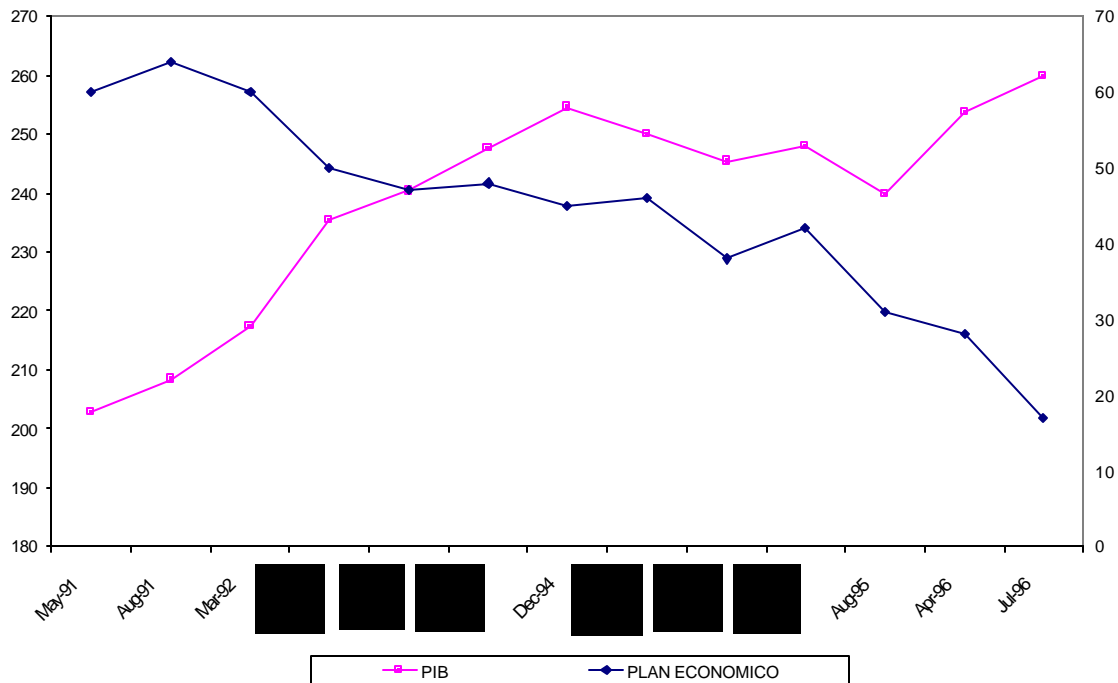


Imagen del Programa Economico y Evolución de la Economía



The reform process in Argentina started at the beginning of the 90s. As can be seen in the graph, this led to substantial economic growth, a stark contrast with the stagnation of the previous decade. Likewise, there was an initial reduction in the poverty rate, and the disappearance of the previously ubiquitous high inflation. From the perspective of basically any objective observer the Convertibility Plan before the Tequila crisis was a success.

Figure 1 shows the degree of support of the economic program throughout the first decade of this reform process. As can be seen, shortly after the implementation, public opinion turned sour.

Needless to say, the implementation of an economic plan that dramatically changes the patterns of economic organization that the country had been working upon during the previous fifty years is, of course, a complex phenomenon. This process affected the everyday life of every Argentineans in many ways. Therefore, as in every complex, real-world, politico-economical process, there are thousands of different aspects and angles from which such phenomenon can be interpreted.

However, the progressive decline of support shown in Figure 1 suggests that the public opinion was focusing in those aspects of the plan that were not working so well as, for example, the growth in the unemployment rate. Figure 2, which presents public perception