
Social Exclusion (& Inclusion) (& Disability)

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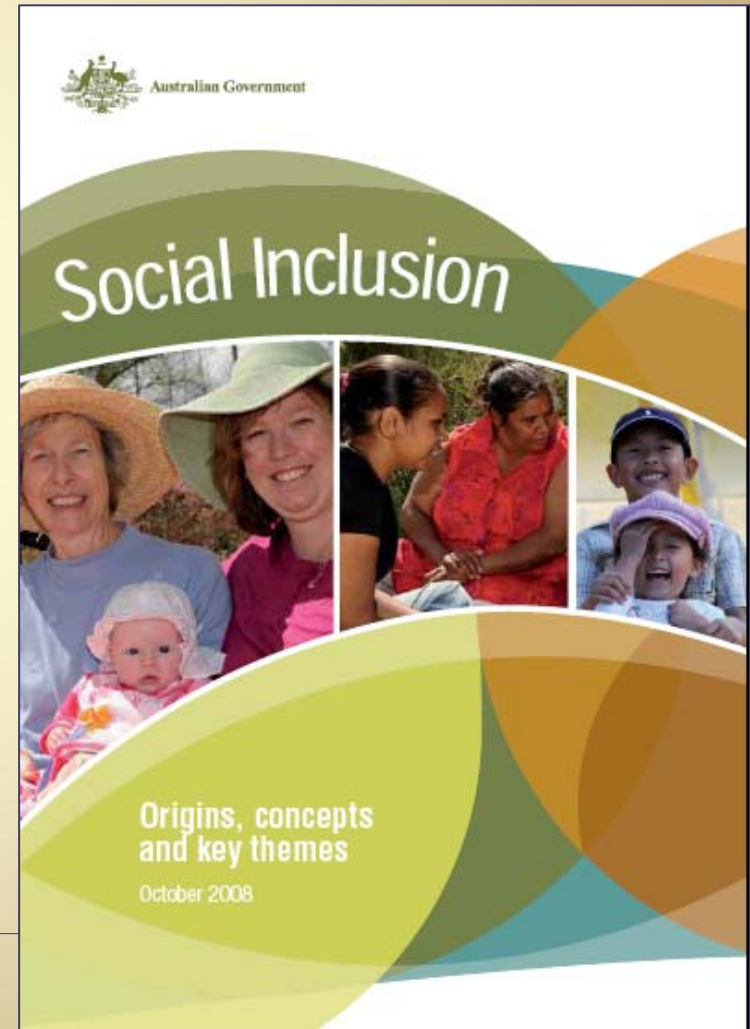
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The Plan

- Clarifications & definitions
 - (Some) measurement issues
 - Policy implications
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Clarifications & Definitions

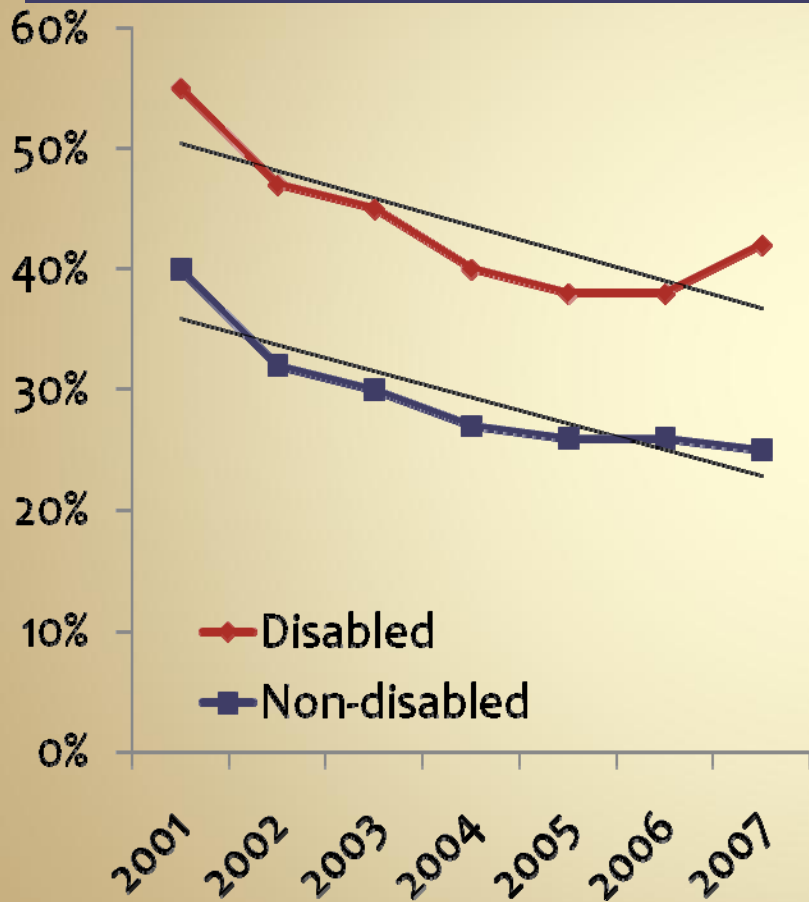
- Multiple definitions and meanings, but ... common themes
 1. Exclusion *from* customary, normative or valued modes of social participation
 2. Exclusion, not choice
 3. Concern with social justice and well-being of marginalised groups



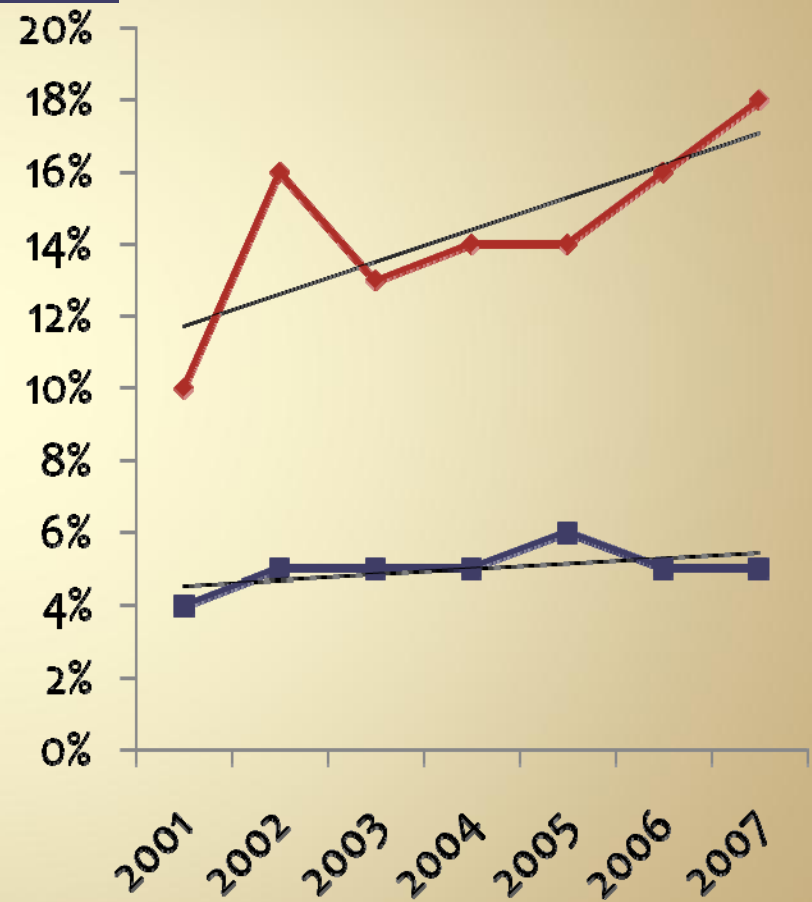
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 - Consumption
 - Production
 - Political and civic engagement
 - Social interaction
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Trends in Social Exclusion: Young Disabled Australians 2001-7

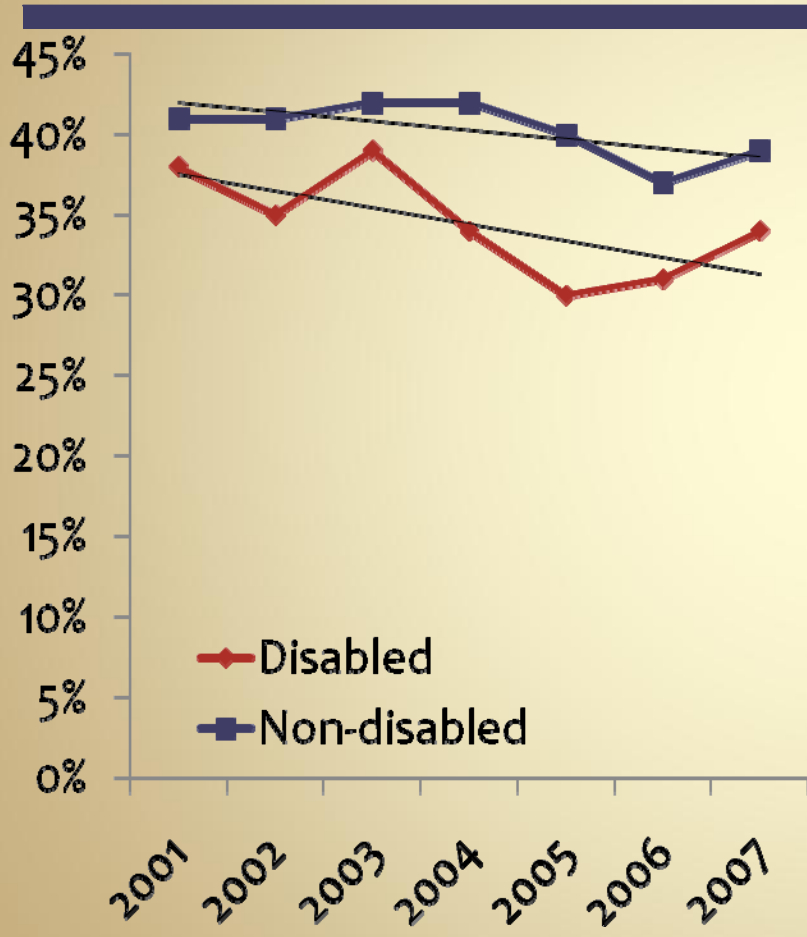


Consumption: Financial Strain

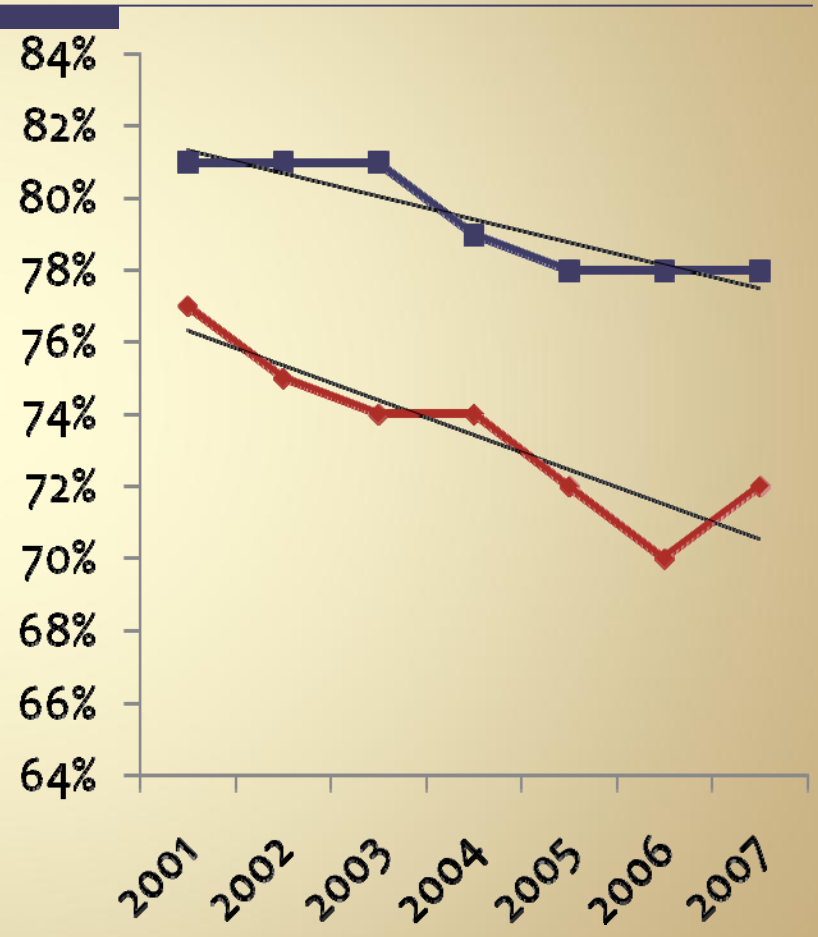


Production: Not in Employment
or Education, No Children

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Engagement: Active Member of Organisation



Interaction: Weekly Contact with Friends/Relatives

(Some) Measurement Issues

- Which modes of social participation?
 - How are these to be weighted?
 - The problem of choice
 - Burchardt, Le Grand & Piachaud (2002)
 - Consumption
 - Production
 - Political and civic engagement
 - Social interaction
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Measuring Choice

- An existing model measurement of hardship and social deprivation
 1. Consensually define the 'necessities of life'
 2. Define hardship in terms of items/activities gone without, not through choice, but because of an inability to afford them



Poverty and social exclusion in Britain

The millennium survey

Edited by Elizabeth Fradette,
David Gordon and Ruth Lister

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**TOWARDS NEW INDICATORS OF
DISADVANTAGE: DEPRIVATION
AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN
AUSTRALIA**

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The Anglican Diocese of Sydney

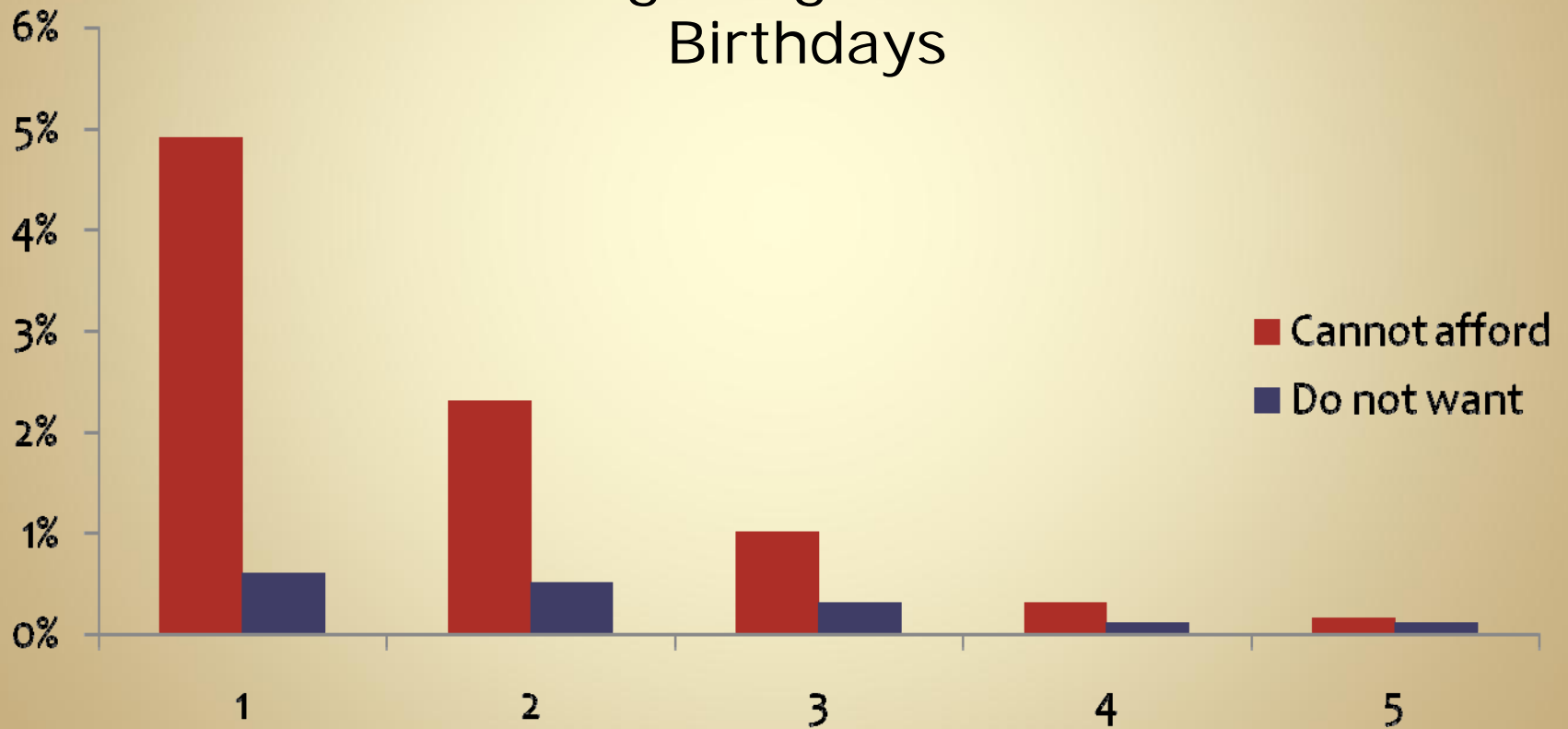


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For Example

Celebrating Religious Festivals & Birthdays



Equivalised Household Income Quintiles
(Families with 5 Year-Old Children, UK)

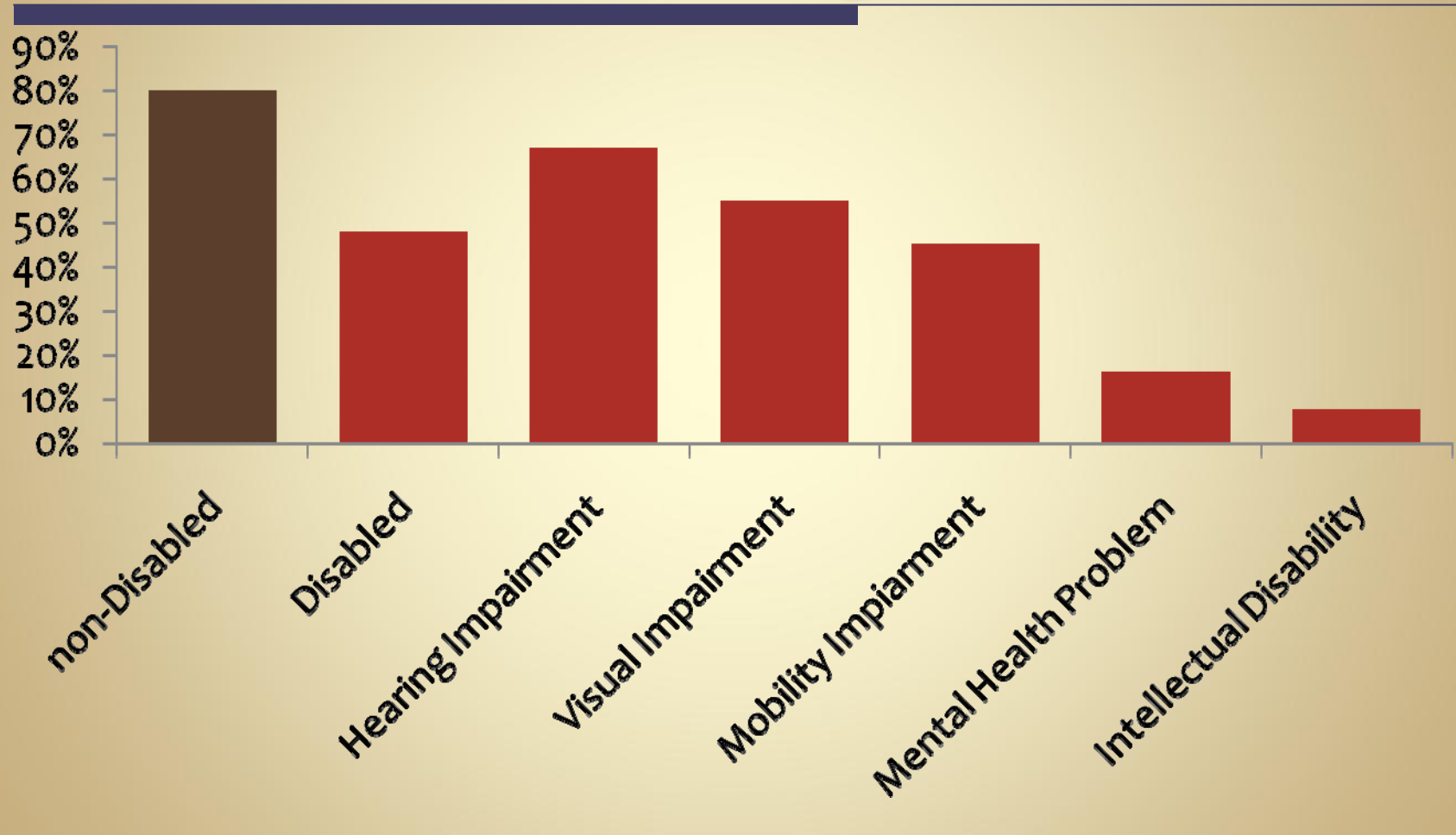
The Problem

- *‘Our desires and pleasure-taking abilities adjust to circumstances, especially to make life bearable in adverse situations. ... deprived people tend to come to terms with their deprivation the deprivation of the persistently deprived may look muffled and muted’ (Sen, 2001)*
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(Some) Measurement Issues

- Which modes of social participation?
 - How are these to be weighted?
 - The problem of choice
 - The importance of disaggregation
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Employment Rates of Disabled People: England

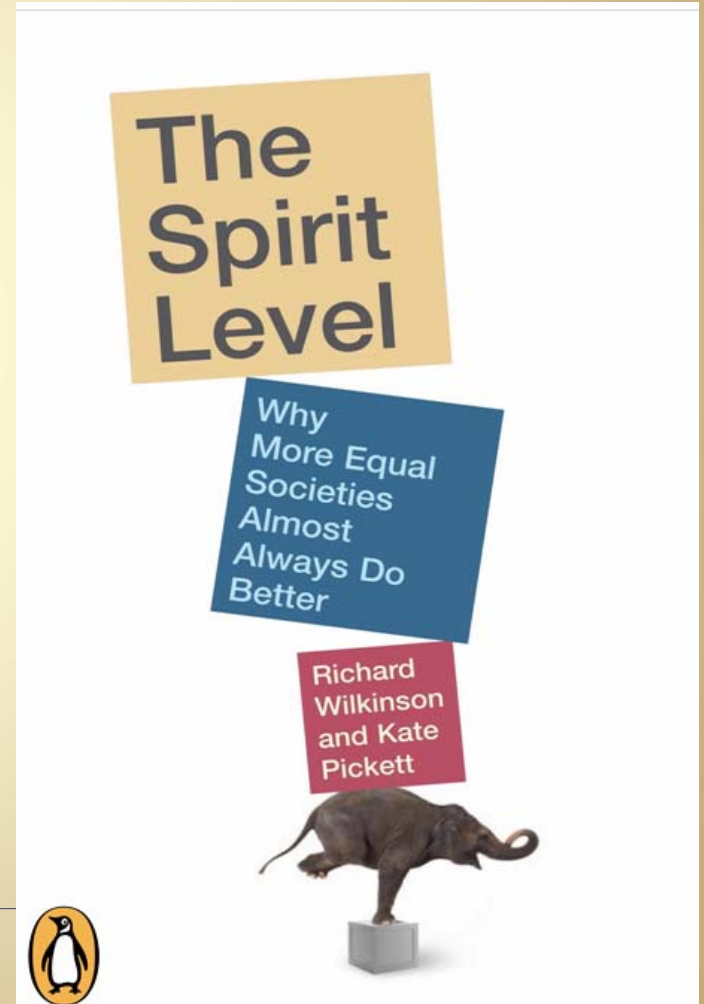


Policy Responses

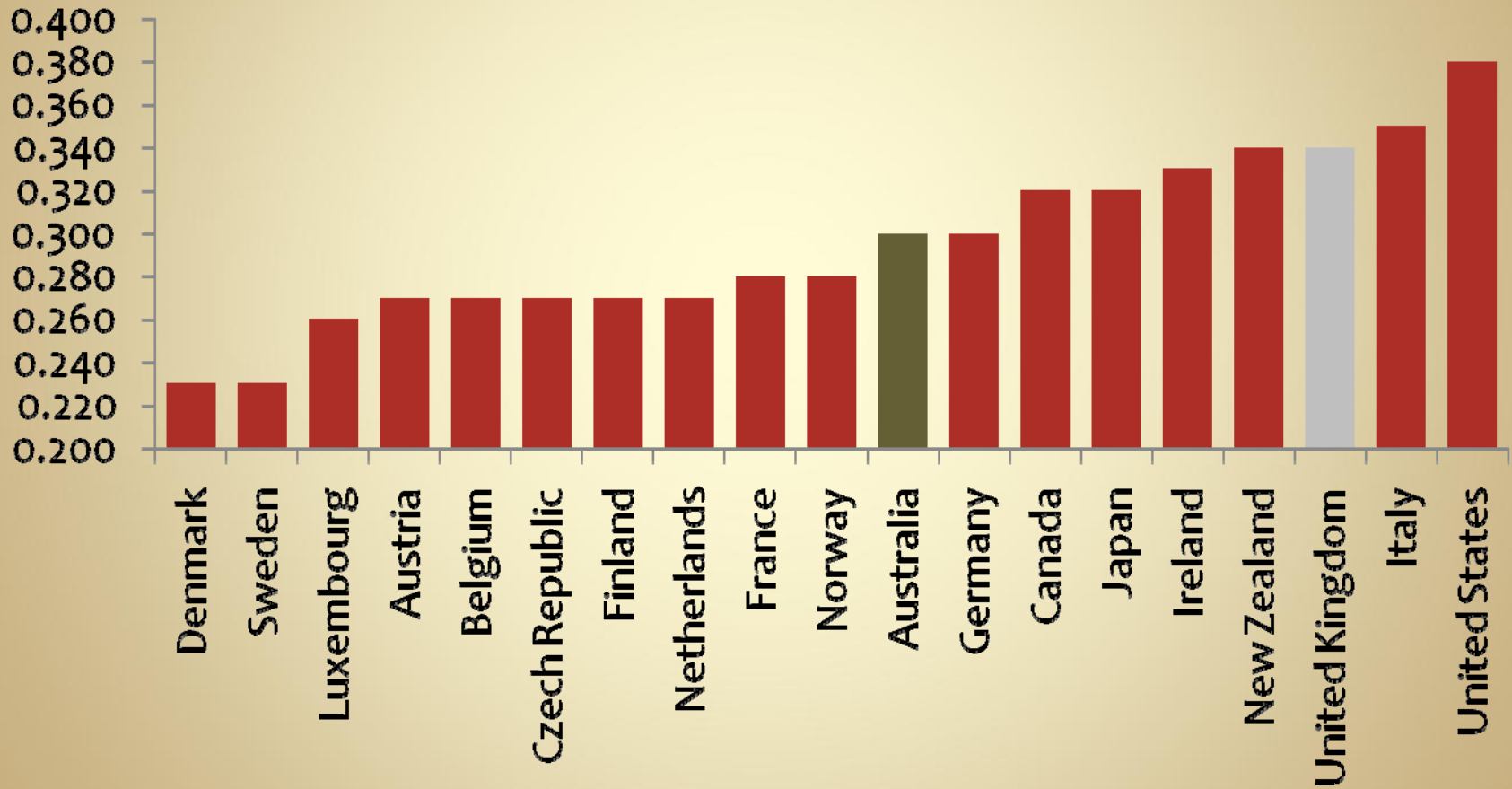
- Individuals or communities?
 - Enhancing the human and social capital (resilience) of people and families at risk of exclusion
 - Early childhood
 - Education
 - Building more inclusive communities
 - Education
 - Built environment
 - Security
 - The elephant in the room
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Inclusion without Equality?

- Inequalities in health and welfare in the world's rich countries are strongly related to inequality, but not wealth



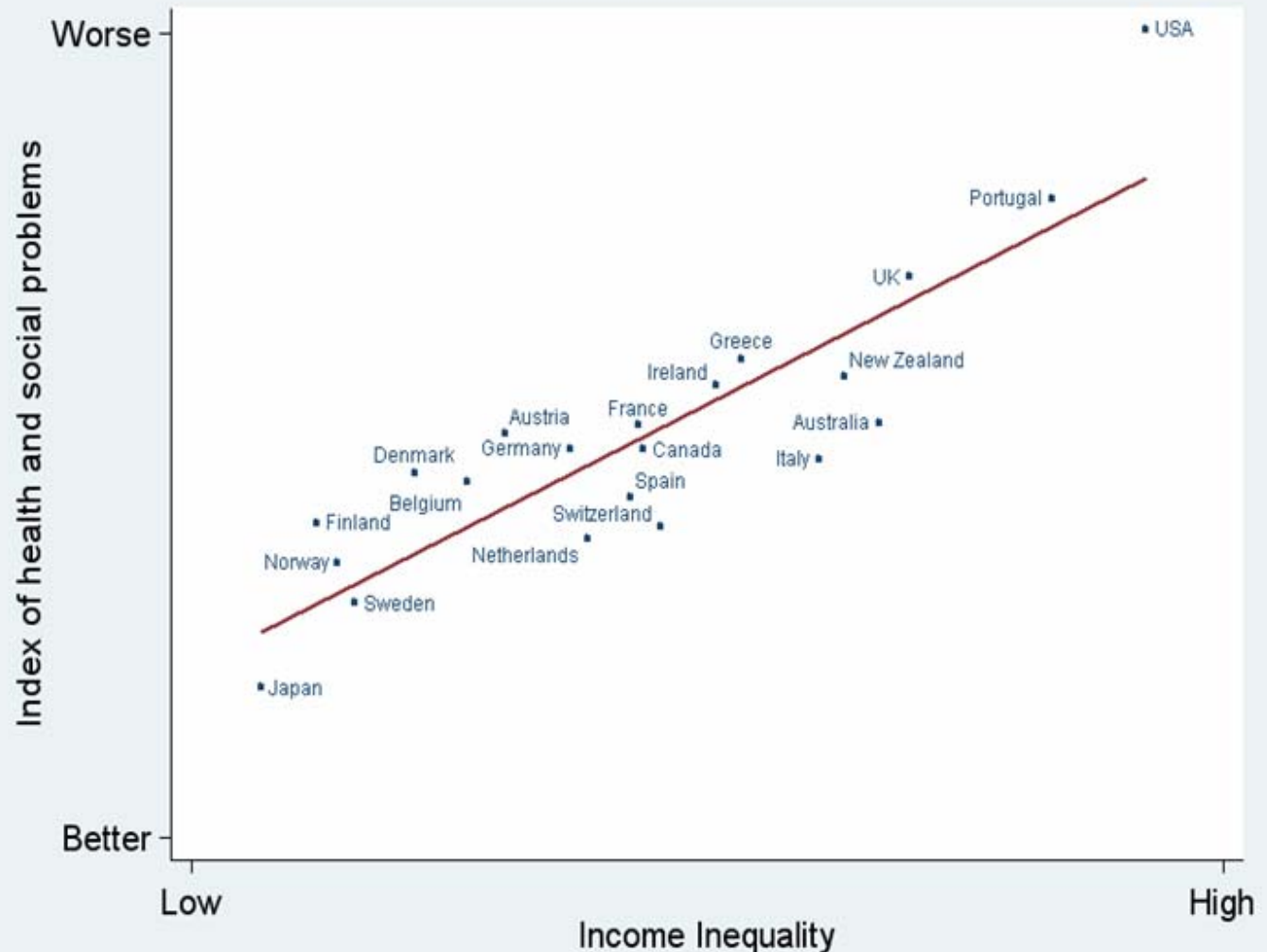
Income Inequality (Gini)



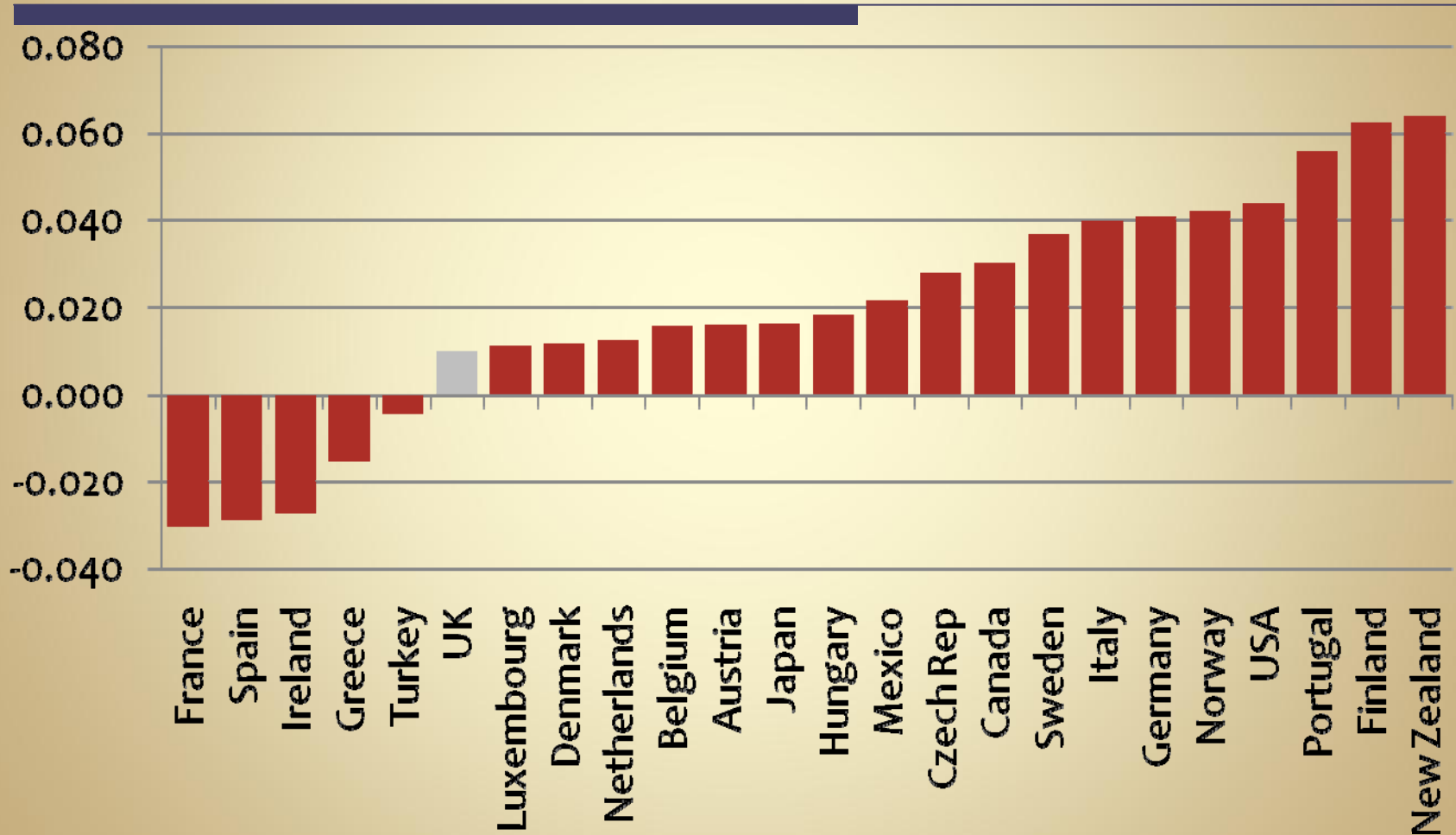
Social Problems & Income Inequality

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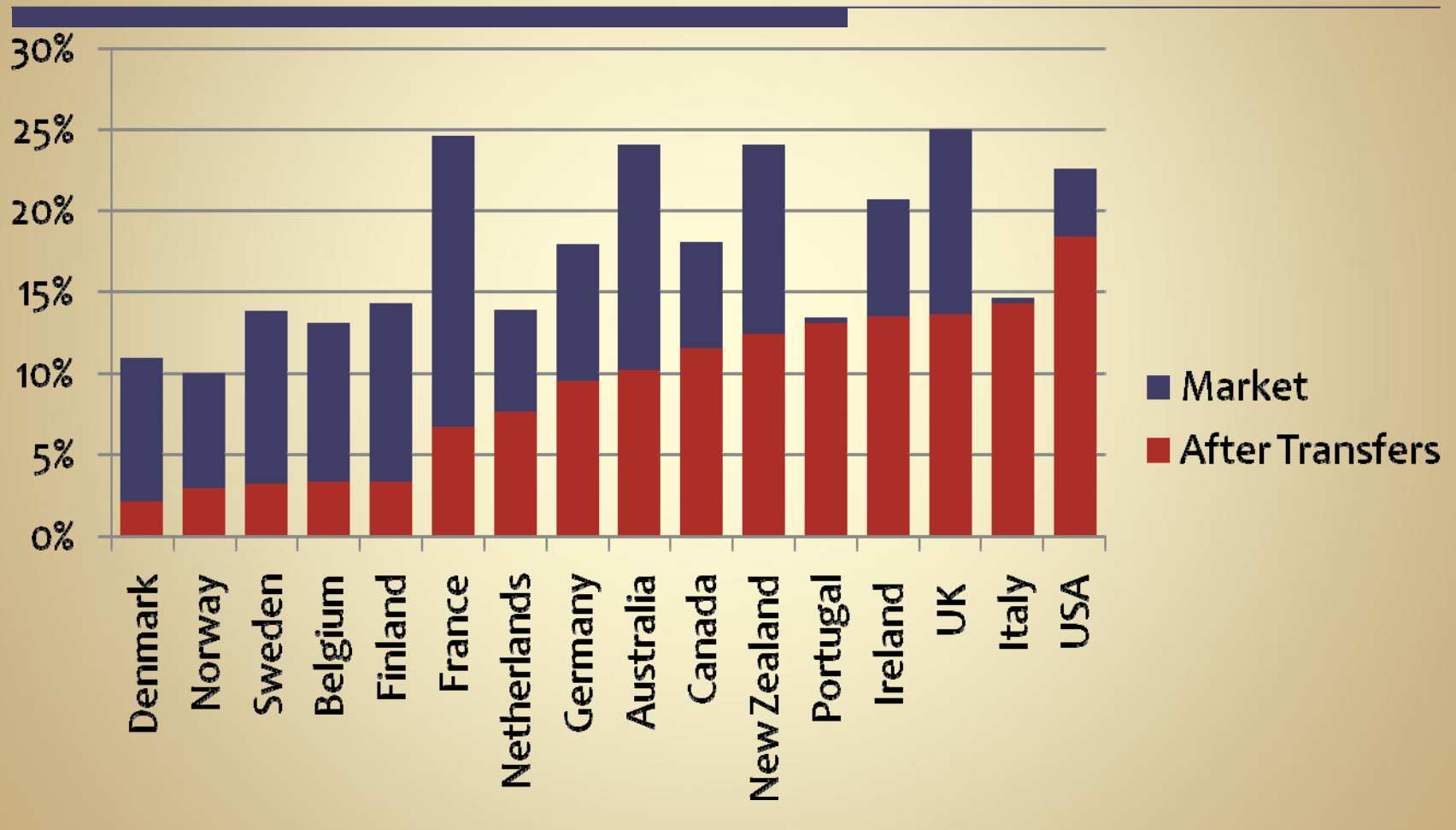
- Life expectancy
- Math & Literacy
- Infant mortality
- Homicides
- Imprisonment
- Teenage births
- Trust
- Obesity
- Mental illness – incl. drug & alcohol addiction
- Social mobility



Changes in Income Inequality: mid 1980's to mid 2000's



Child Poverty Rates & Tax Transfers



Policy Responses

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 - Early childhood
 - Education
 - Building more inclusive communities
 - Education
 - Built environment
 - Security
 - Equality
 - Contextualising policy responses
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