Does Happiness Lead to Altruism: A review of US Generial Social Survey data*

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Something about happiness and altruism

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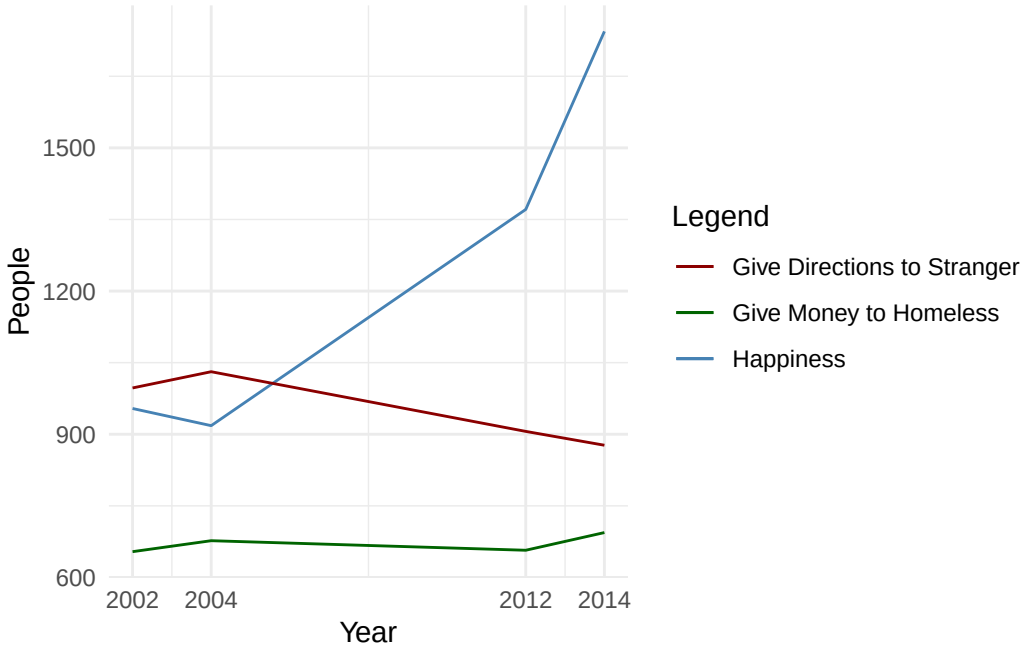

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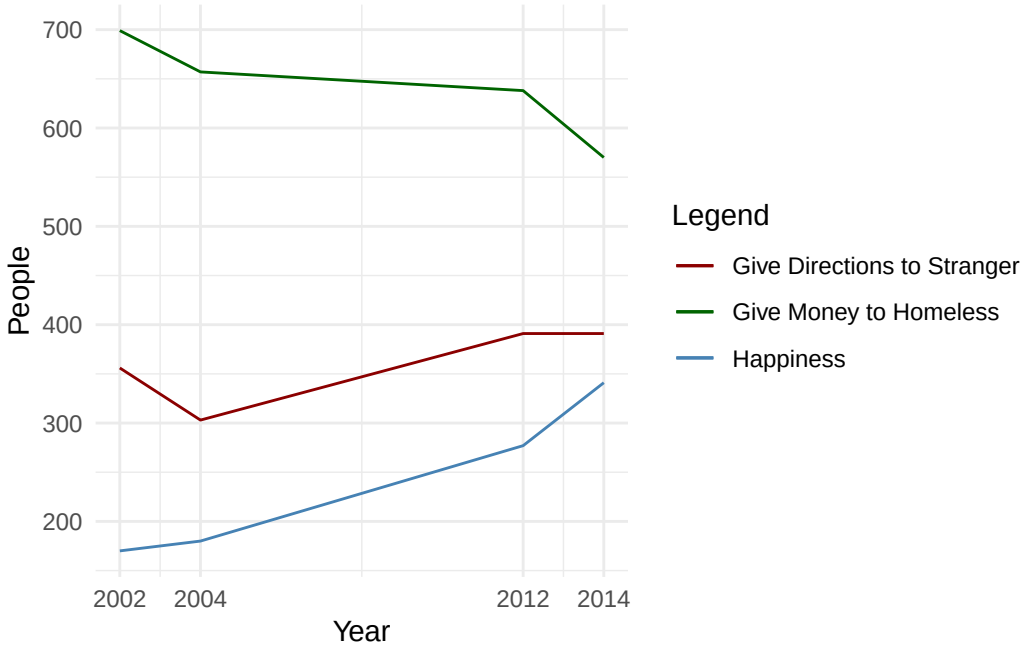

Figure 2: Unhappiness vs. No Altruism

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- General Happiness[1]
- Has Given Directions to a Stranger[2]
- Has Given Money or Food to a Homeless Person[3]

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The primary tool used to analyse data in this paper is R, an open-source statistical programming language (R Core Team 2022). The paper also uses a number of R packages, including: dplyr (Wickham et al. 2022), ggplot2 (Wickham 2016), here (Müller 2020), janitor (Firke 2021), kableExtra (Zhu 2021), knitr (Xie 2023), lubridate (Grolemund and Wickham 2011), opendatatoronto (Gelfand 2022), readr (Wickham, Hester, and Bryan 2022), RColorBrewer (Neuwirth 2022), scales (Wickham and Seidel 2022), and tidyverse (Wickham et al. 2019).

[1]General Happiness data is available at: https://gssdataexplorer.norc.org/variables/434/vshow
[2]Has Given Directions to a Stranger data is available at: https://gssdataexplorer.norc.org/variables/2886/vshow
[3]Has Given Money or Food to a Homeless Person data is available at: https://gssdataexplorer.norc.org/variables/2878/vshow

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