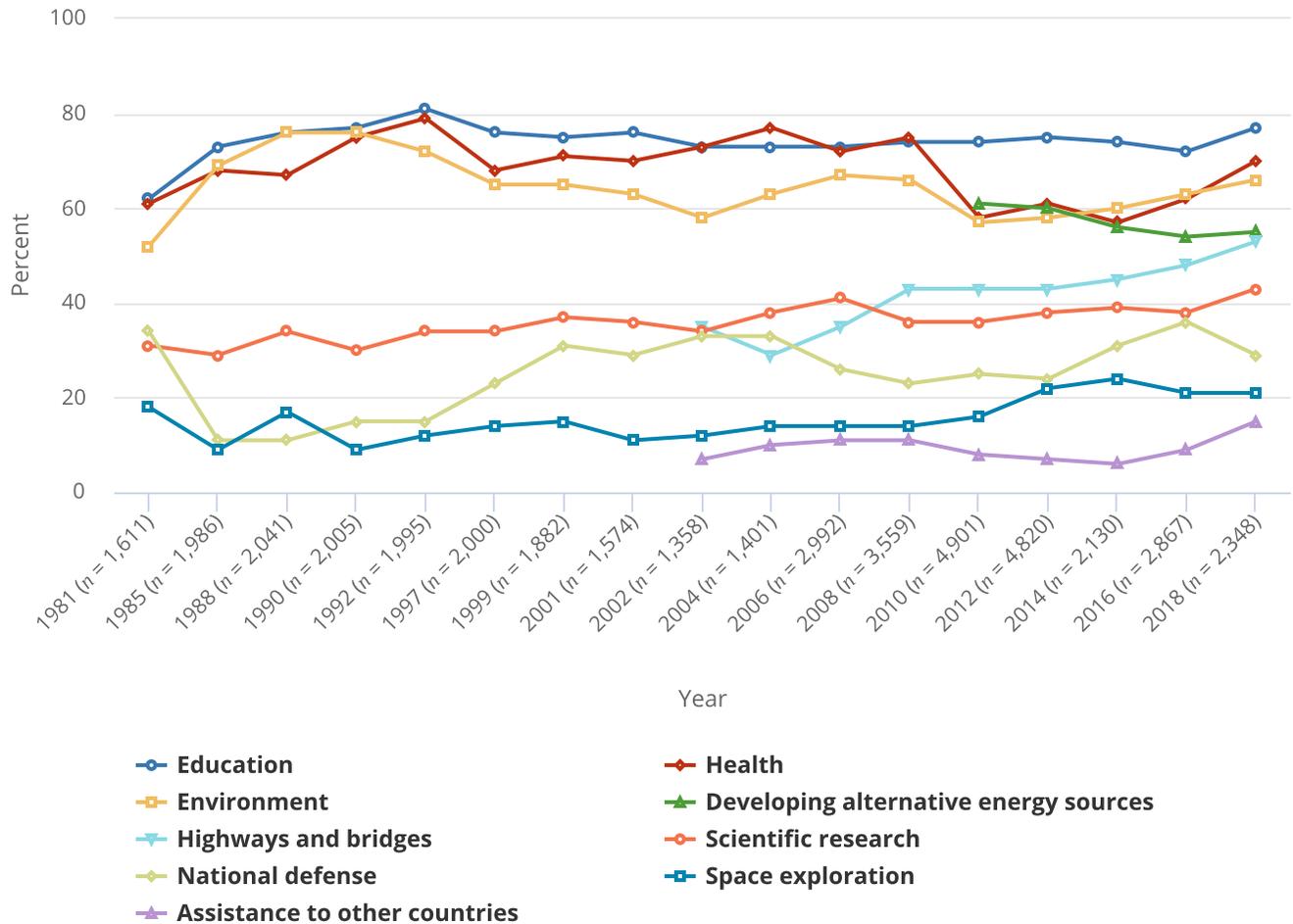


FIGURE 7-8

Public assessment that government spending is too low, by policy area: 1981–2018



Note(s)

Questions were not all fielded in all years. Responses are to the following: *We are faced with many problems in this country, none of which can be solved easily or inexpensively. I'm going to name some of these problems, and for each one, I'd like you to tell me if you think we're spending too little money on it, about the right amount, or too much.* Responses of "right amount" and "don't know" are not shown. See Table S7-13.

Source(s)

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