

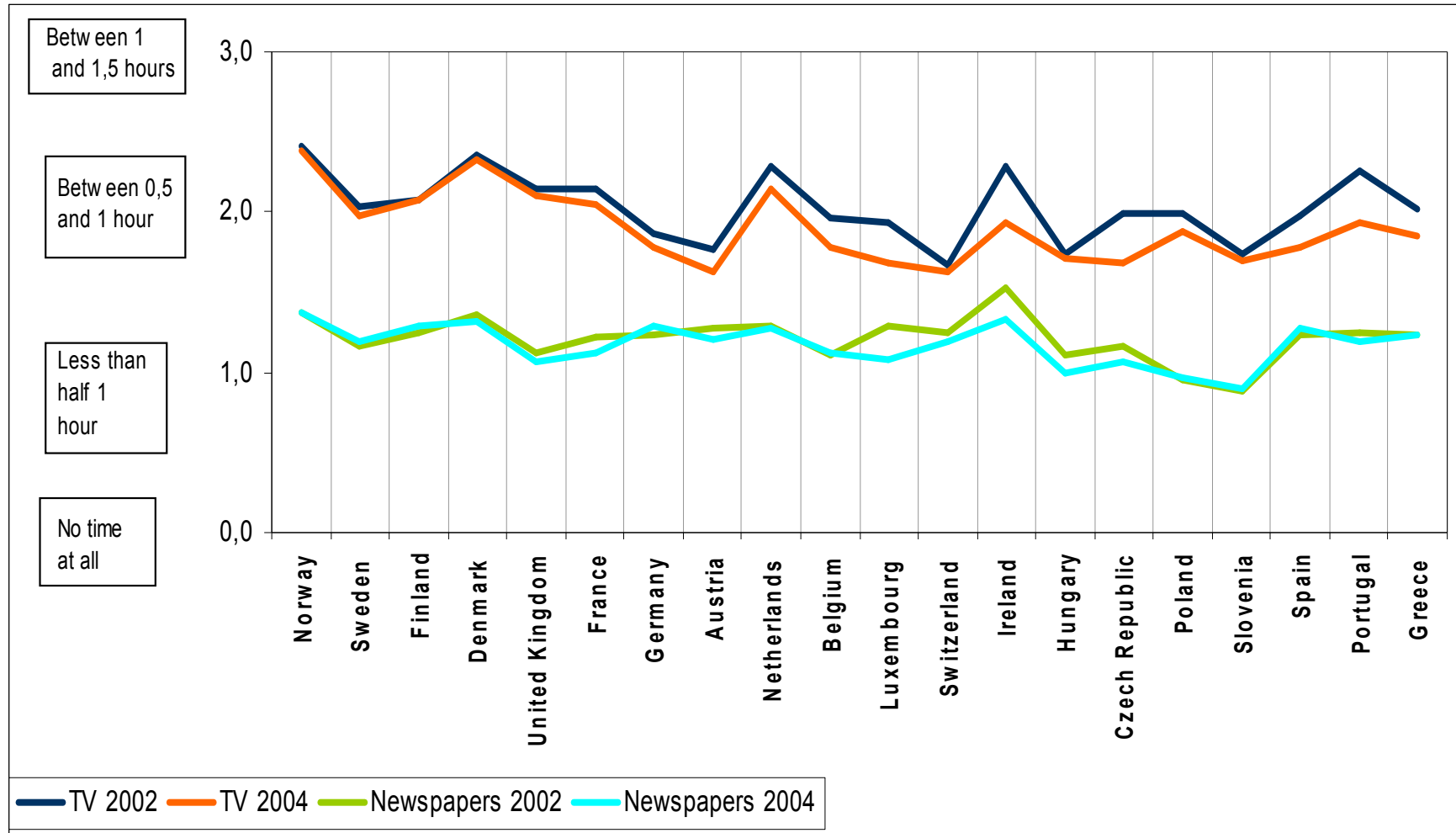
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*Event Data: Assessing the Impact of Headline News
in Values, Attitudes and Opinions*

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The Impact of Media-reported Events on Attitudes and Opinions:
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Media exposition in ESS countries



Main Events in 2004

- **International level**

- The military situation in Iraq
- Buttiglione's declaration about homosexuals, marriage and the role of women

- **Portugal**

- Dismissal of the Government of the prime minister
- Child sexual abuse in a public child care facility
- "Golden Whistle" suspicions of corruption in football

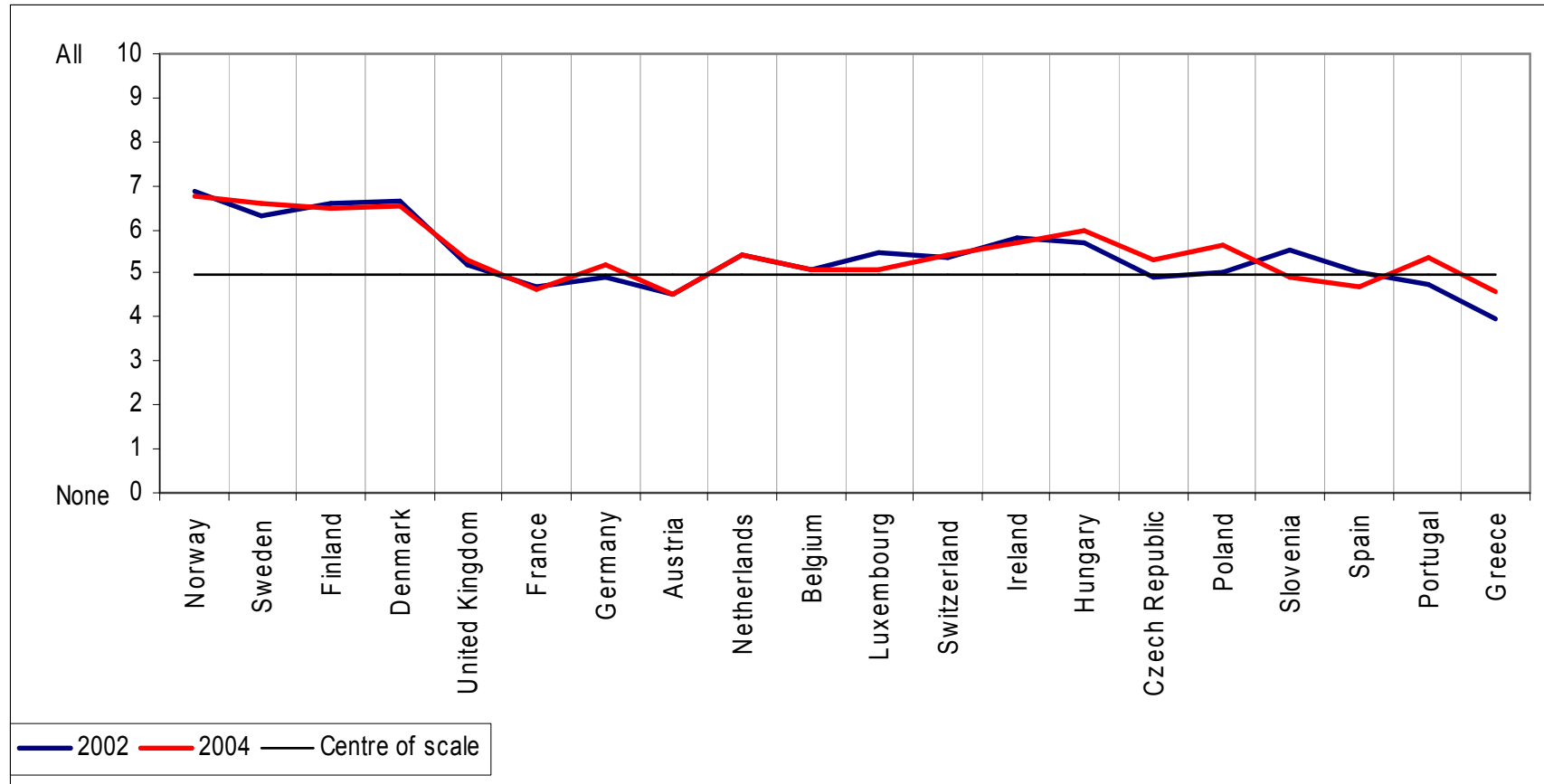
International

What we asked in 2004:

Will European slowly feel the USA as apart from Europe? Will the role of the United Nations be even more erased? Will ESS respondents attribute less or more importance to the UN?

As violence in Iraq continued we expected an eventual decrease in the confidence given to the UN....

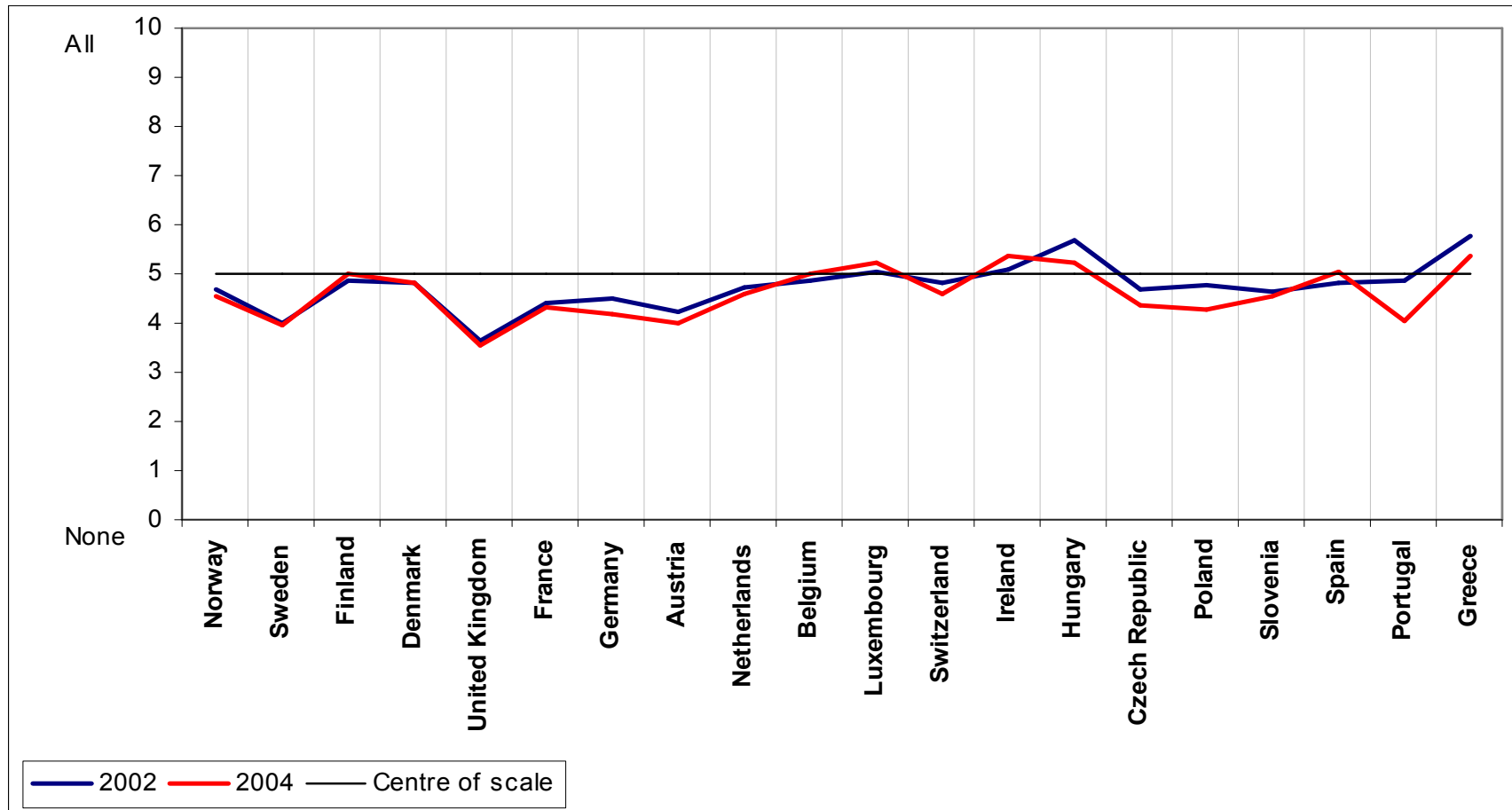
❖ *How much you personally trust the United Nations?*



What we asked in 2004:

Do Europeans feel that they are well represented in the EP ?

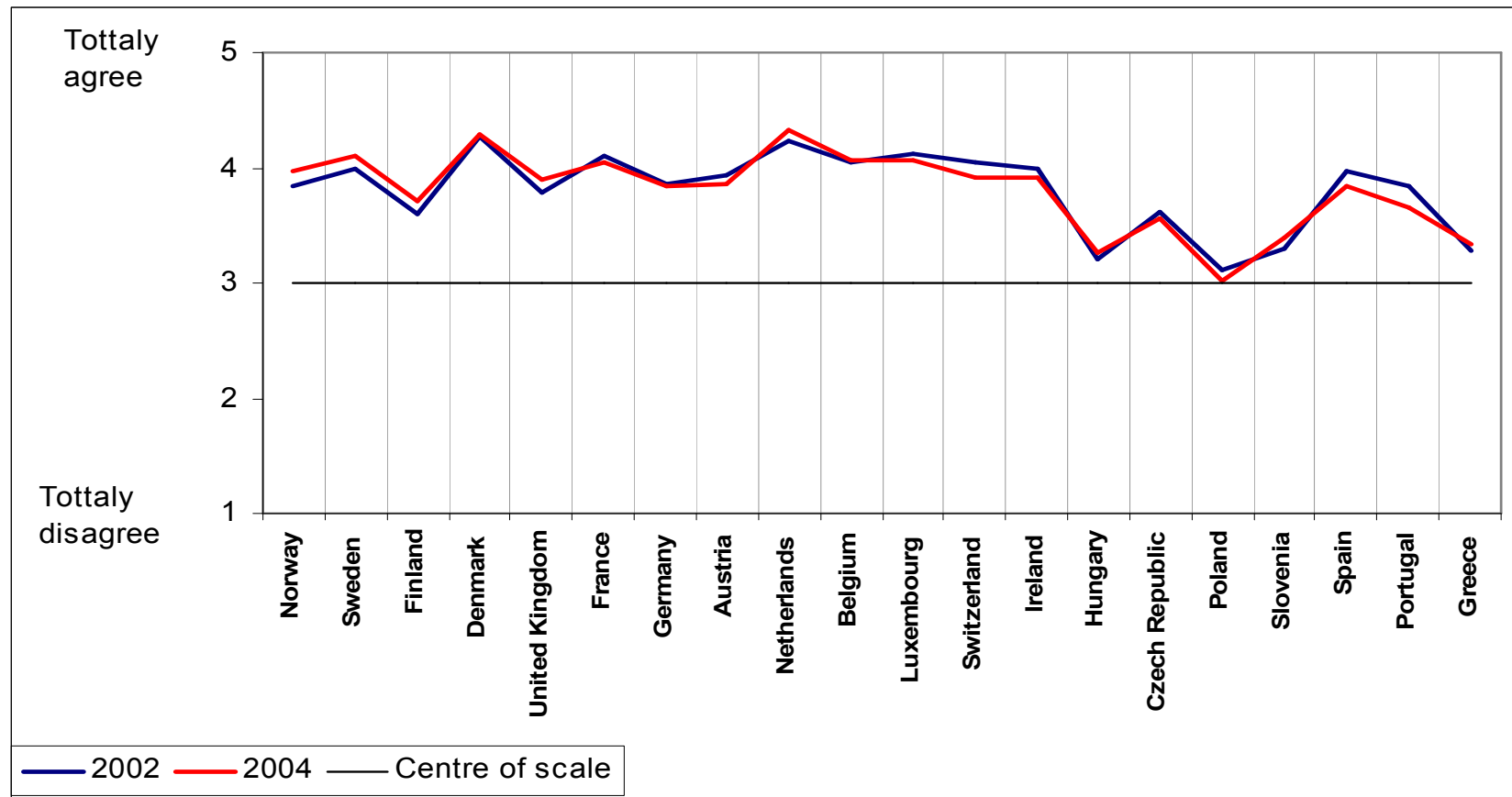
How much you personally trust the European parliament?



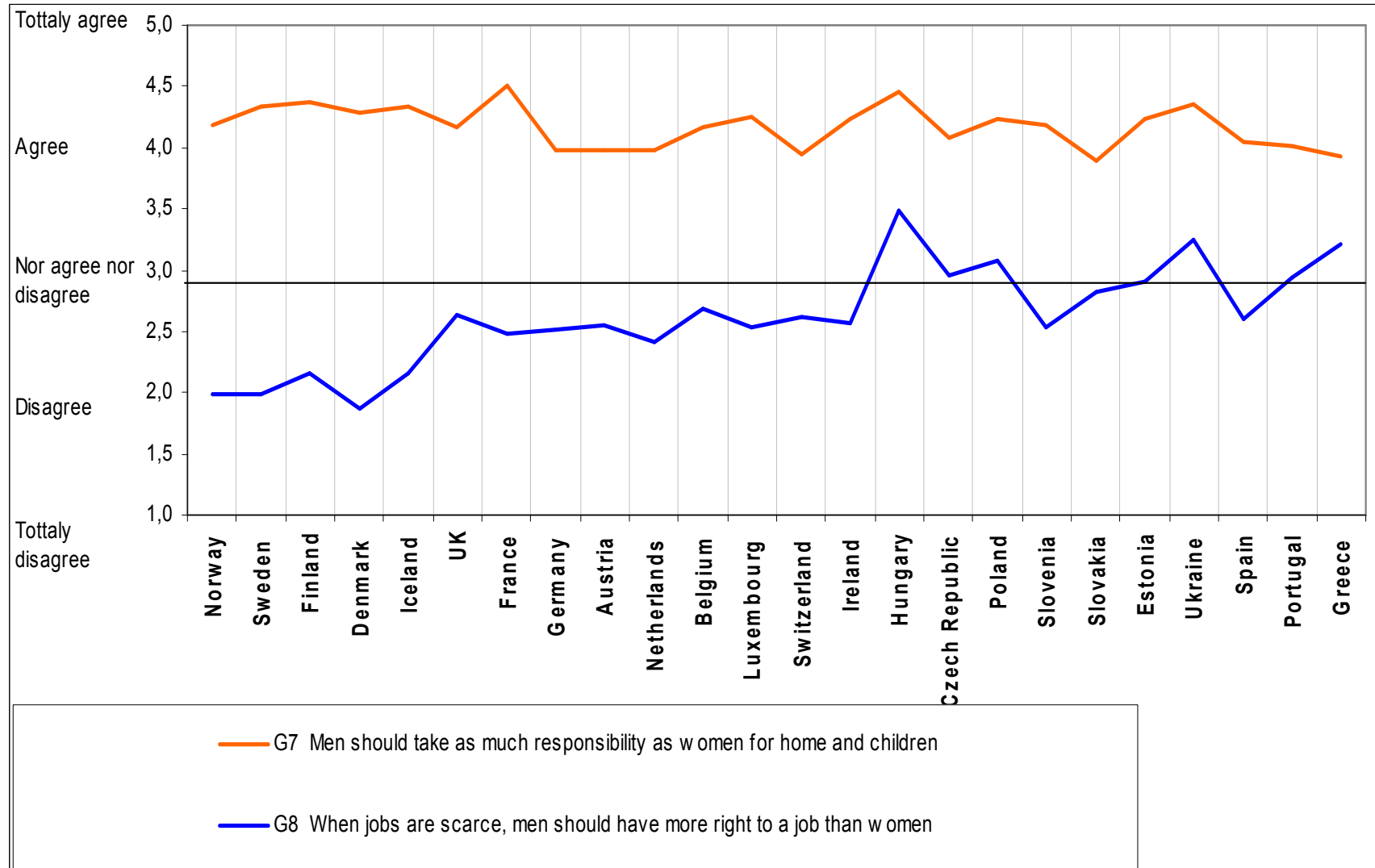
Influence of the news:

Buttiglione's declaration about homosexuals, marriage and the role of women (October 2004)

❖ *“Gay men and lesbians should be free to live their own life as they wish”*



Equalitarian roles for men and women

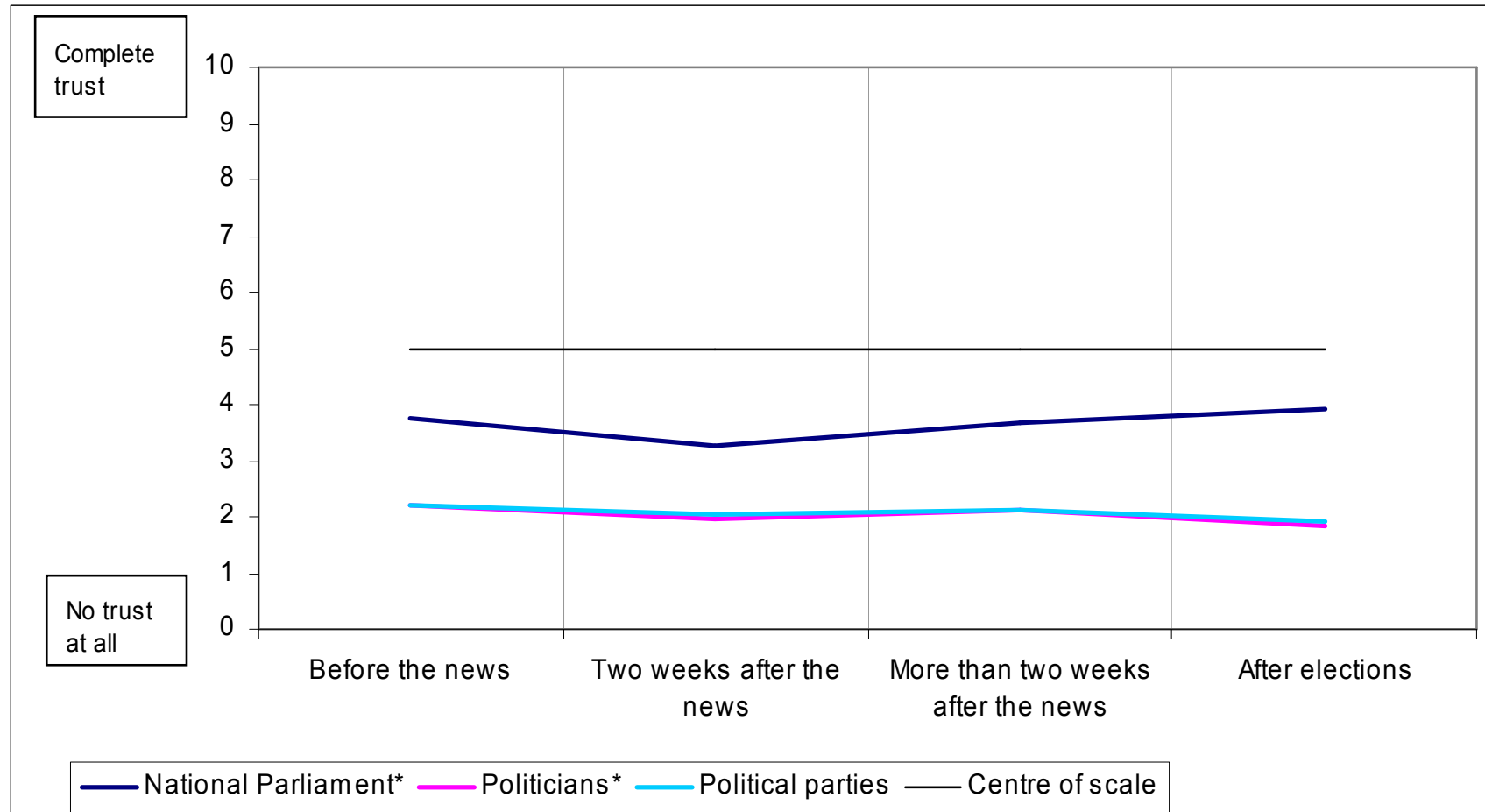


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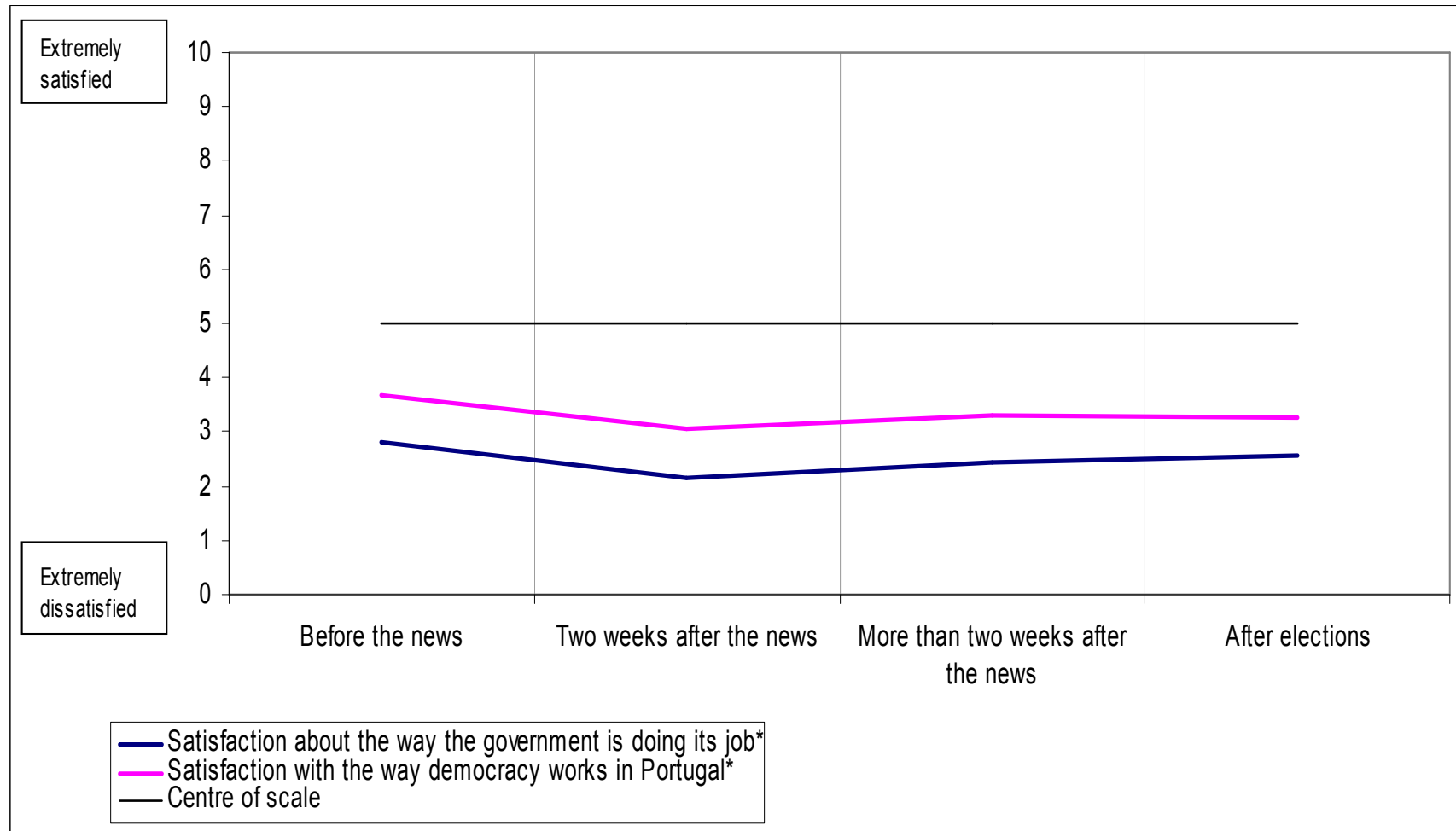
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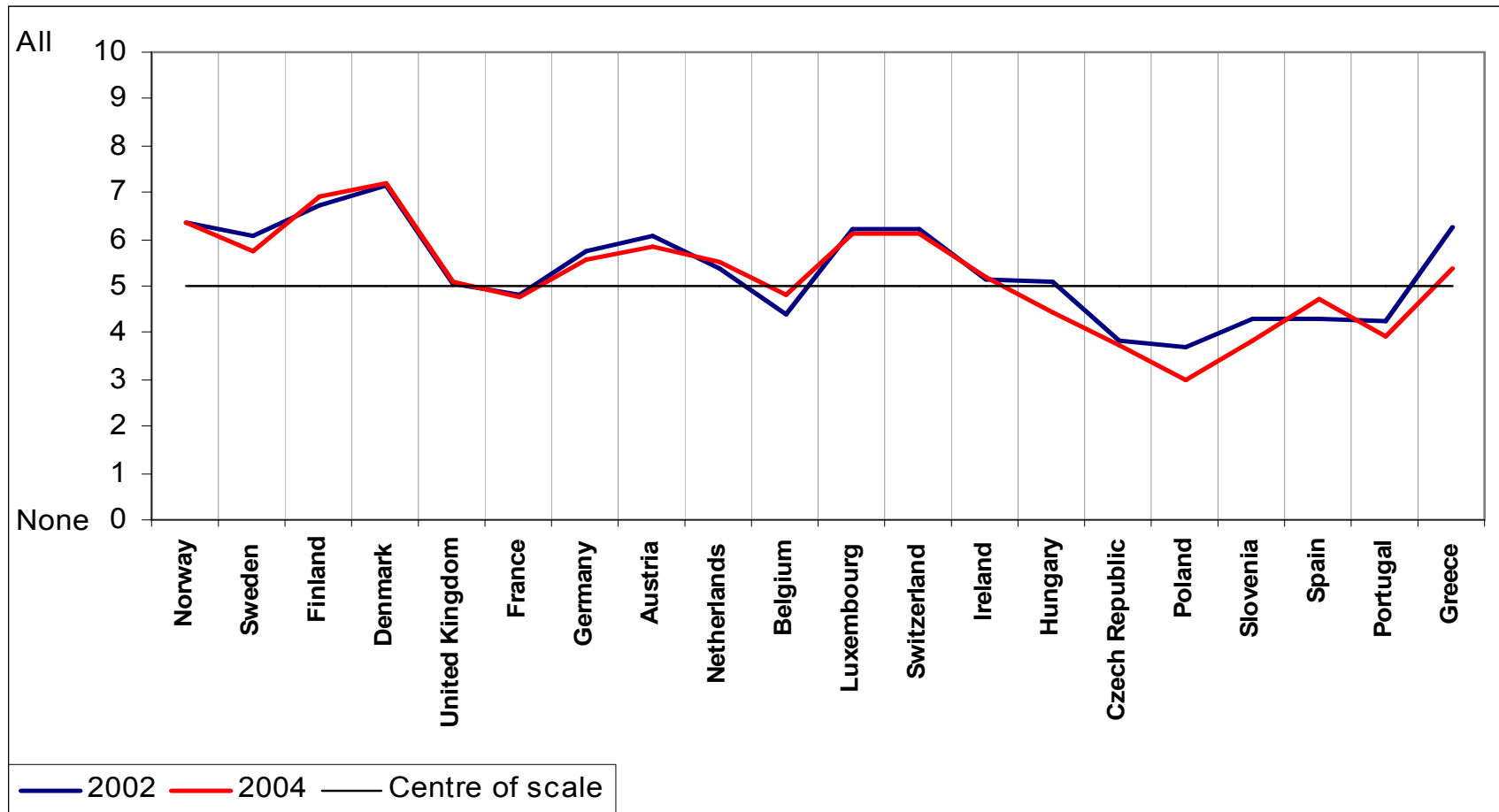
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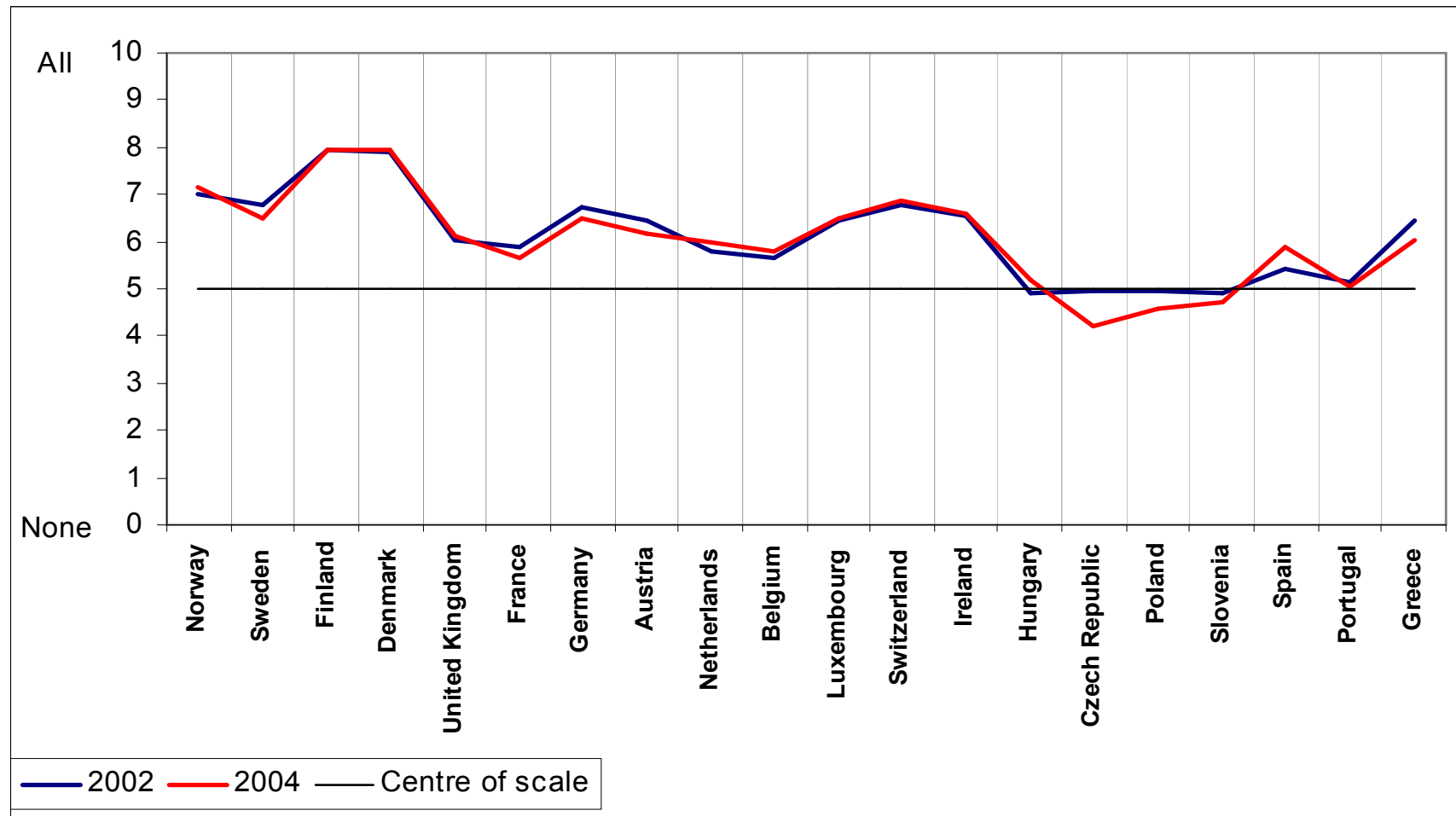
**Influence of the news:
Child sexual abuse in a public child care facility
“Golden Whistle” suspicions of corruption in football
(October 2004 – January 2005)**

❖ *How much you personally trust the Legal System?*



**Influence of the news:
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❖ *How much you personally trust the Police?*



Main Events in 2006

- **International**

- Climate Changes
- European Union's enlargement – a slow down
- Saddam's death

- **Portugal**

- Control of Public Expenses
- Big protests against the Government, the Education's Ministry and the Health's Ministry
- Several corruption cases

What might we expect from ESS data round 3?

- **International**

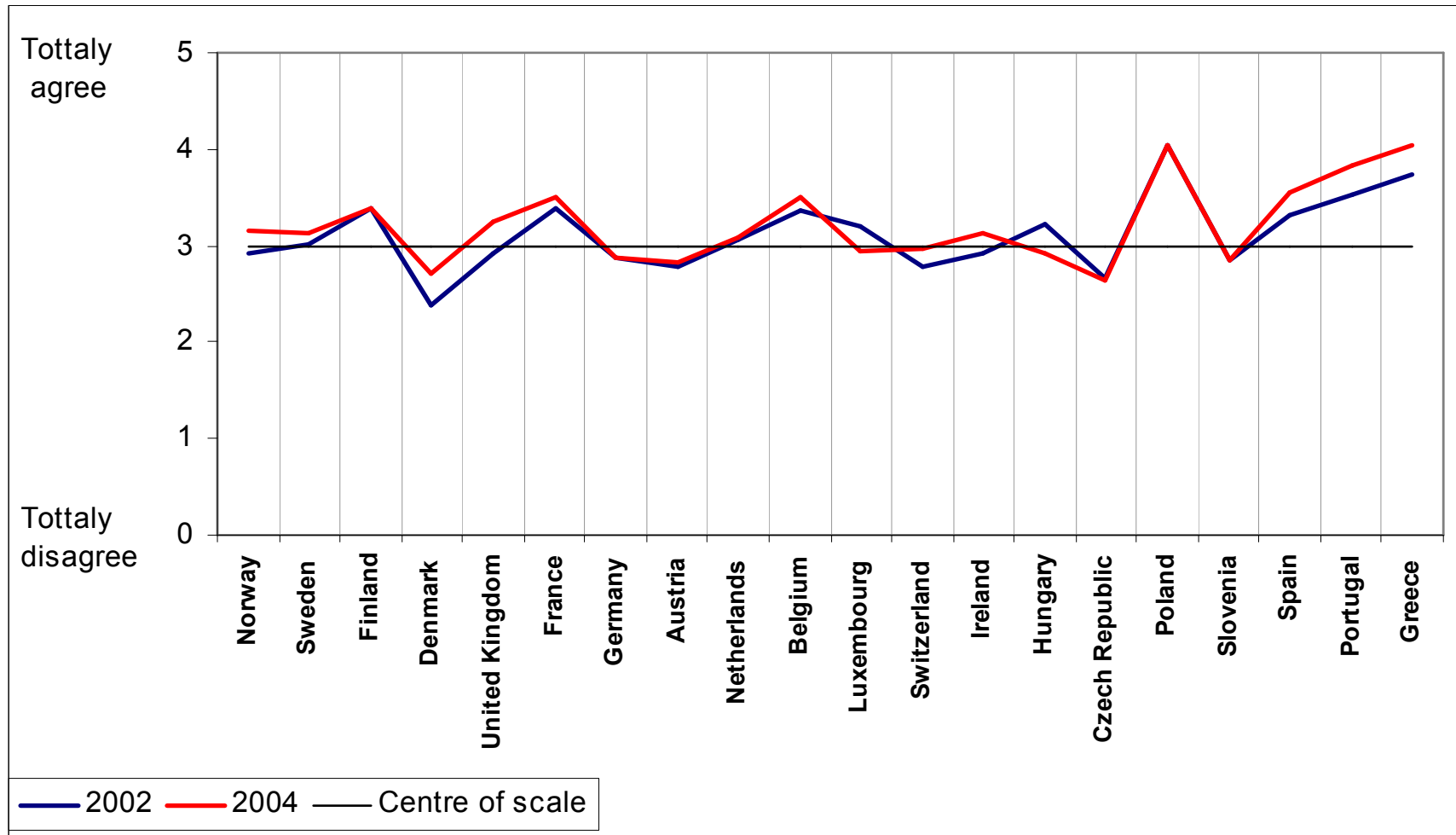
- Effects on the agreement with the statement “Modern science can be relied on to solve our environmental problems”
- Effects on the opinion about the European Union Unification

- **Portugal**

- Effects on the satisfaction with the Government performance, the state of education and the state of health services

What already happened in 2002 and 2004

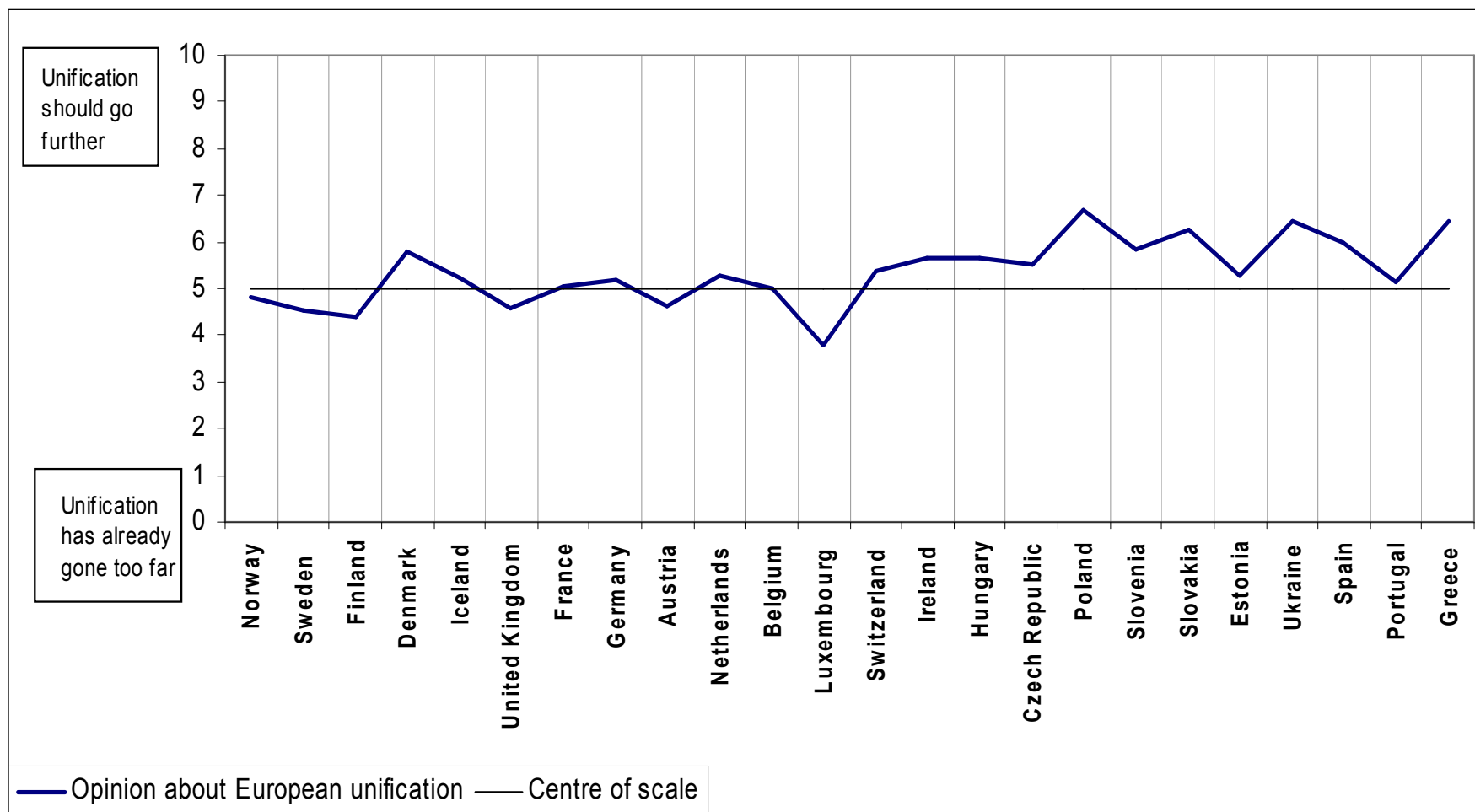
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Países do alargamento e do sul a concordar mais

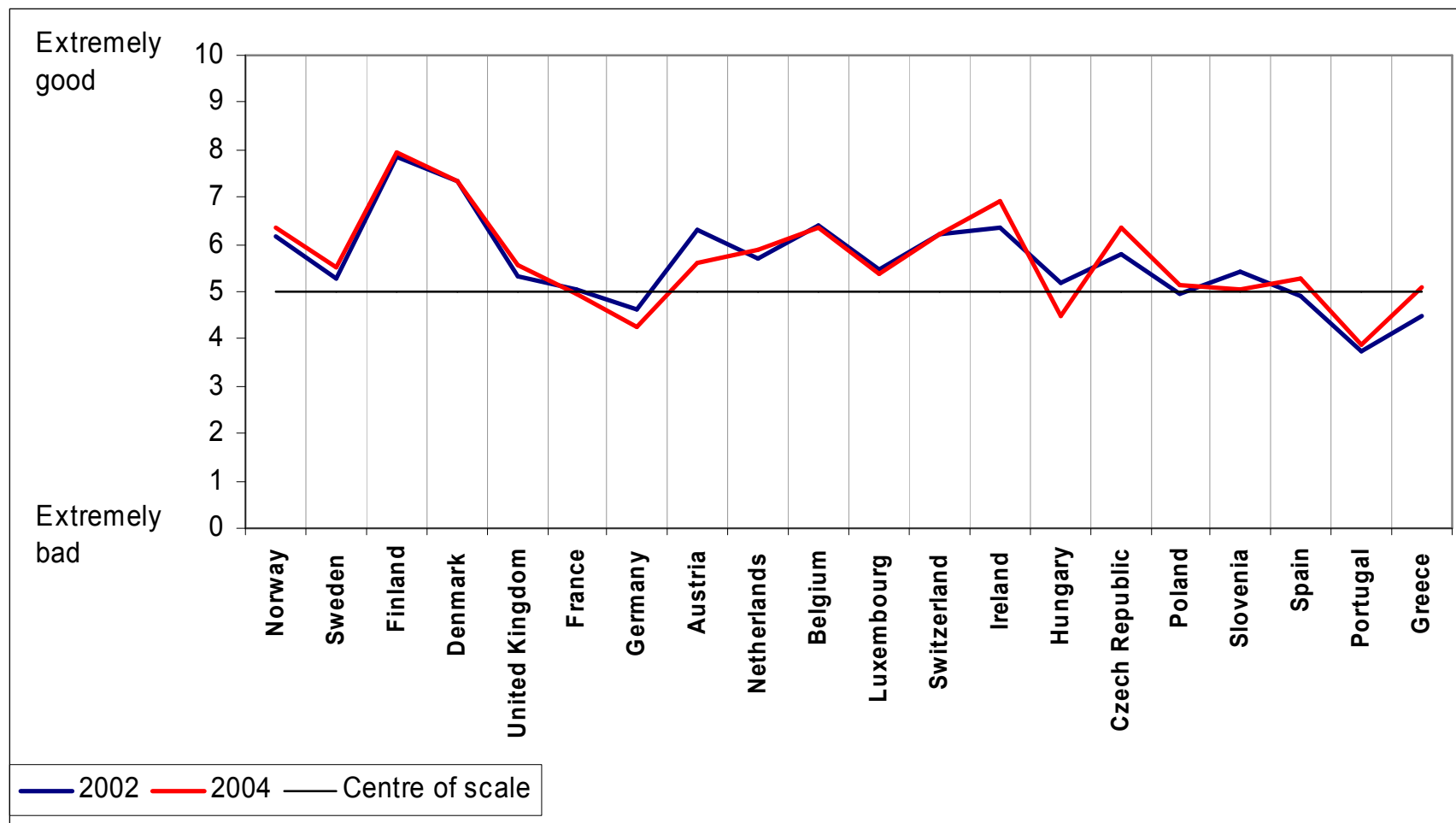
What already happened in 2004

❖ *Now thinking about the European Union, some say European unification should go further. Others say it has already gone too far.*



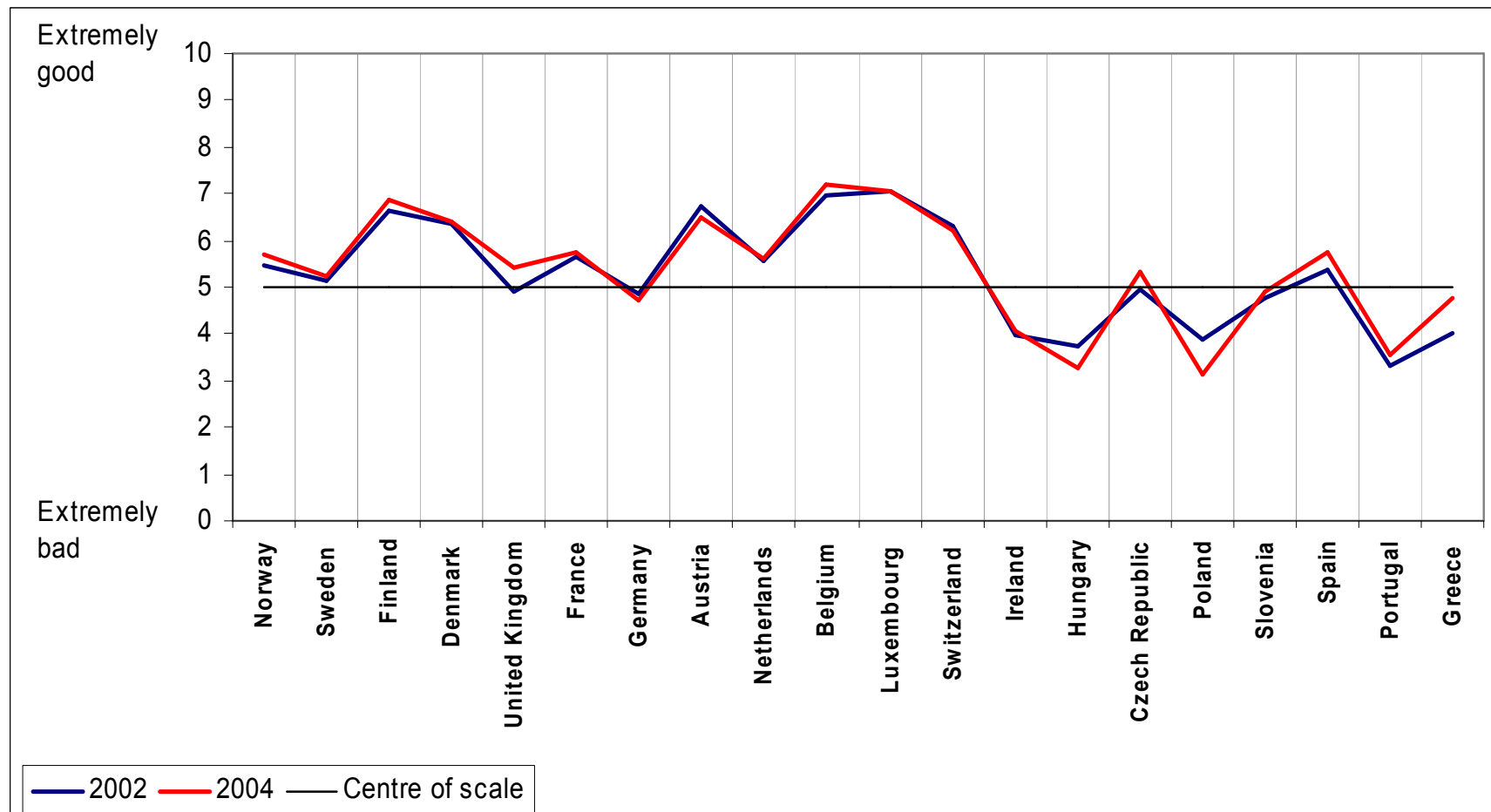
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❖ Please say what you think overall about the state of education in your country nowadays?



Portugal é o menos satisfeito e espera-se um agravamento

❖ Please say what you think overall about the state of health services in your country nowadays



A percepção do estado dos serviços de saúde em Portugal melhorou ligeiramente de 2002 para 2004, mas agora espera-se nova quebra em 2006.

Conclusions