

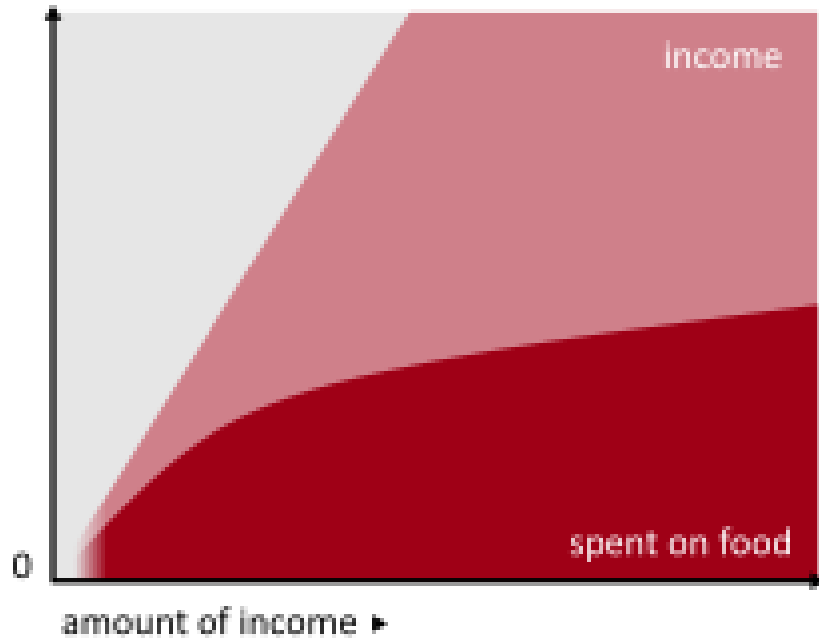
Is Australian economic growth good for rural Australia?

Dr Leigh Vial

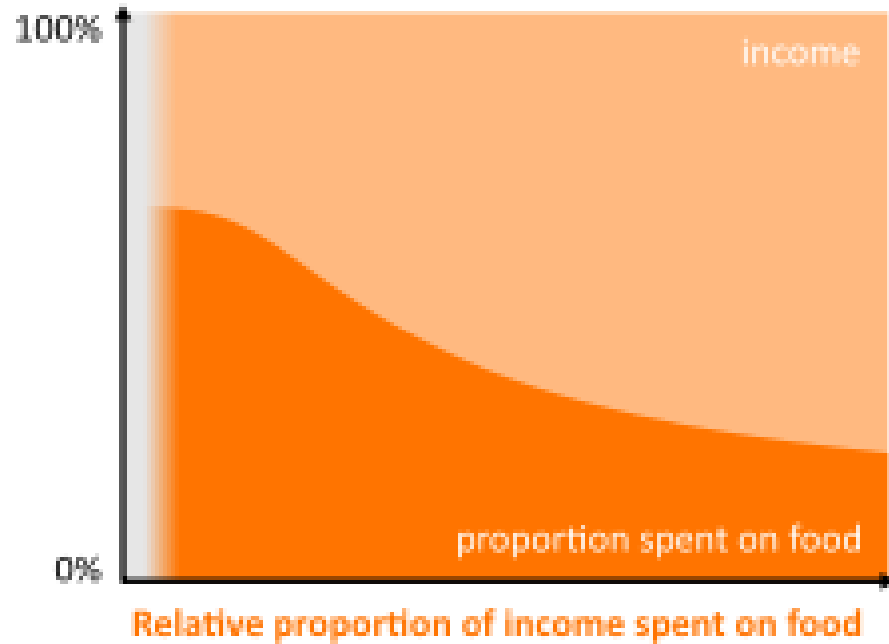
2006 Nuffield Scholar

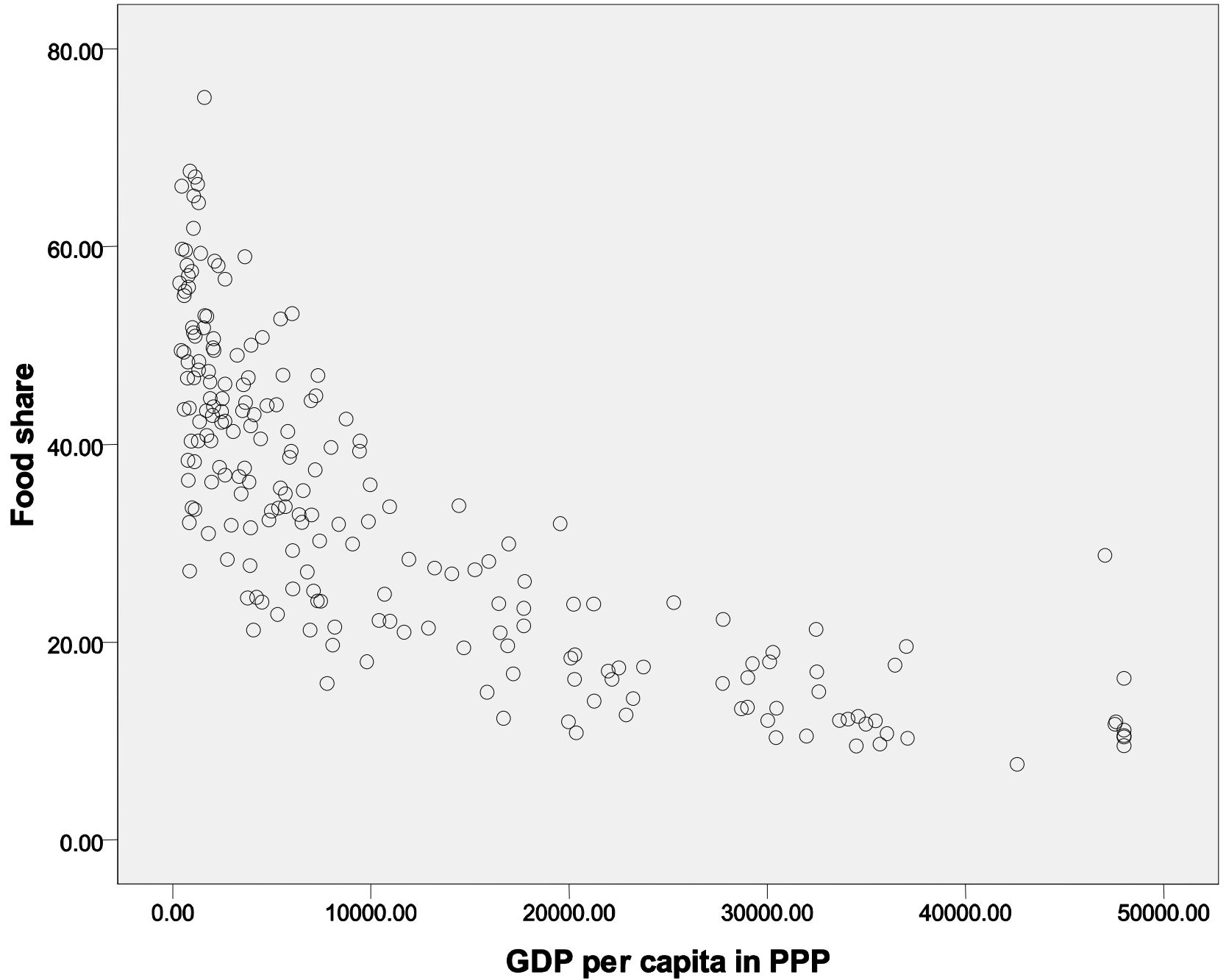
Economic growth

Absolute share of income spent on food



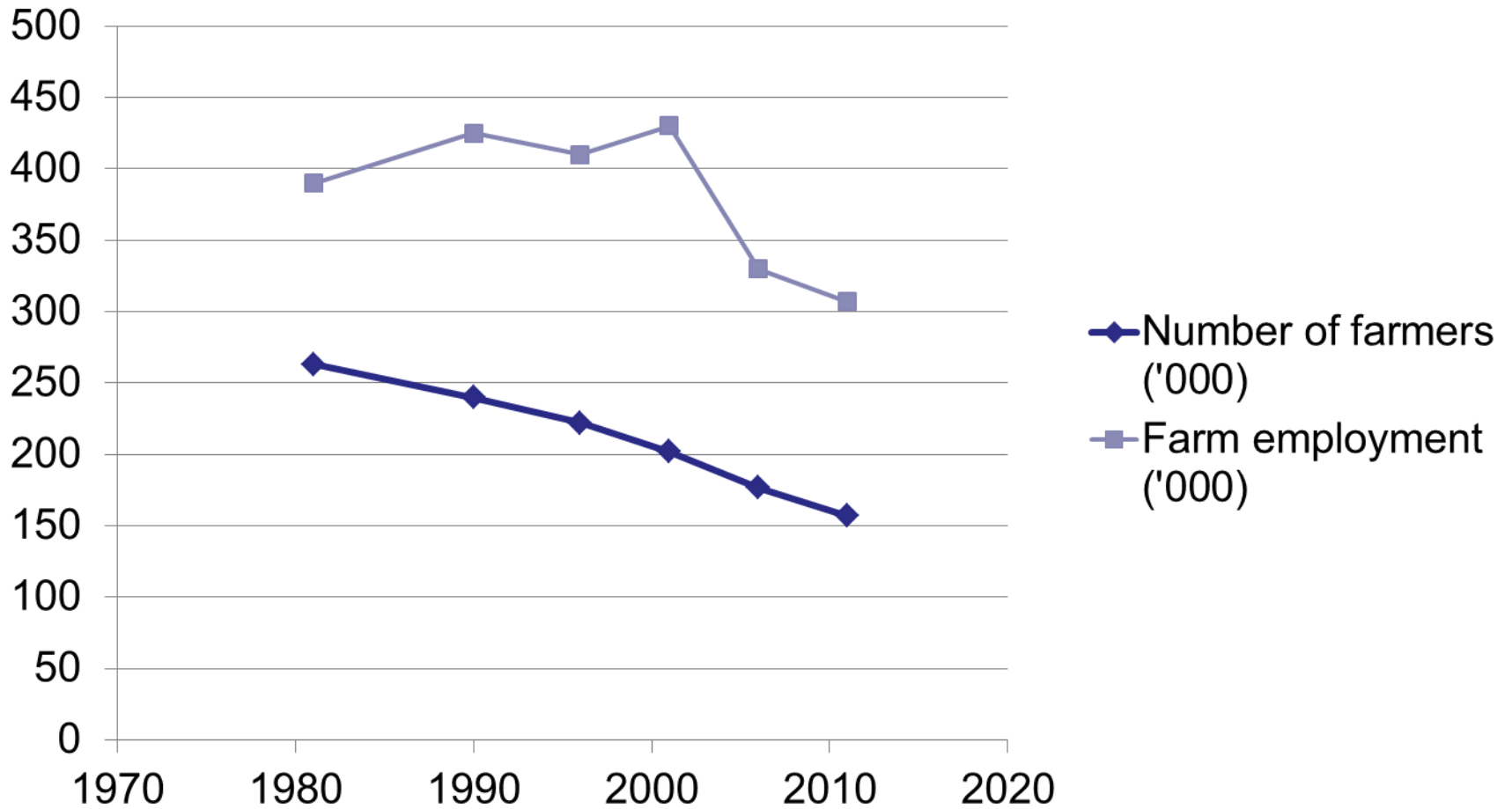
Engel's Law





Source: Anker (2011)

Declining farmer numbers



A worthwhile trade-off?

7 elements for a good life

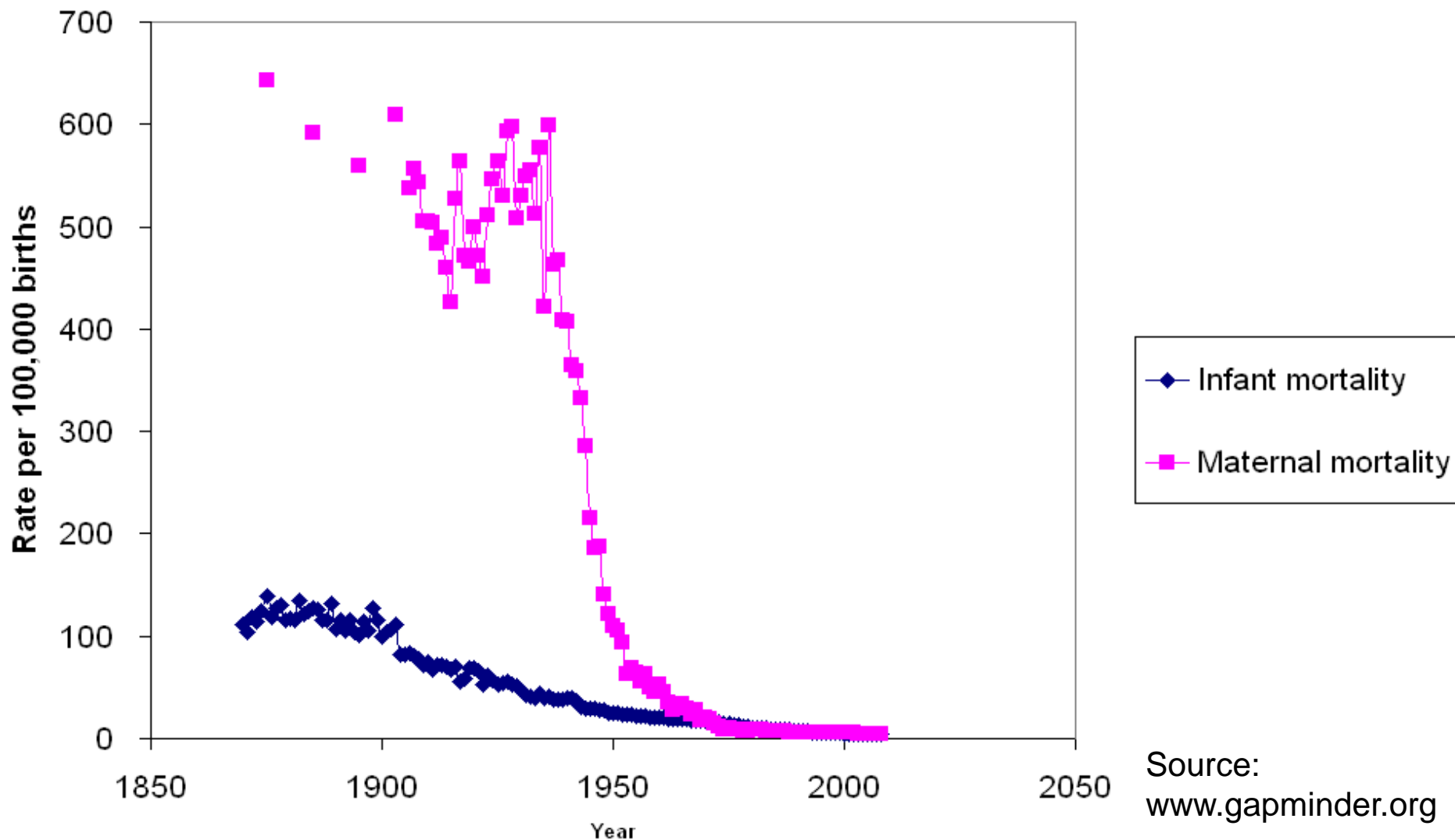
- Health
- Security
- Respect
- Friendship
- Personality
- Leisure
- Harmony with nature

Source: Skidelsky and Skidelsky (2012)

Health

- Status
- Access to services

Infant and maternal mortality

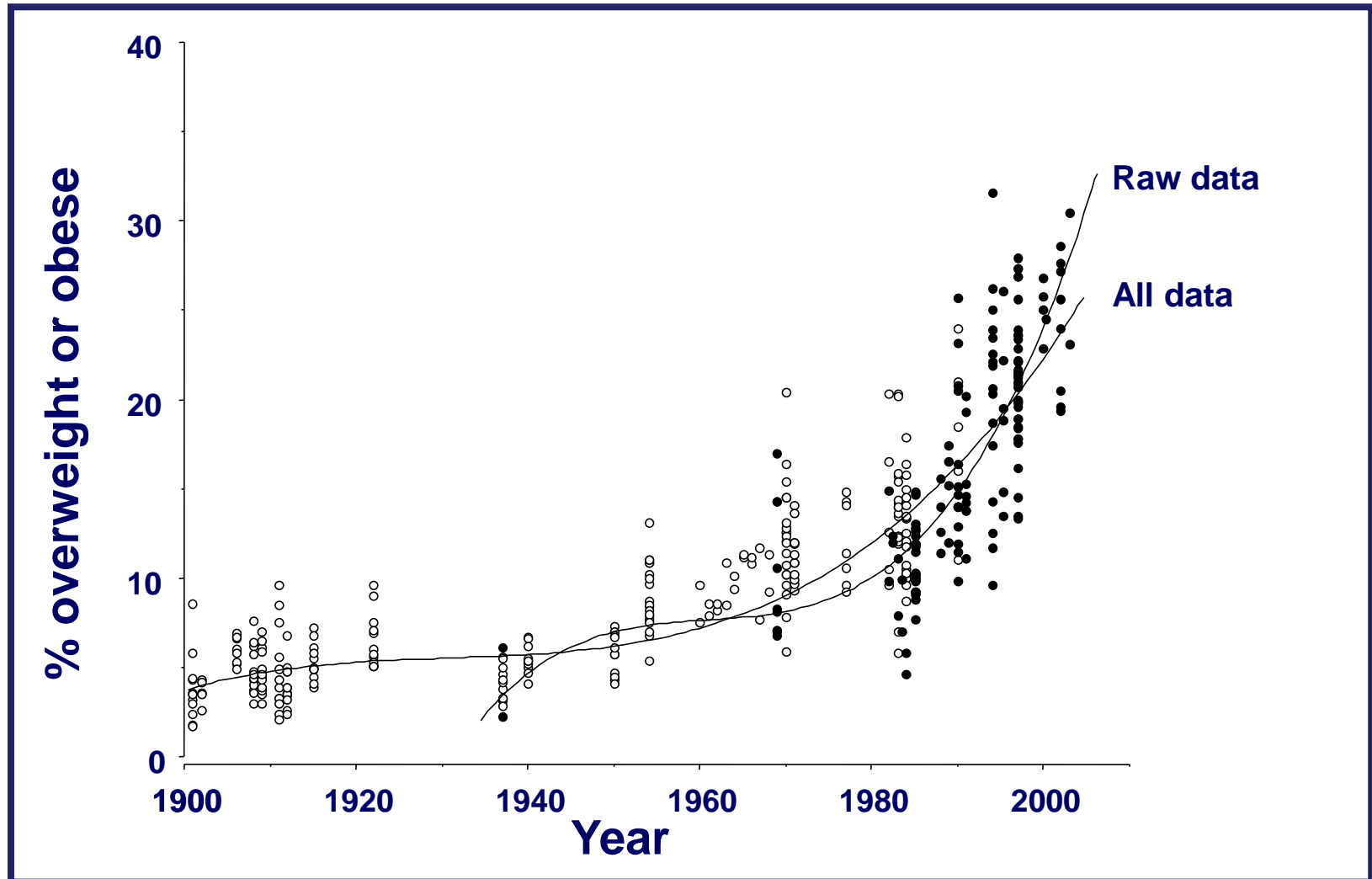


Source:
www.gapminder.org



1958

1900-2000: Prevalence of overweight and obesity, 5-15 yo children



Source: Norton K et al, Int J Pediatr Obes 2006

Personality

- Net worth
- Governance

Harmony with nature

Leisure

- Purposeful activity without toil

Friendship

- Personal
- Virtual

Respect

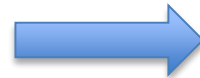
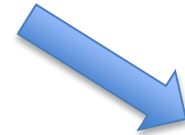
- Believing your and others' views/actions are worthwhile
- Mutual respect

Security

- Life will continue in an accustomed course
 - Rate of change
 - Governance
 - Social safety net

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The economic growth project

Leroy's Law

Time for change?