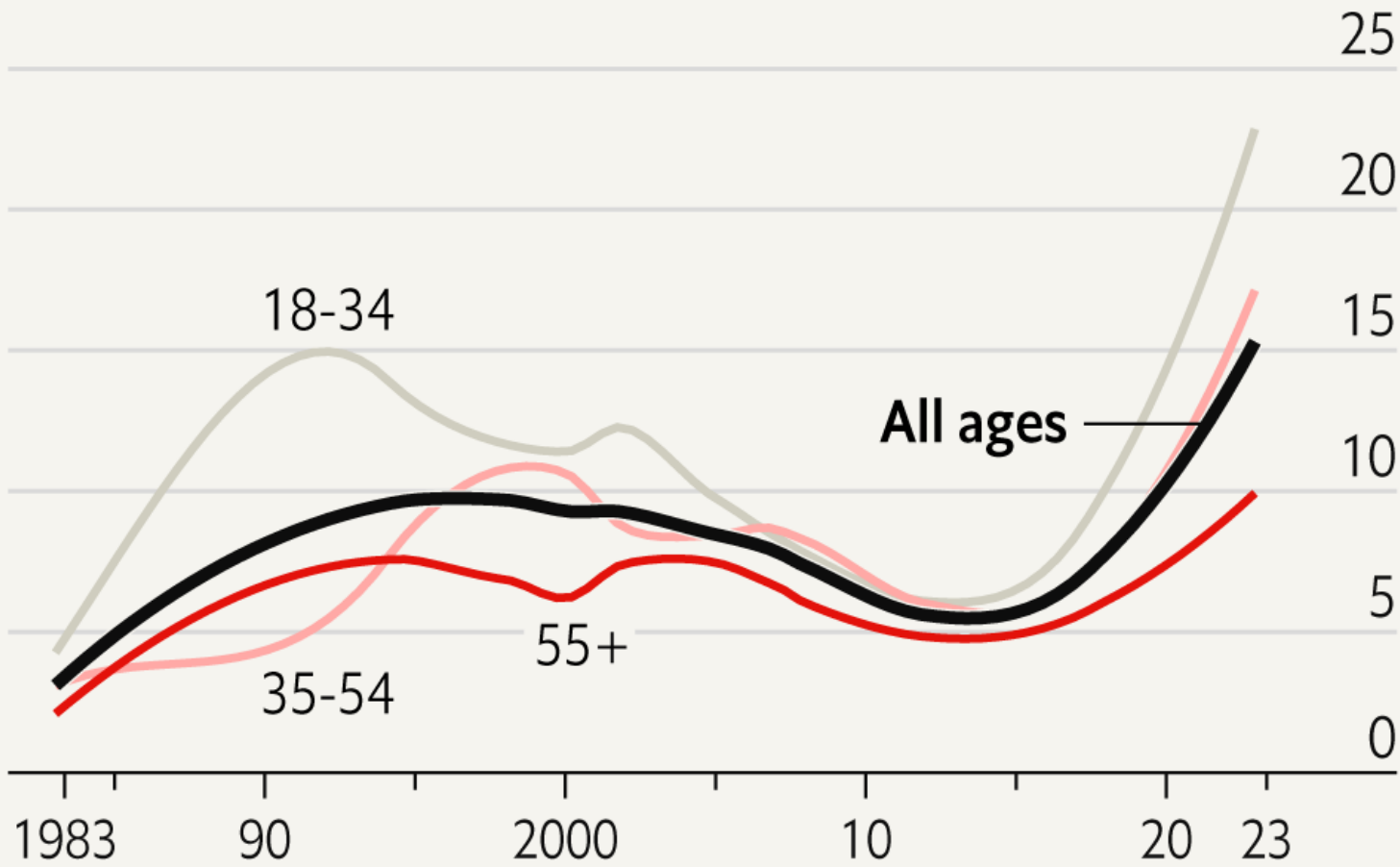


# What do Brits really think of the royal family?

% responding "abolish the monarchy"



Comment on the graph



# What The Graph 36: teacher notes

## Notes/comments

- This comes from *The Economist* (a weekly finance magazine).
- What is interesting about the x-axis? It does appear to have accurate markings and labellings, but it does look a little odd not having the numbers running in a pattern.
- The y-axis is good too (though it is unusual to have it at the right-hand side, this does make it easier to see the current percentage).
- The age groups are not the same size. “18–34” presumably means people who have just turned 18 up to people who will be 35 tomorrow. That’s 17 years. “35–54” is 20 years. “55+” could be up to ... anything.
- Does it matter that the age groups are not the same size, given that percentages are used? Probably not.
- If we look at the 18-34 line for a particular year and then the 35-54 line for 17 years later, all of those included in the first one must be included in the second one (along with 3 more years of older people). This presumably means that many 18-34 year-olds subsequently change their mind about the abolition of the monarchy. Does something similar happen for 35-54 and 55+ ?
- Is it a surprise that the black line (for ‘all’) is similar to the yellow line (35-54) ? The median age for adults almost certainly falls within 35-54, so probably not.
- Should the royal family be worried? (The steepest increase is from 2015 to 2023.) Maybe!

## Source:

- <https://twitter.com/TheEconomist/status/1654413430906863617>