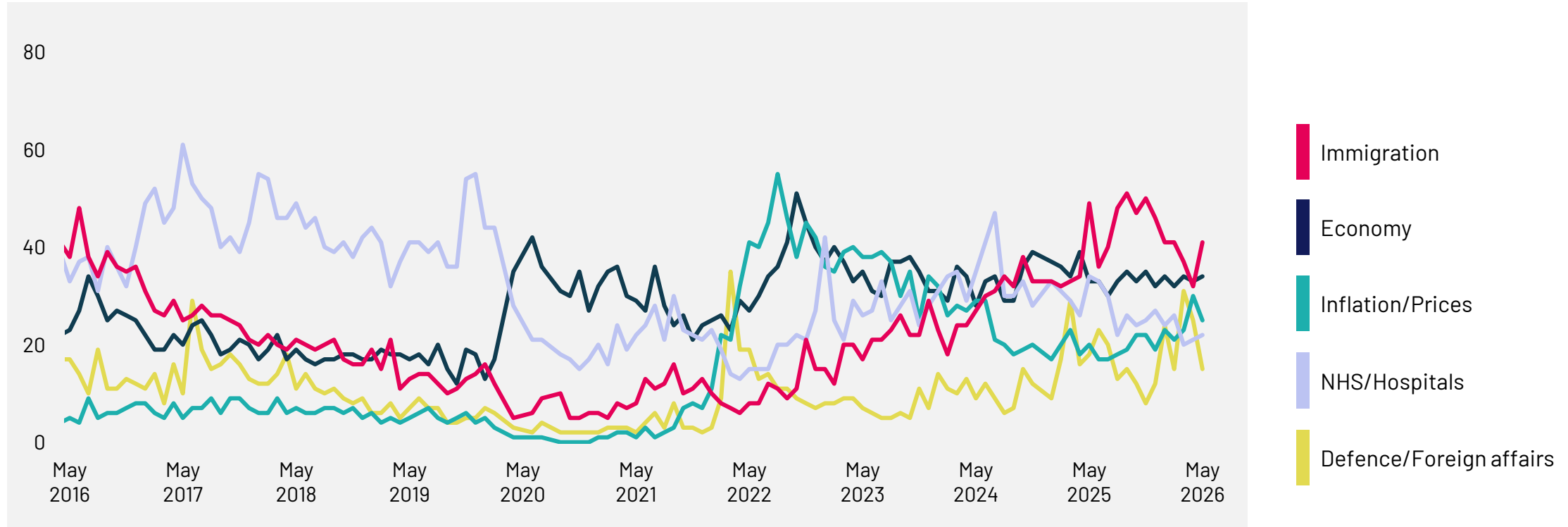


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Top five concerns for May 2026: trend data

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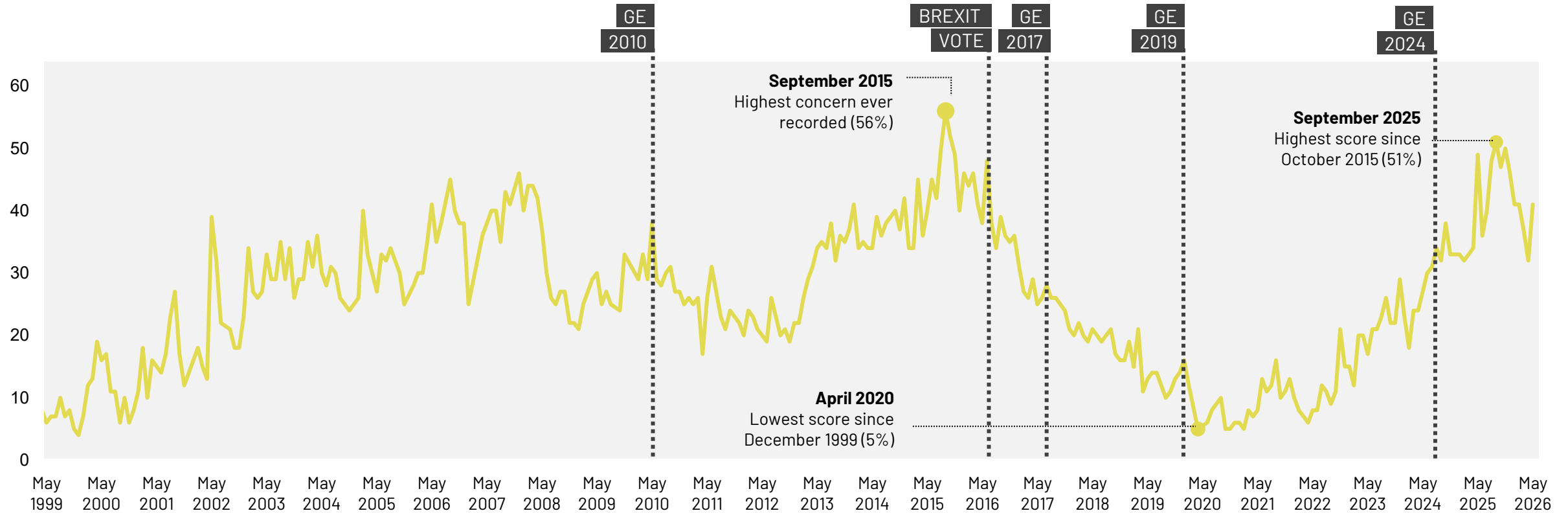


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Immigration/Immigrants

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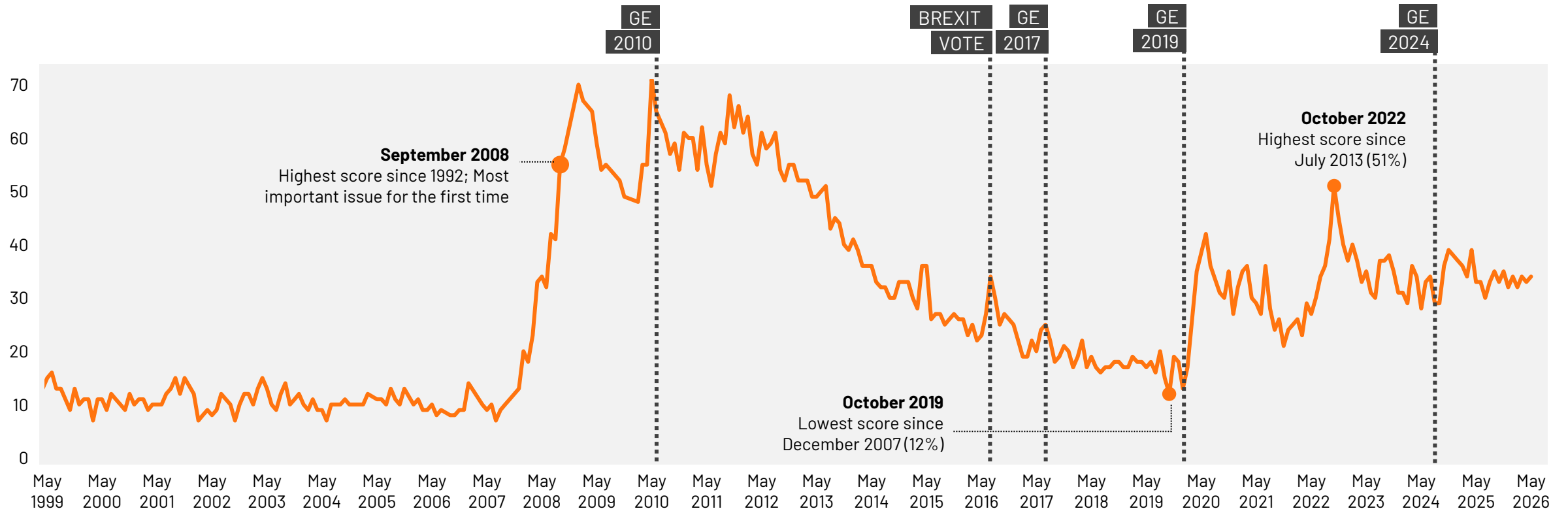
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Up until September 2014 this was a combined code of "Race relations/Immigration", data onwards is split into two separate codes ("Immigration/Immigrants" and "Race Relations")

Economy / Economic situation

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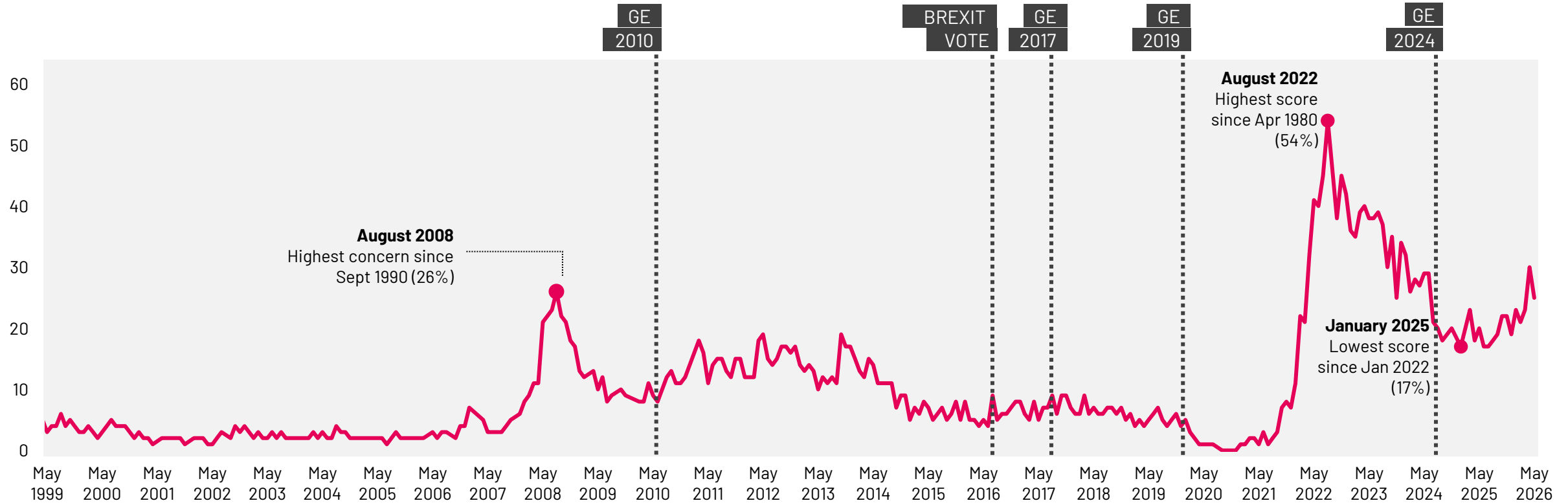


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Inflation/prices

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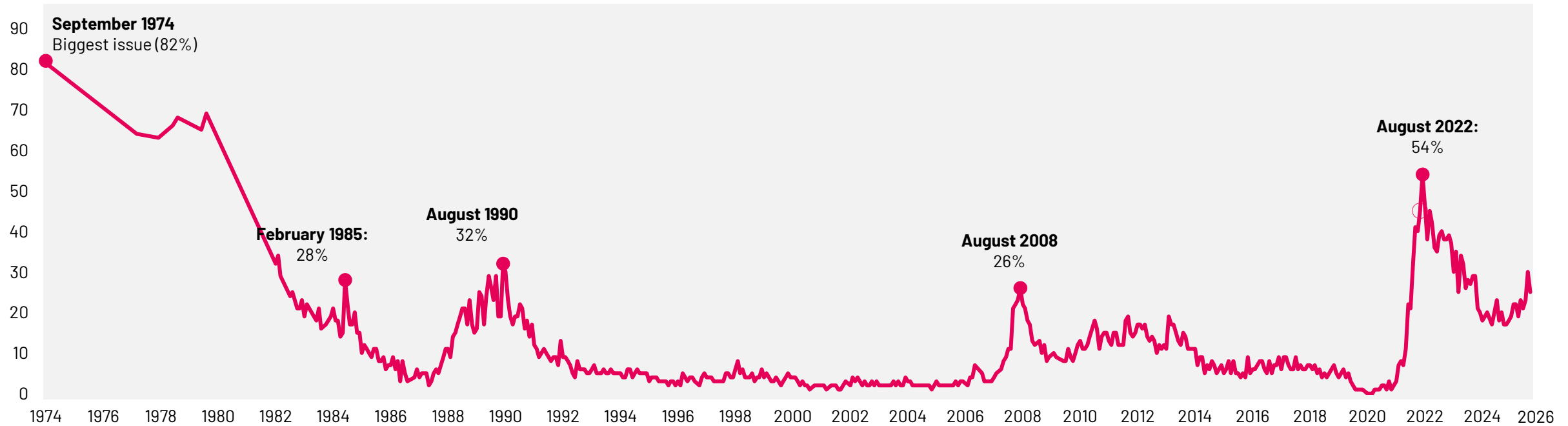


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Inflation/prices – concern since 1974

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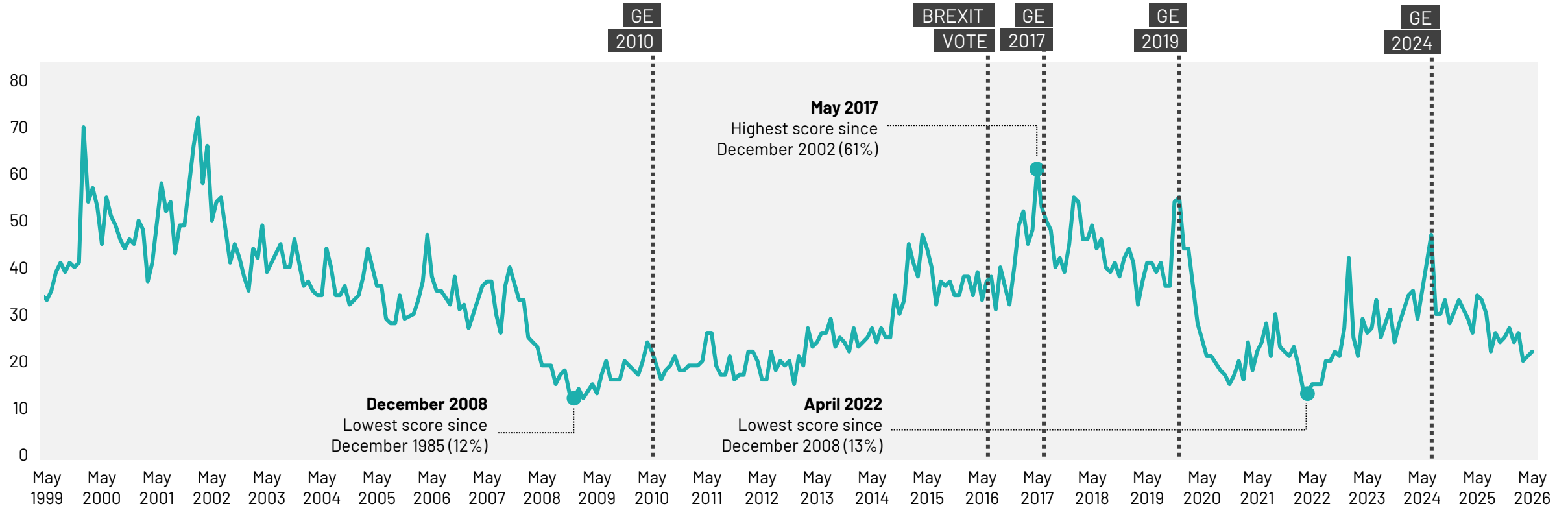


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NHS/Hospitals/Healthcare

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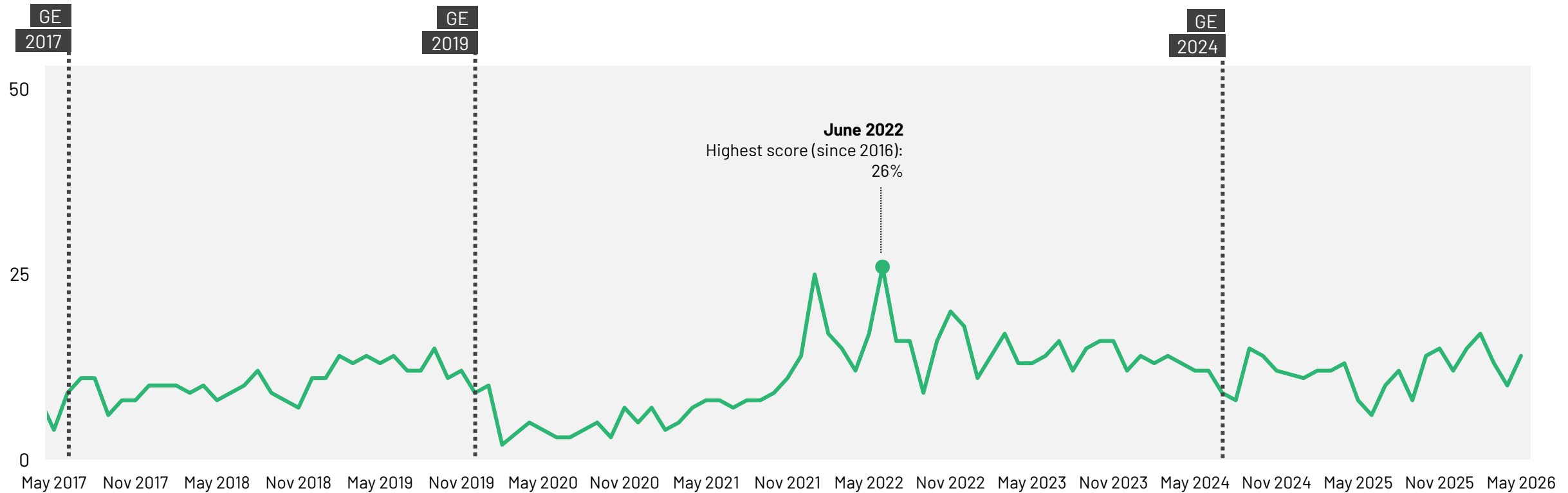


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Lack of faith in politicians/politics

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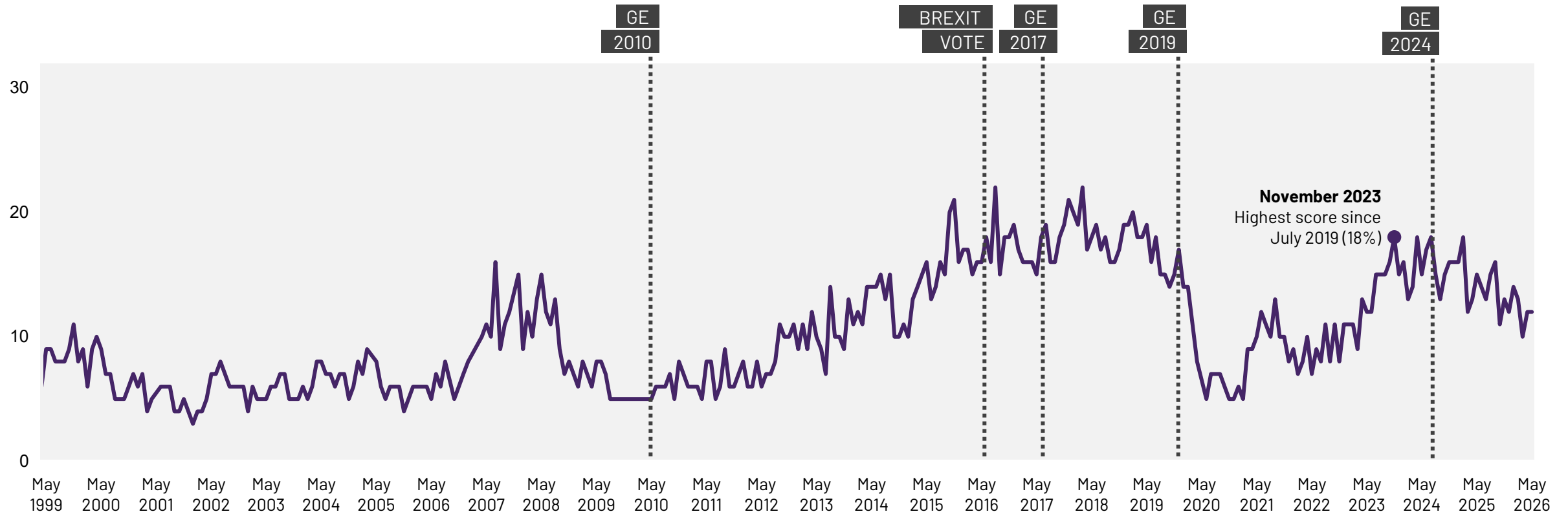


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Housing

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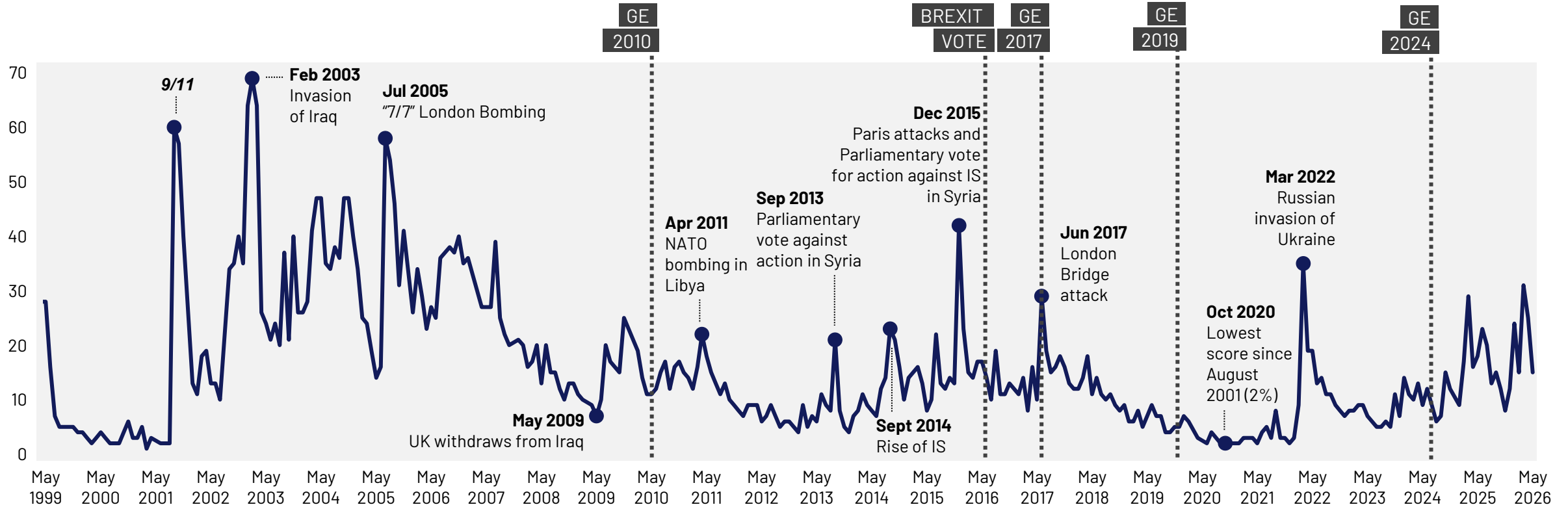


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Defence/Foreign Affairs /International Terrorism

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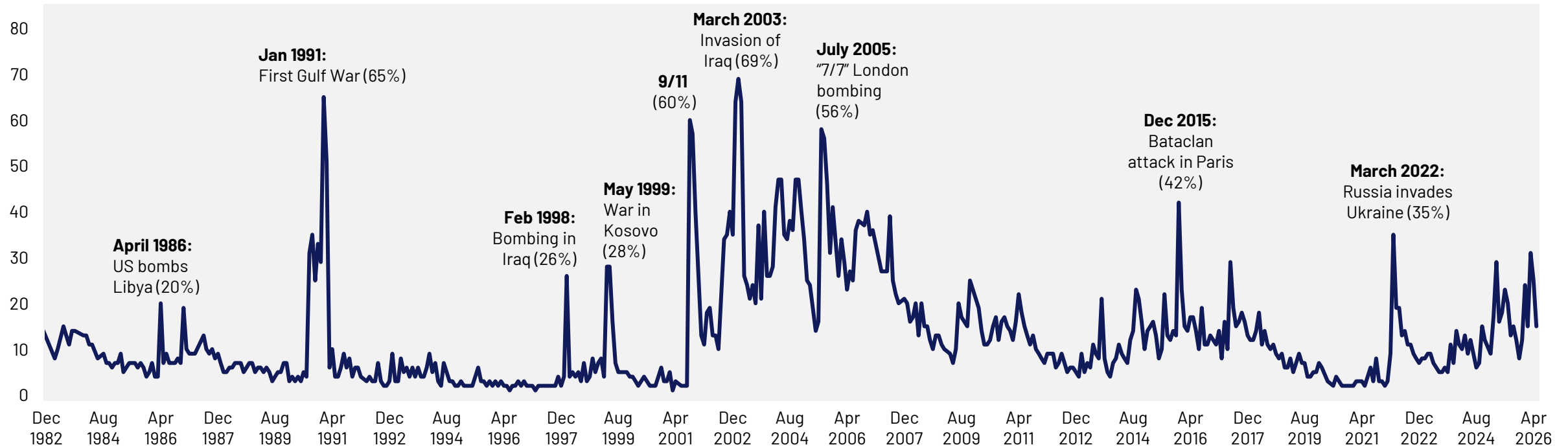


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Defence/Foreign Affairs – Concern Since 1982

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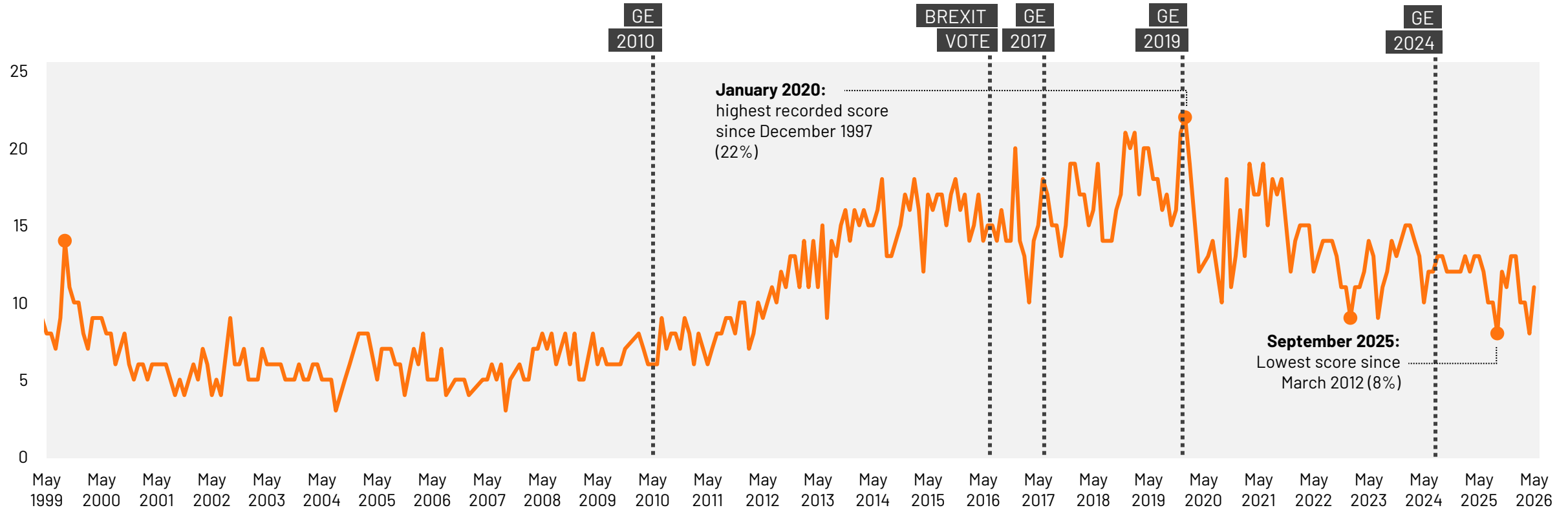


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Poverty/Inequality

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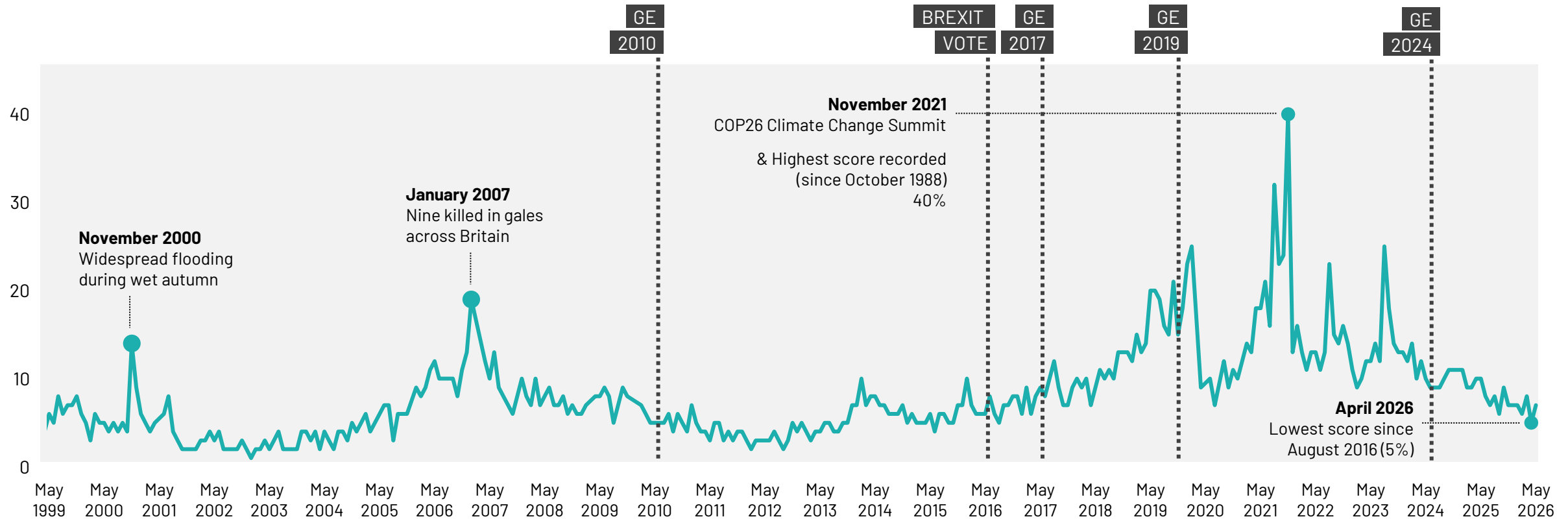


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Pollution/Environment/Climate change

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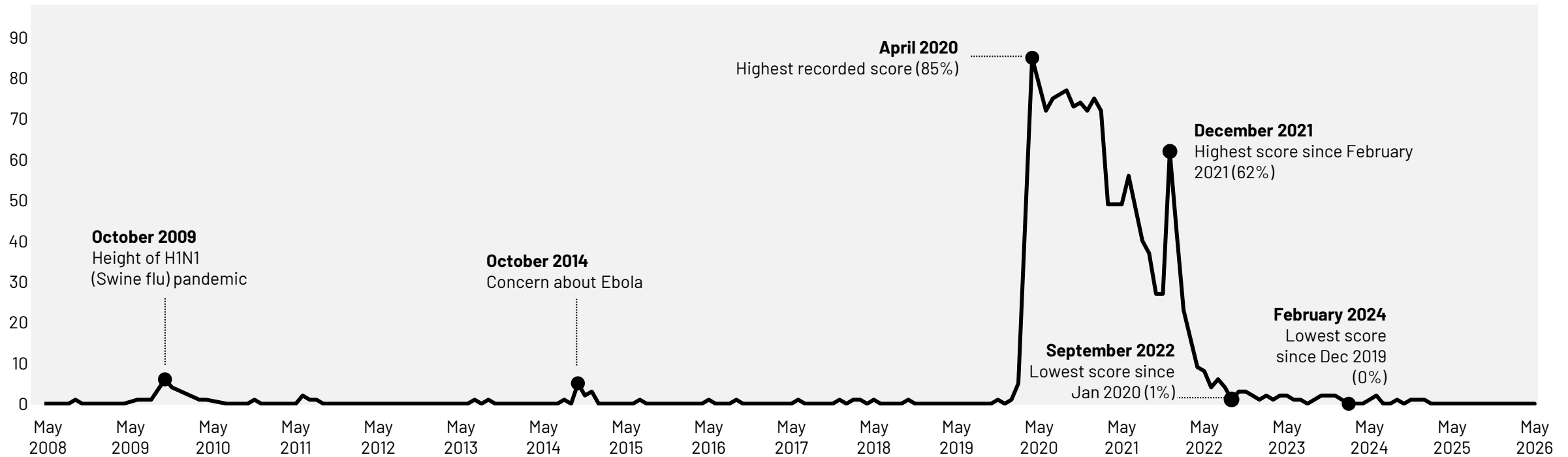


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Coronavirus/Pandemic diseases

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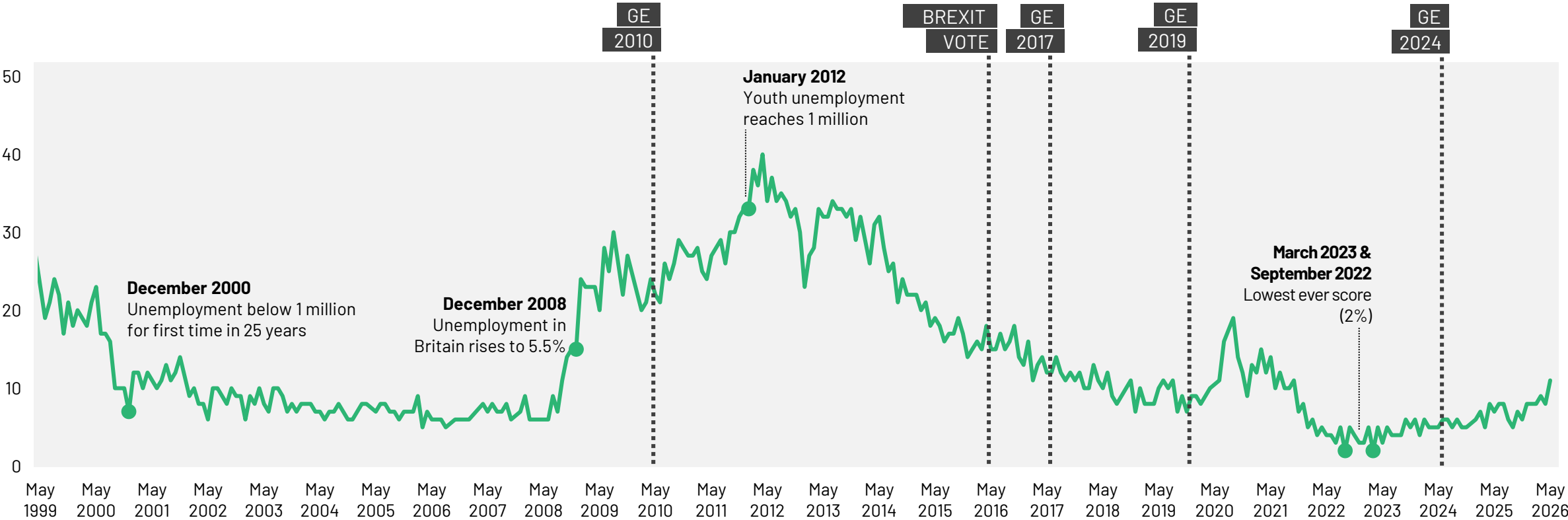


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Unemployment / Factory closure / Lack of industry

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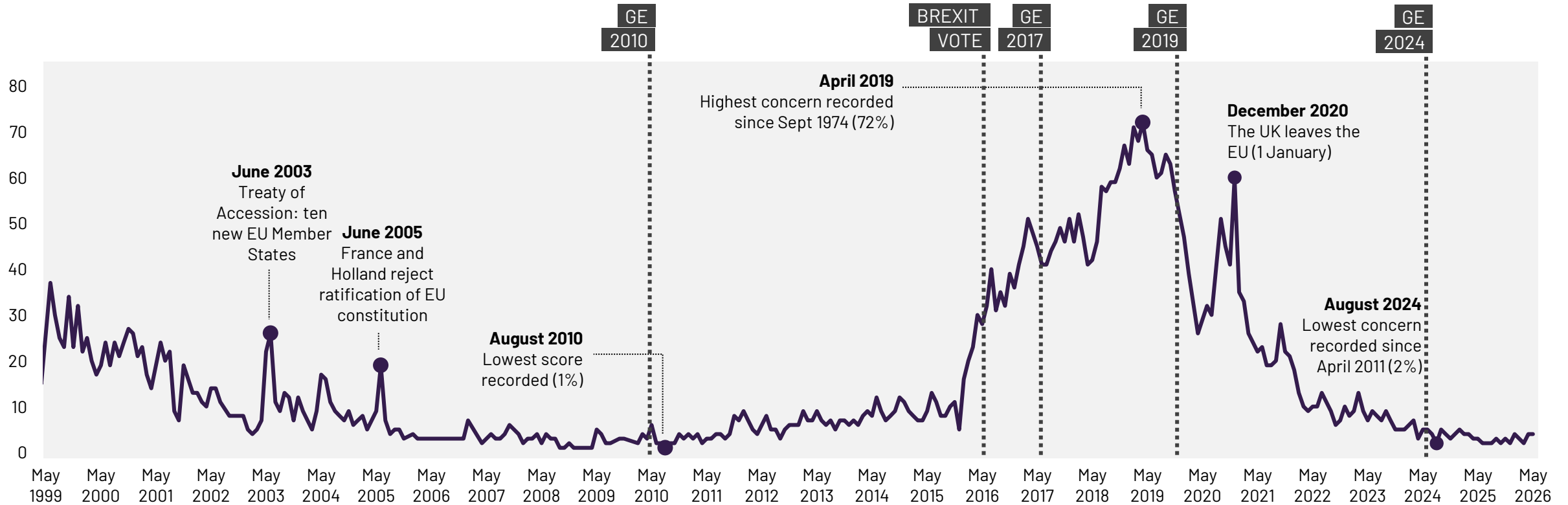
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EU / Europe / Brexit

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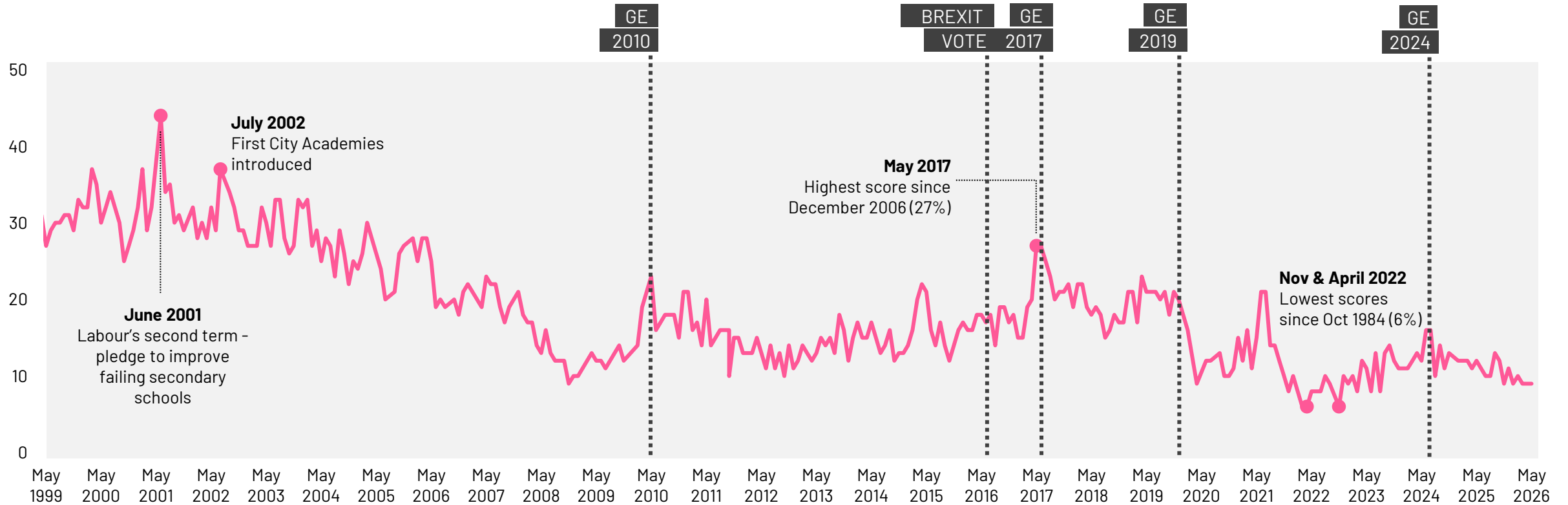


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Education/Schools

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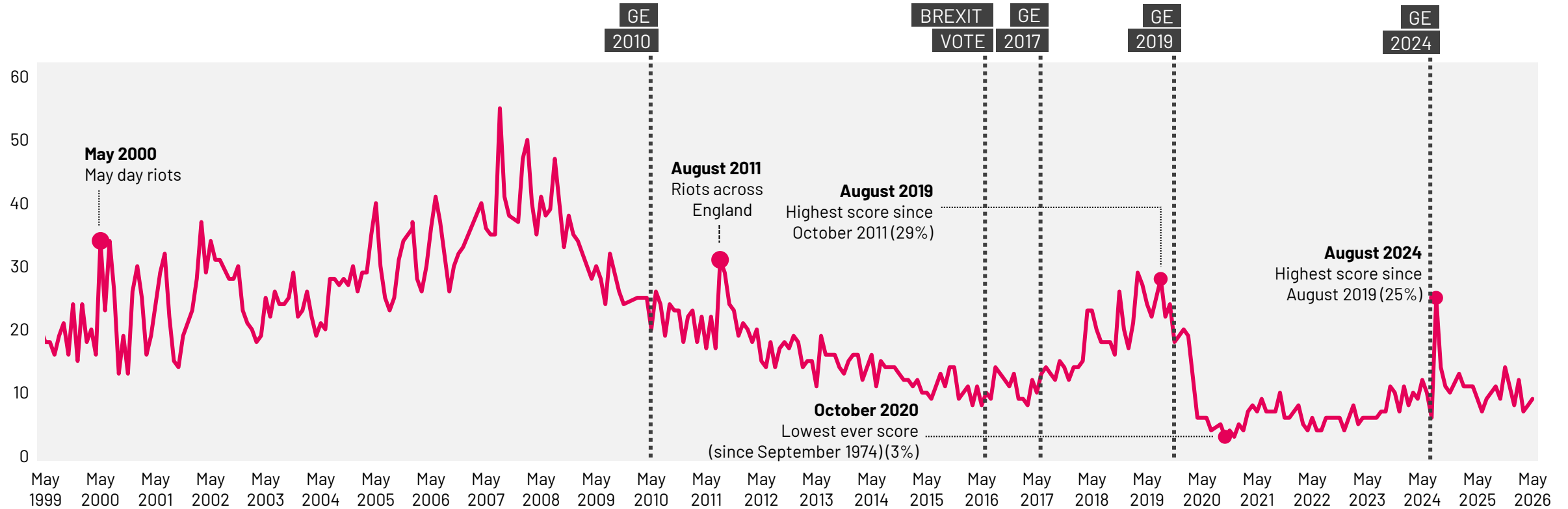


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Crime/Law & Order/Violence/Vandalism /ASB

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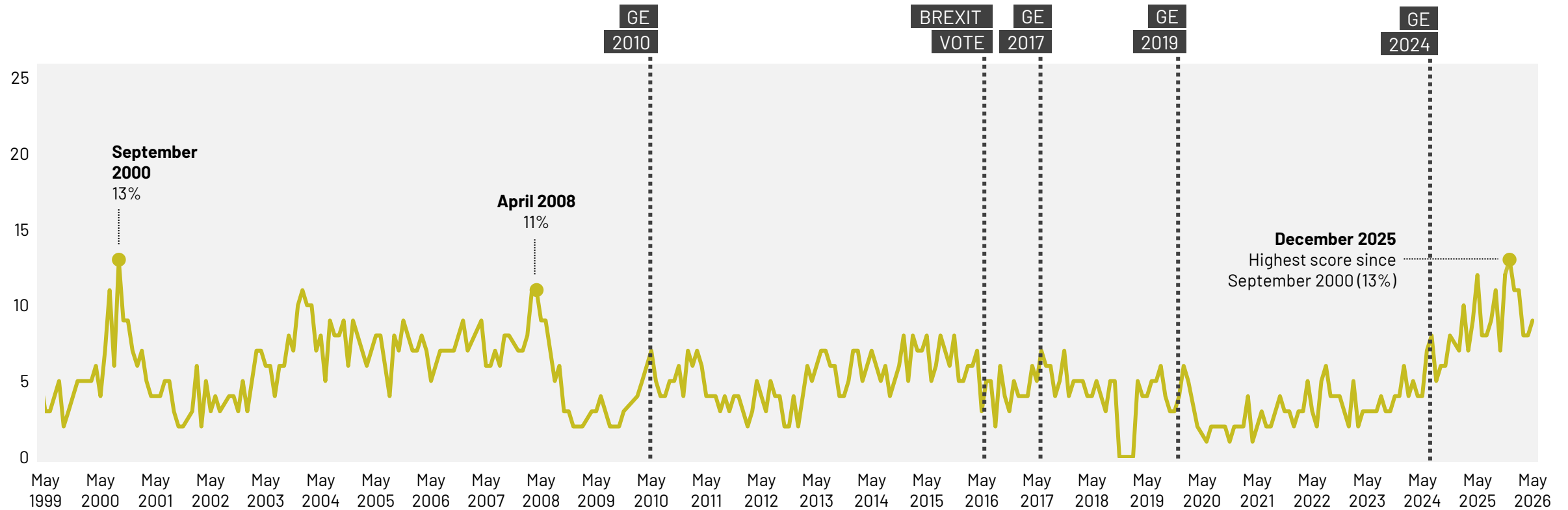


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Taxation

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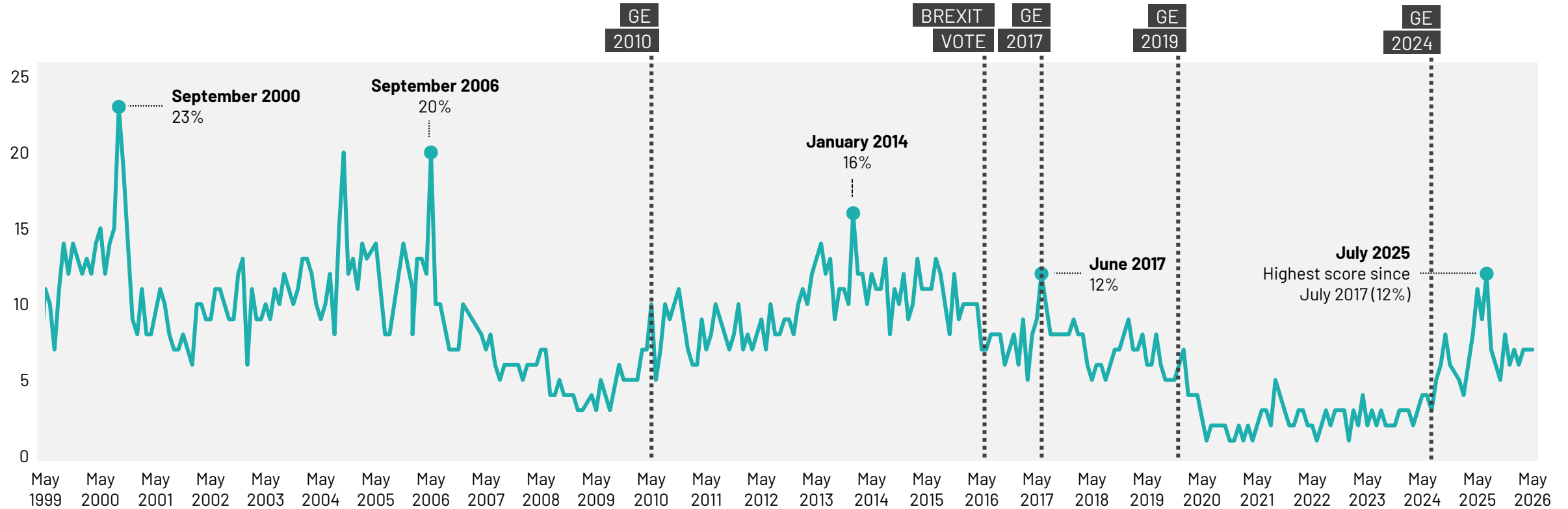


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Pensions/Social Security/Benefits

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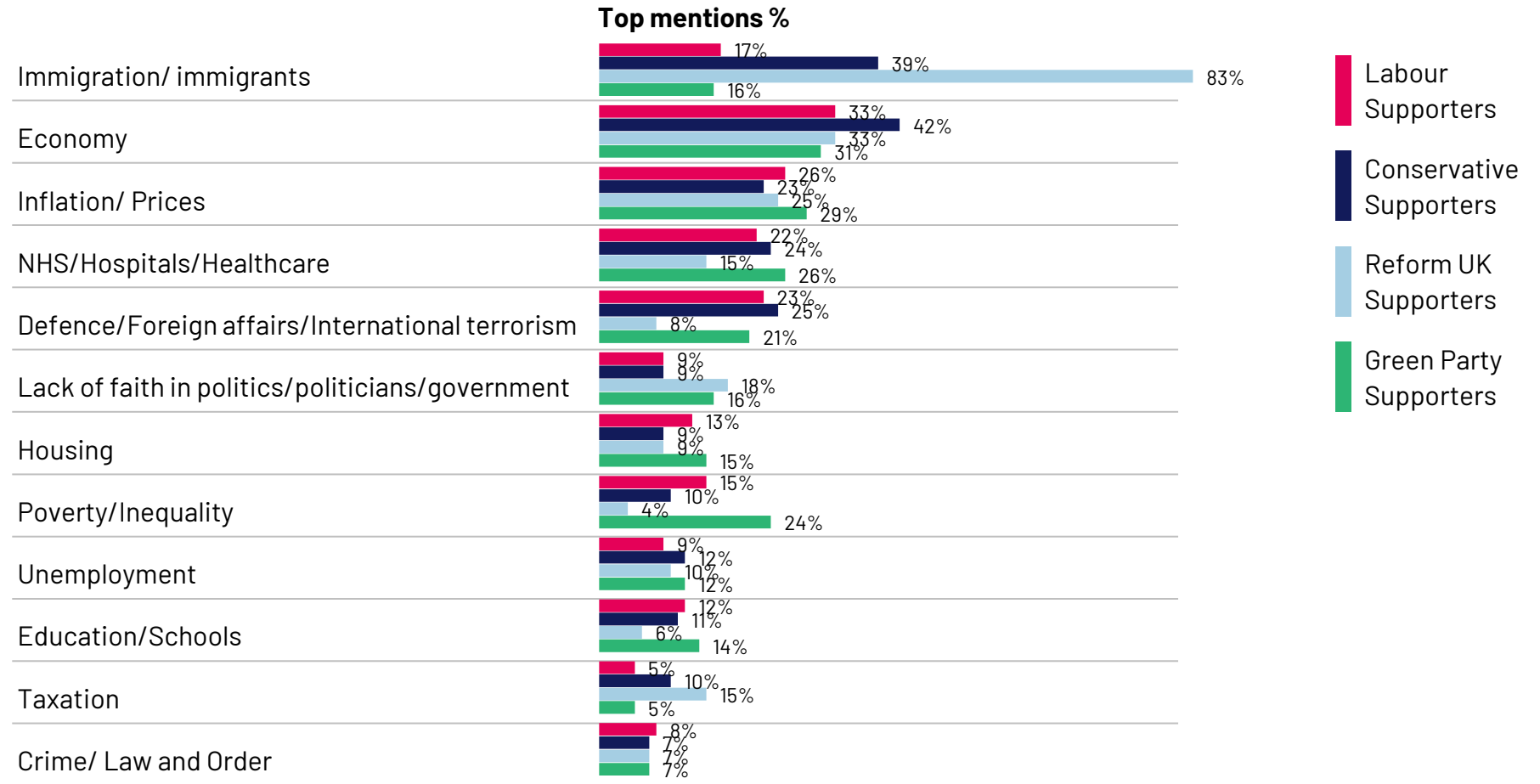


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Party support

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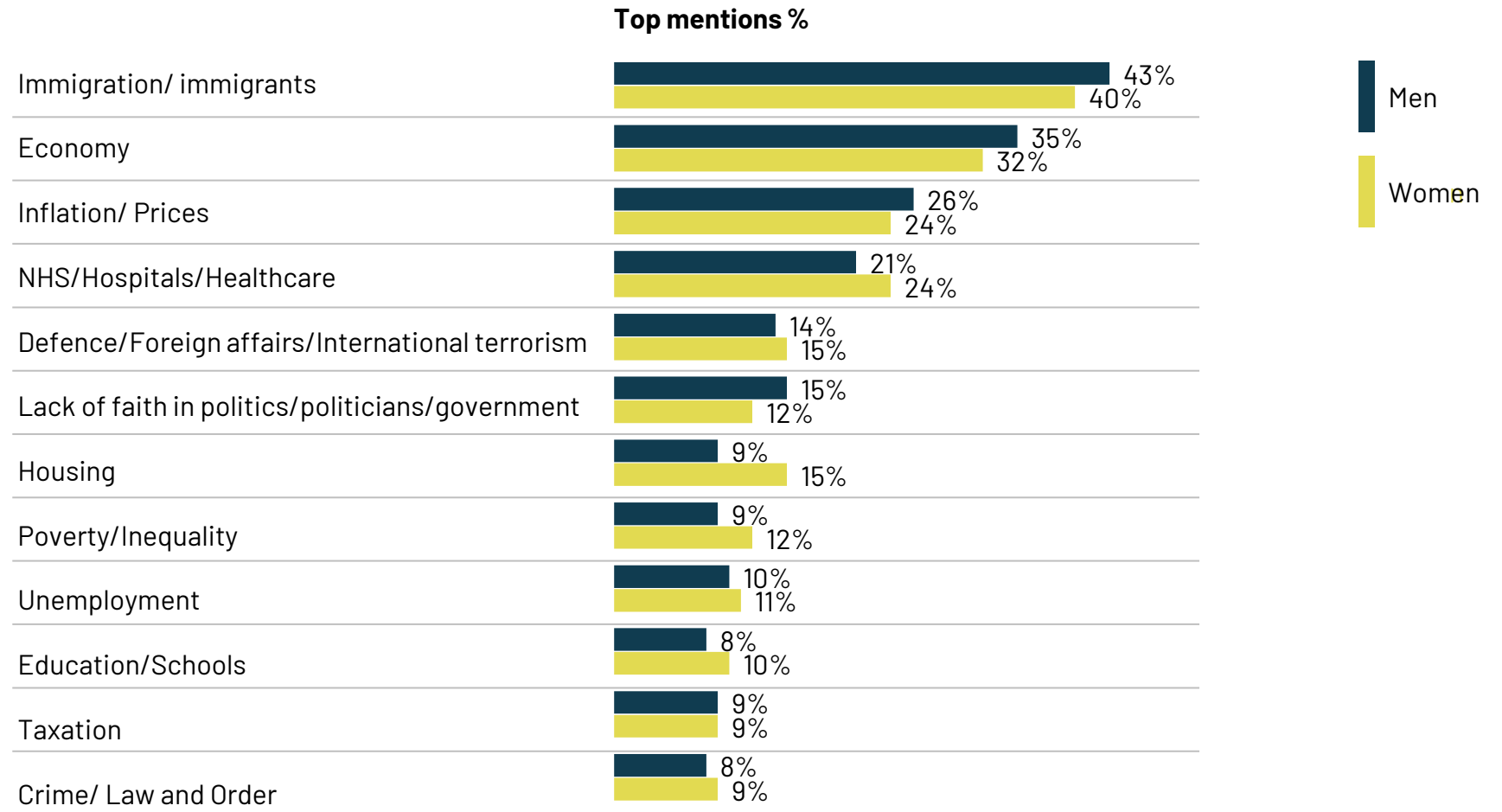


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Men and women

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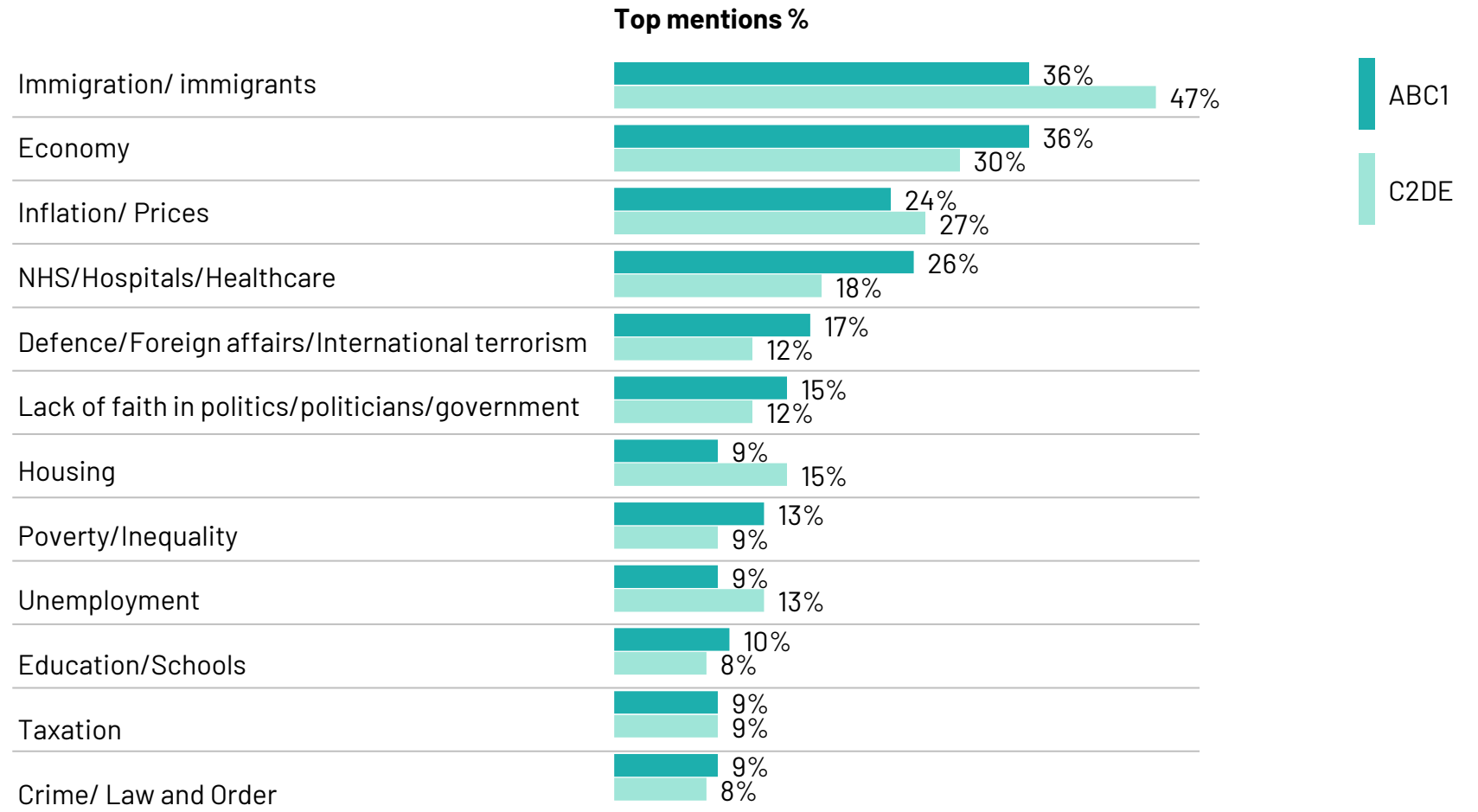


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Social grade

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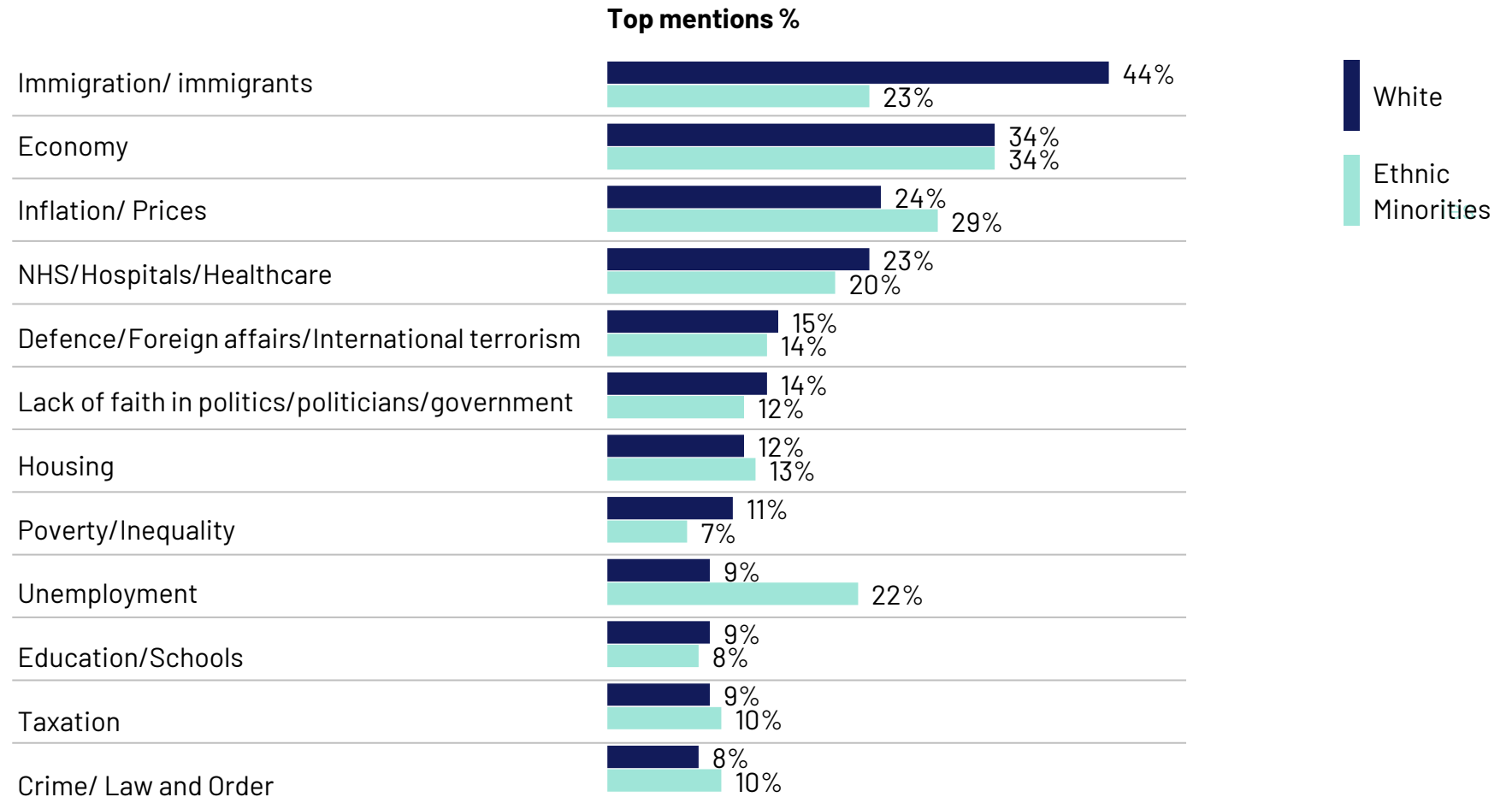


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Ethnic background

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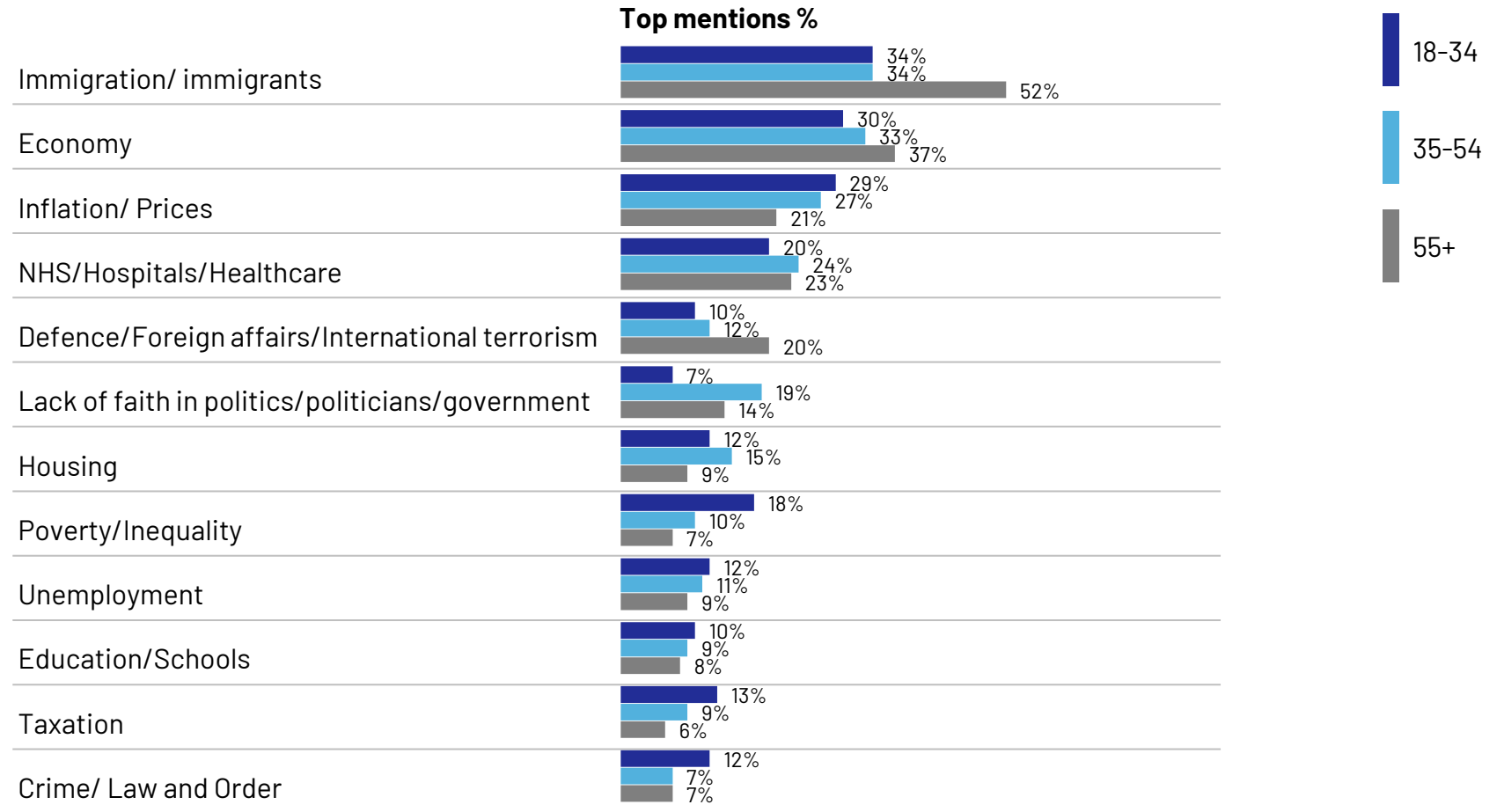


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Age group

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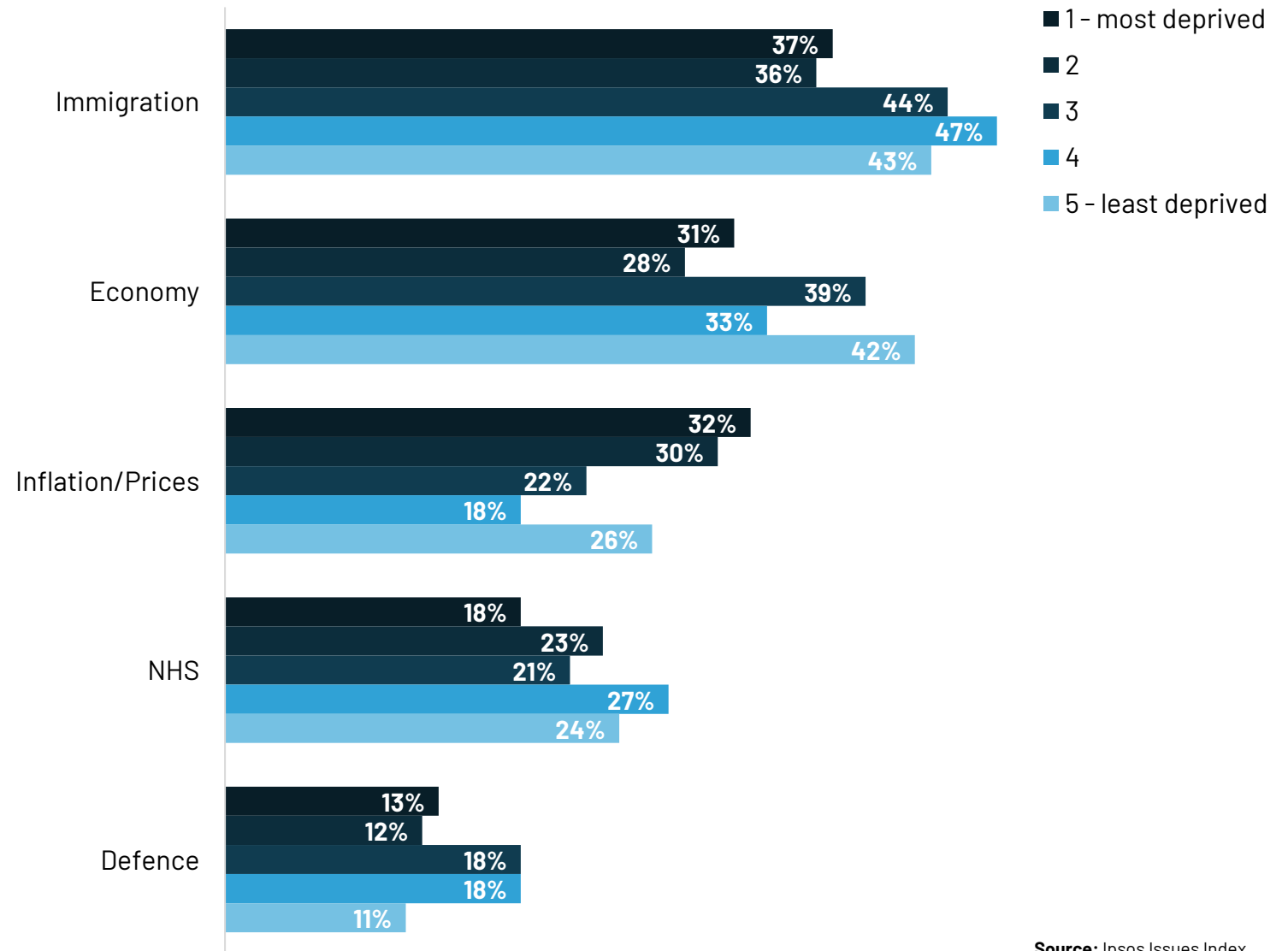


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Source: Ipsos Issues Index

Top five concerns by IMD quintile

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Source: Ipsos Issues Index

"IMD" are the Indices of Multiple Deprivation, a measure of multiple deprivation for small areas

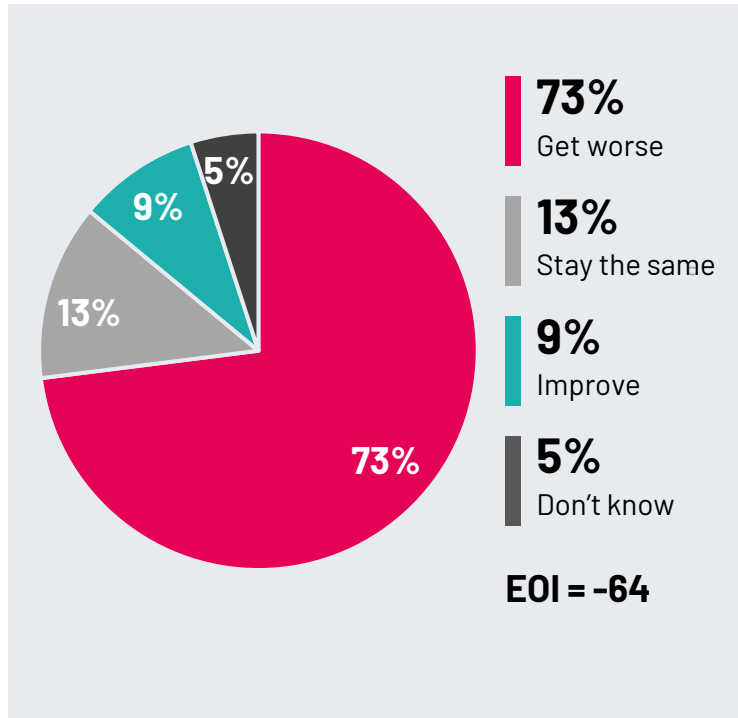
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Economic Optimism

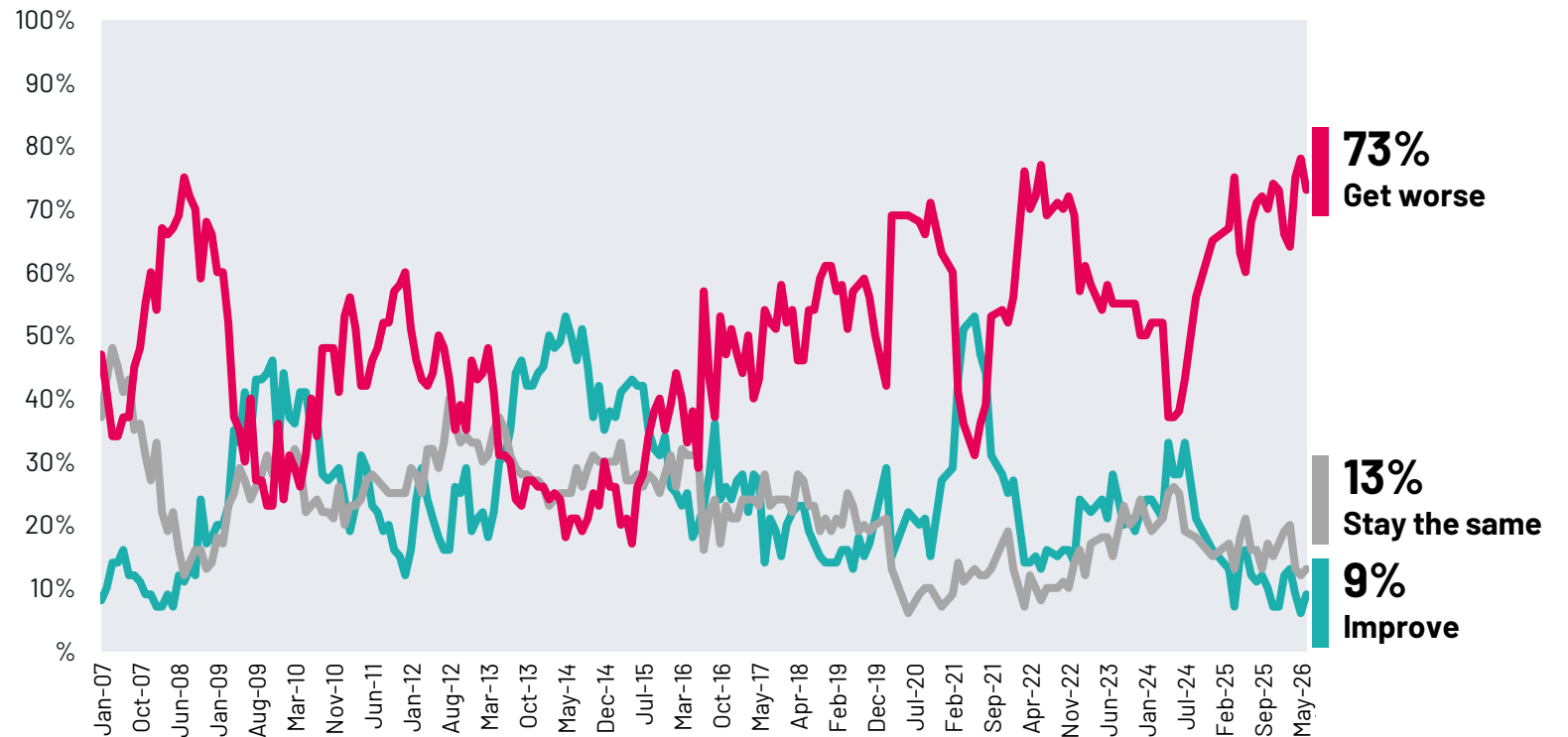
Ipsos Economic Optimism Index

Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months?

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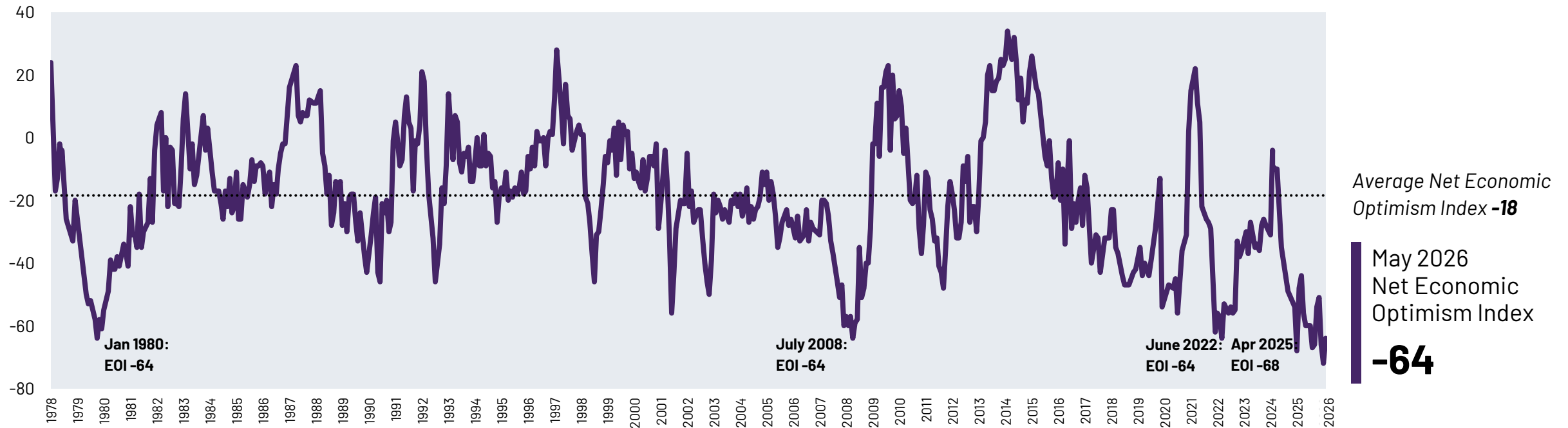
January 2007 – May 2026



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Ipsos Economic Optimism Index (1978-2026)

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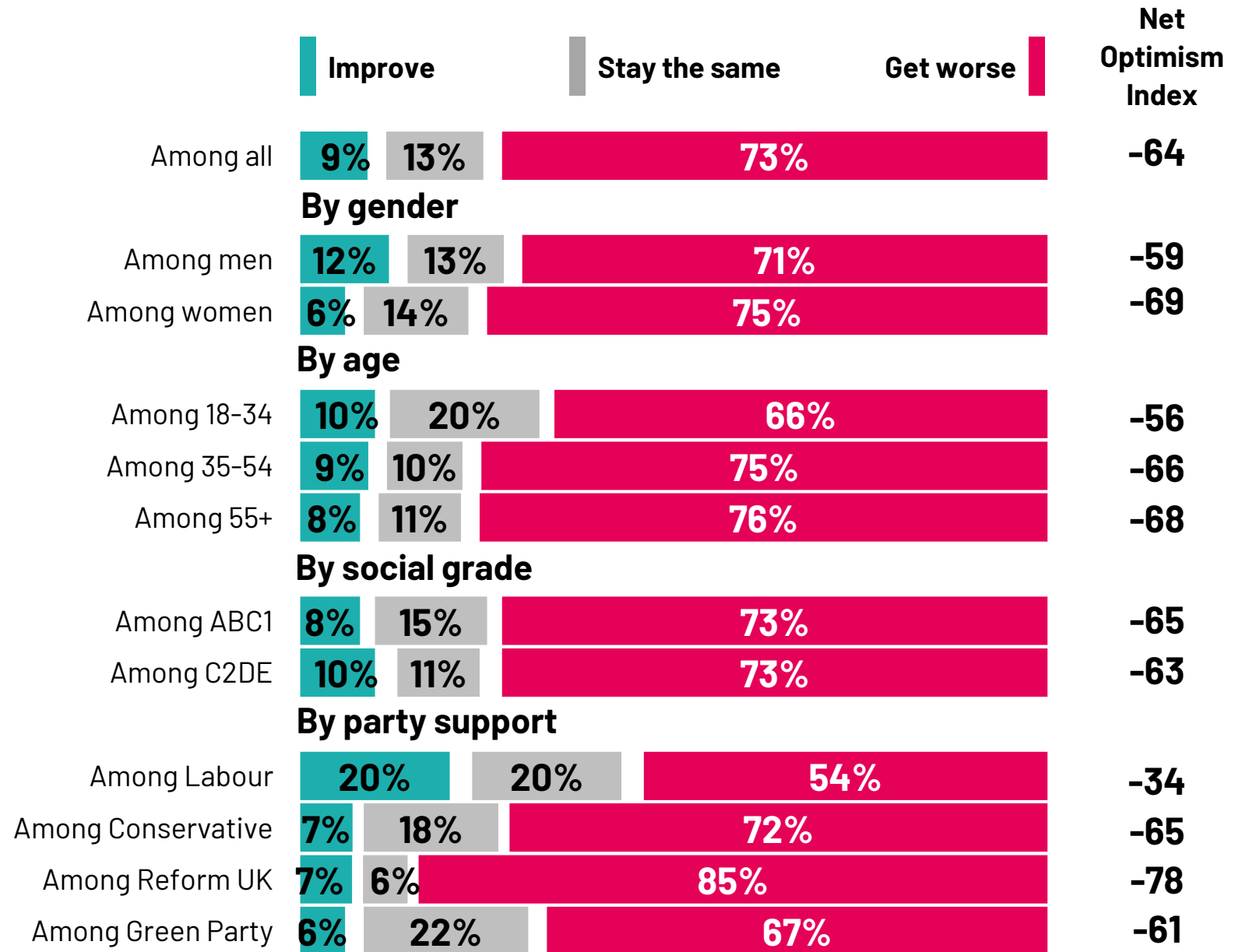


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Economic optimism: by sub-group

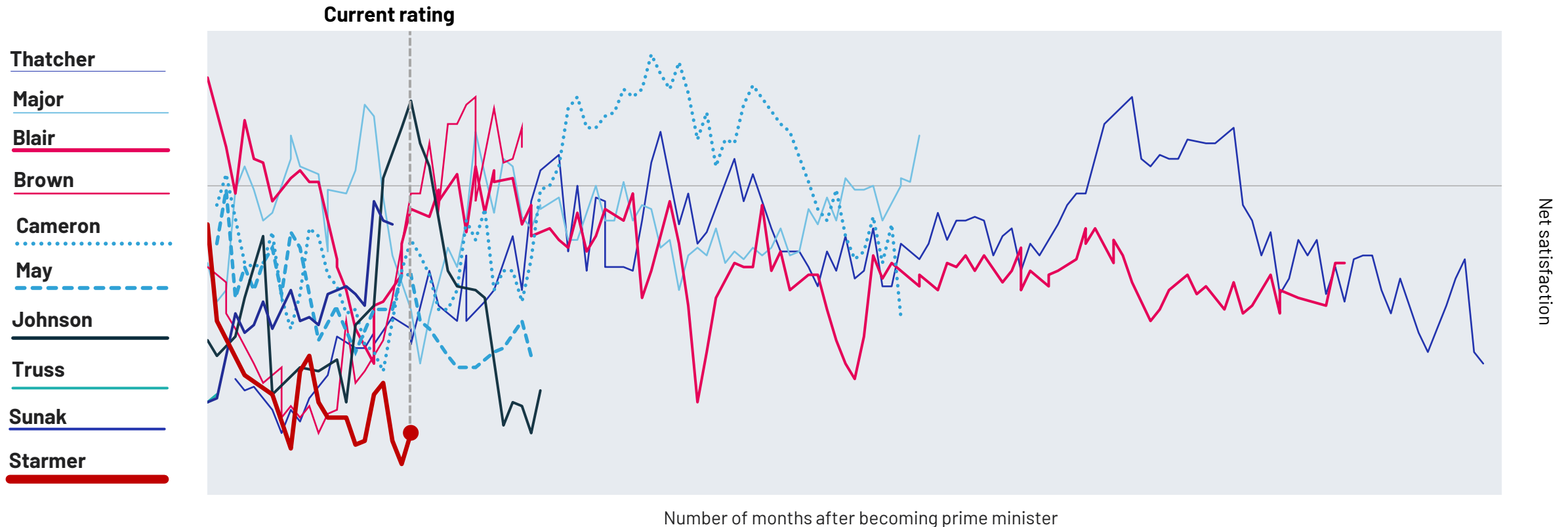
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Net Economic Optimism Index: *By Prime Minister*

Do you think that the general economic condition of the country will improve, stay the same or get worse over the next 12 months? *Net Economic Optimism Index = % get better minus % get worse*



Note: Data collected prior to February 2008 was collected via face-to-face methodology; data collected from February 2008 is via telephone;
Base: c.1,000 British adults 18+ each month



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