

Russia and the US: 1993-2012, from love to hate

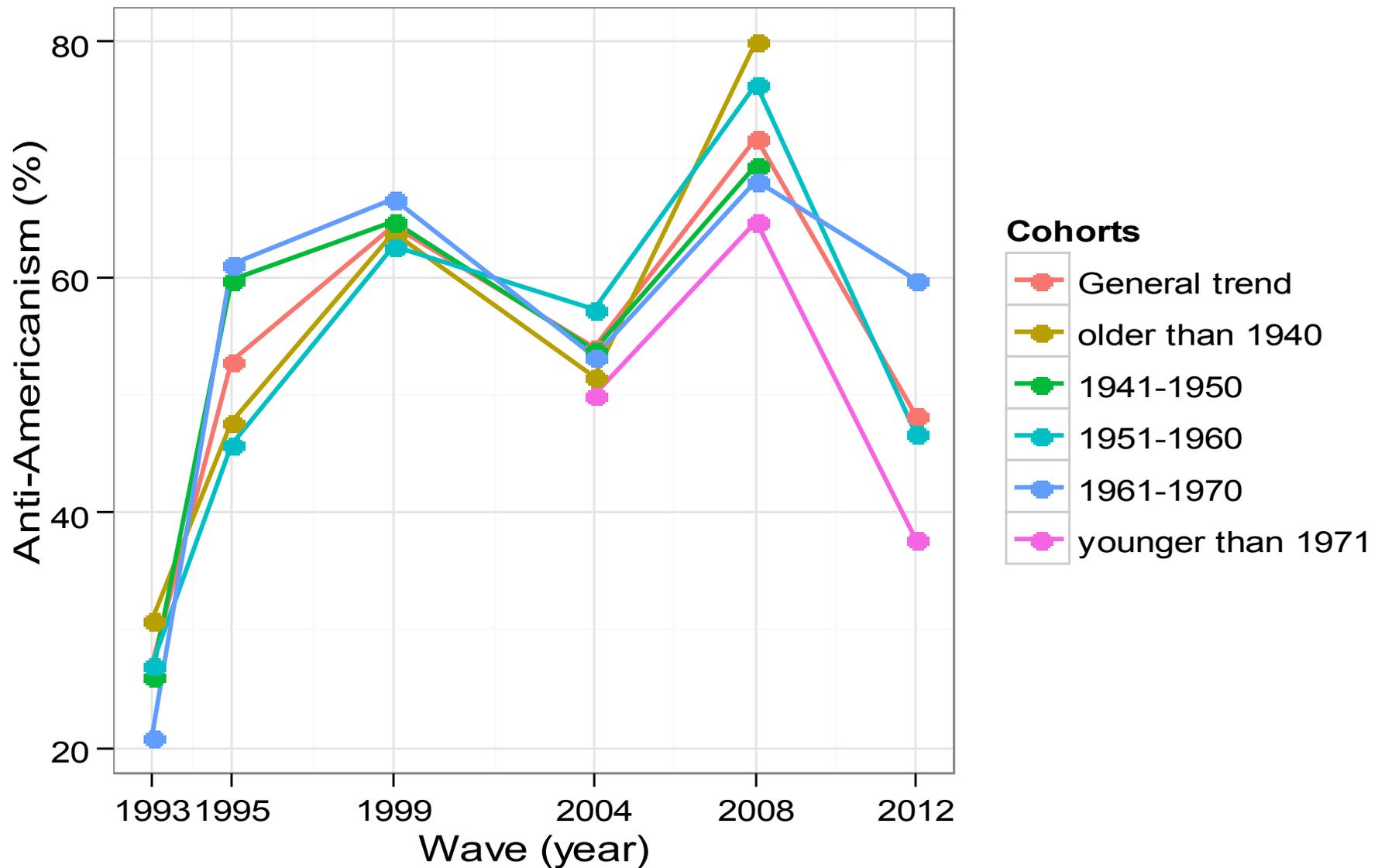


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Is US a threat to Russia?



Ressentiment: from love to hate

- Nietzsche – “On the Genealogy of Morality” (1887)
- Greenfeld – “Nationalism: Five Roads to Modernity” (1992)
- Ressentiment could be measured as disappointment in the reforms

Data

- Zimmerman's survey 1993-2012: no indicators of *ressentiment*
- New Russian Barometer data (Richard Rose) 1993-2009: mass surveys

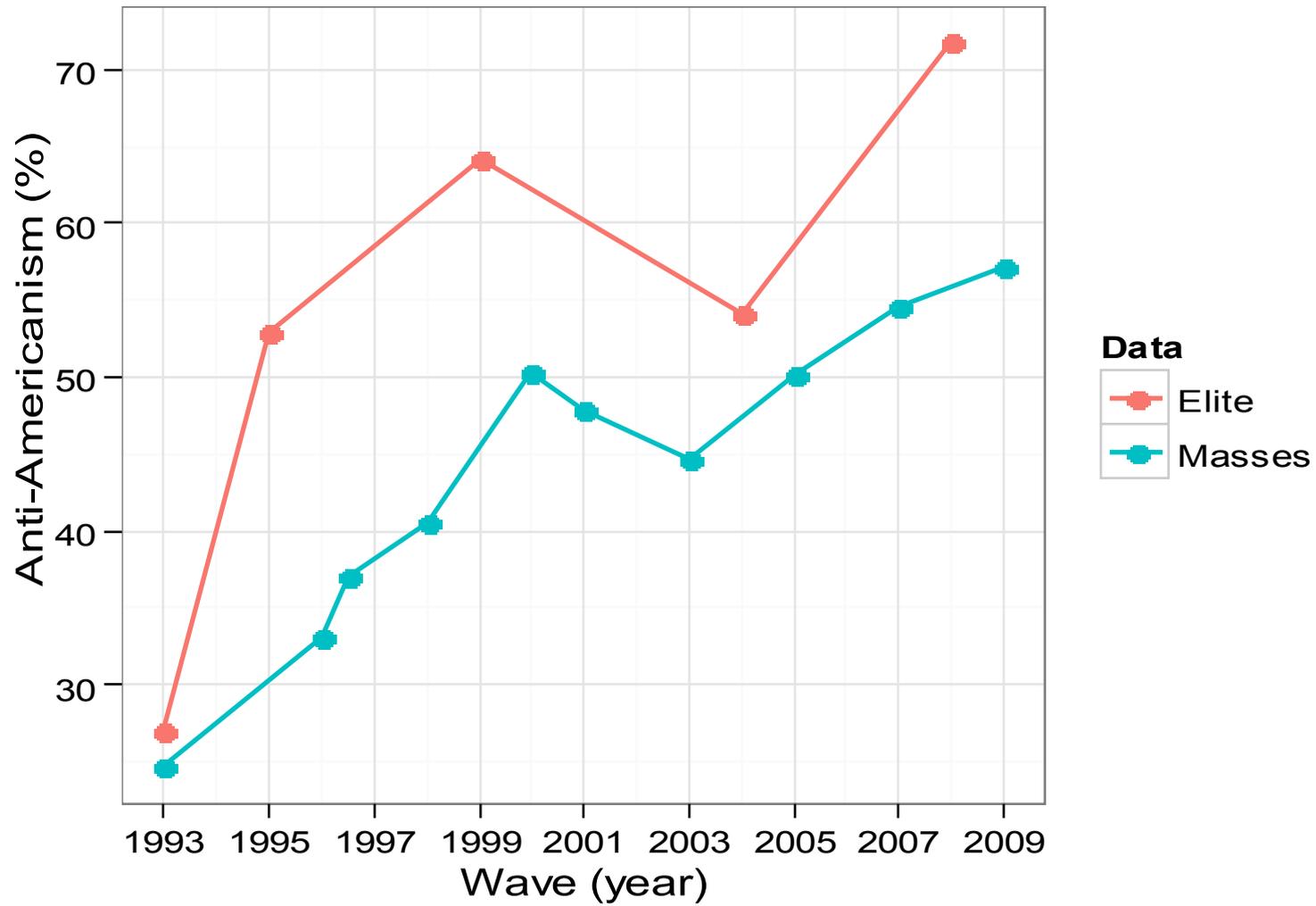
Indicators of *ressentiment*

- Appraisal of the current political and economic situation compared with the Soviet situation (disappointment)
- Forecast of the political and economic situation in five years compared with the current situation (confidence)
- We hypothesize a strong effect in the early 1990s годов and its fading later

Other variables

- Time (survey wave 1993 – 2009)
- Cohort (by decades 1940- до 1970+)
- Sex
- Employment status (0, 1)
- Social Status (self positioning, 1-10)
- University education (0, 1)
- Rural/Urban

Elite and mass publics



Results I

- Robust effects of *disappointment* и *confidence* on anti-Americanism
- Positive effects of university education and its interaction with disappointment
- Non-linear effect of social status (lower and upper strata being more anti-American)

Results II

- The effect of disappointment is fading (strongest in 1993)
- Women are less anti-American
- In 1993-2009, the oldest cohort is the most anti-American

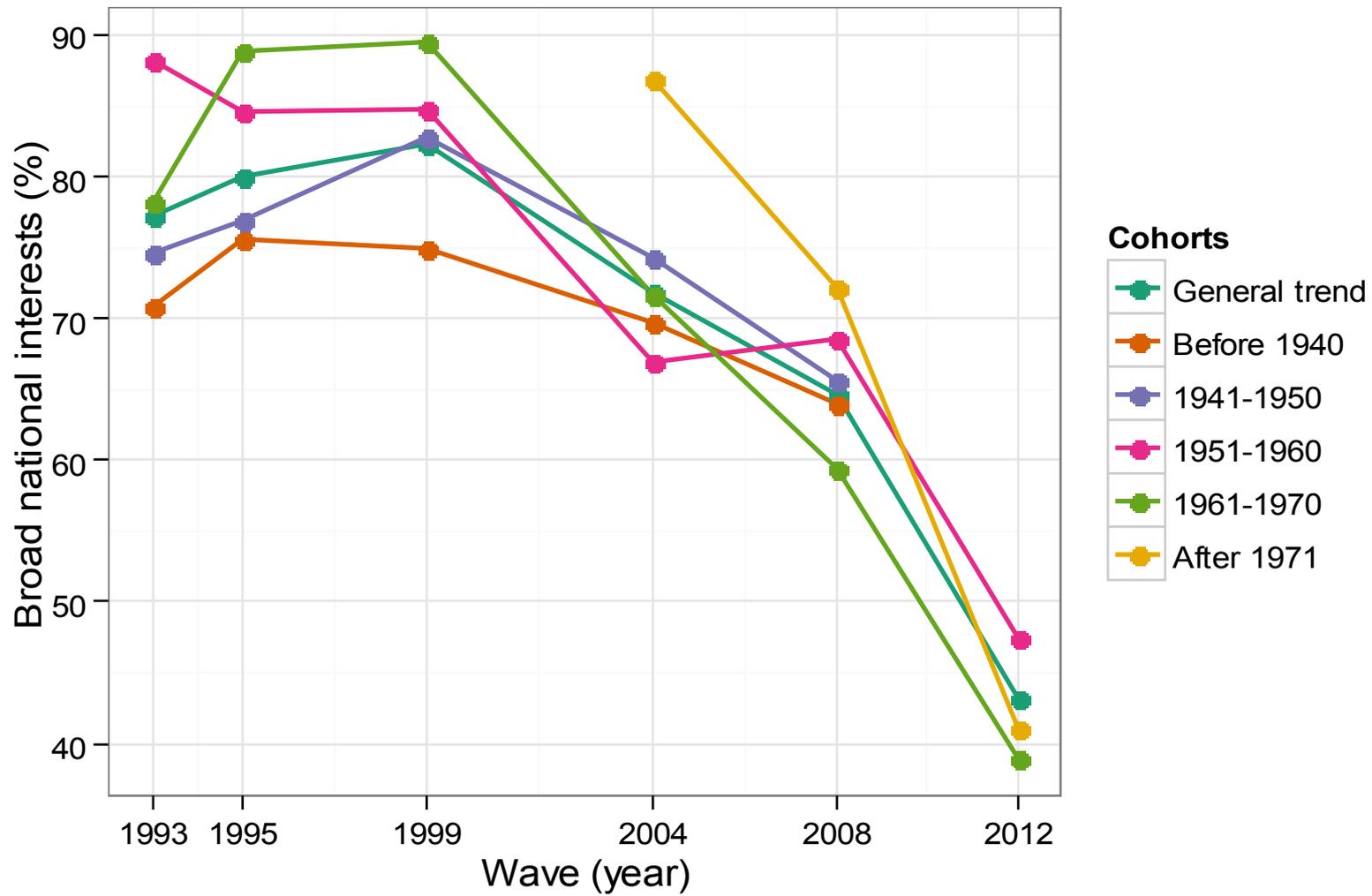
Masses by cohort



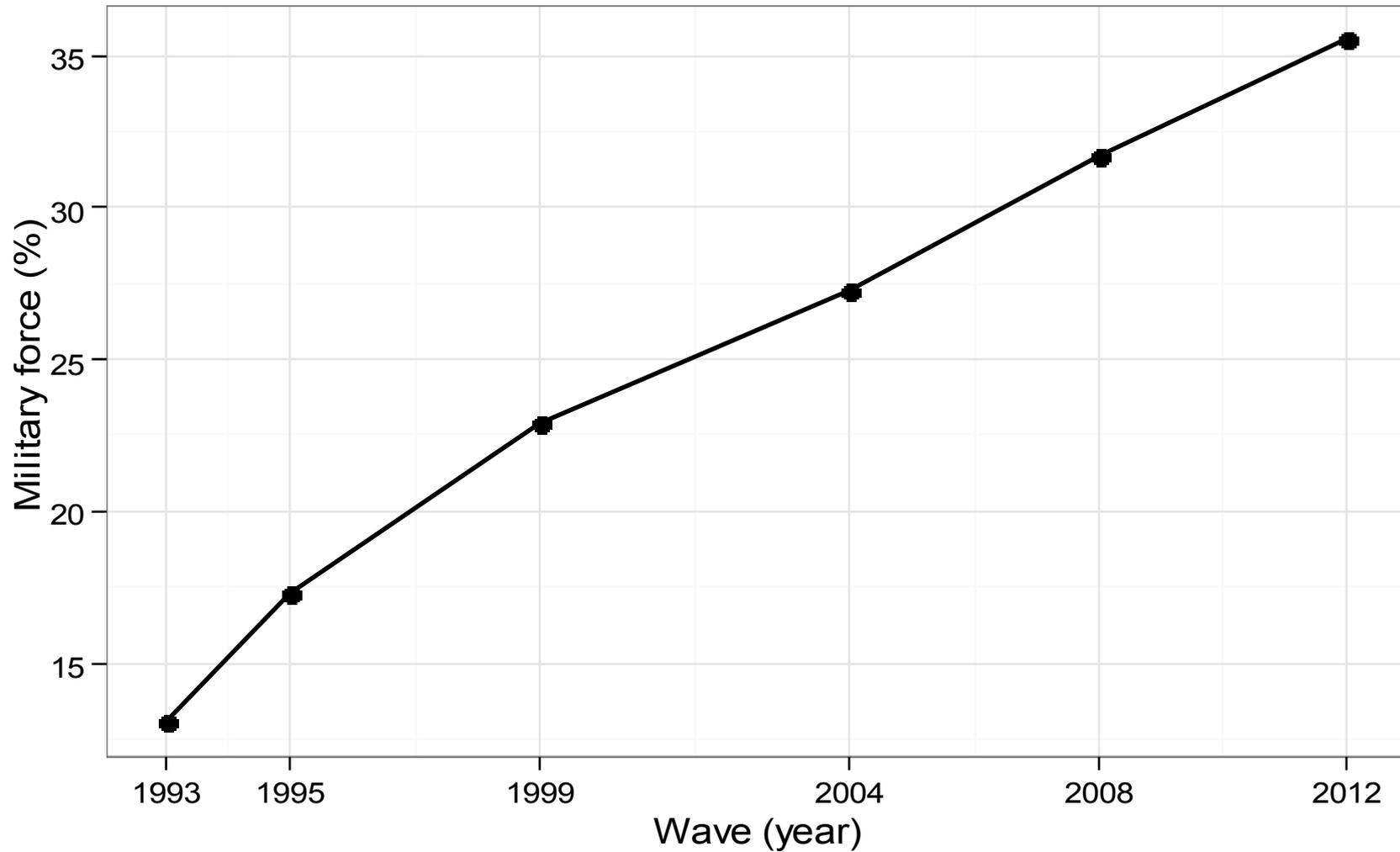
Discussion

- The first peak of anti-American sentiment precedes crises in the US-American relations
- The elite lead masses (but only in the early 1990s)
- Elites have been always more anti-American than masses

Great power ambitions



Military power decisive in IR



Thanks!



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