

Reviews:

"This is the first year the report has included a chapter called "Restoring American Happiness." The author of that chapter, economist and Columbia University professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, states that America's declining happiness is a social crisis, not an economic crisis." - Amy B. Wang, *The Washington Post*

"Sachs, one of the world's best-known economists, who has advised successive UN secretary generals, identifies several reasons behind declining American happiness: the rise of big money in American politics as a result of supreme court decisions, which allow billionaires and corporations to make untraceable campaign donations." - Jennifer Rankin, *The Guardian*

"Unfortunately, Sachs says, the vast majority of US policymakers have focused on economic fixes to these problems, such as raising the rates of economic growth. Instead, we may need to look at solutions that are more sociological in nature - like making sure people have support networks that encourage them to help others." - Erin Brodwin, *Business Insider*

"This doesn't seem like much of a drop, but happiness in America has been plummeting in recent years. As Sachs pointed out, the United States in 2007 ranked 3rd among the 23 countries that made up the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. In 2016, it ranked 19th out of the 34 OECD countries that were sampled." - Ryan Bort, *Newsweek*

"Greta Pontarelli is 61. She appears in front of the audience in a sparkling bikini, walks up to the pole, takes a deep bend, holds the pole in her hands, and lifts off the ground effortlessly. For the next few minutes, Greta performs an unbelievably complex and exciting acrobatic act on the pole. It's impossible to believe that she started pole dancing just two years ago, at 59." - Tatyana Hrylova, *The Age Of Happiness*

"After a car accident at the age of 80 left Yvonne Dowlen (photographed by Yakovlev in December 2011) with a serious concussion, doctors advised the Colorado resident to hang up her ice skates. Yet the 89-year-old - who has been skating for 75 years - continues to compete." - Fiona Macdonald, *BBC*

"An inspiring photographer has gained thousands of Facebook followers by proving age doesn't limit you. The Age Of Happiness is the brainchild of Vladimir Yakovlev, and aims to "change your perception of life after 70, 80 or even 100". "It started as a very personal project," says Yakovlev. "I was over fifty, I wanted to find out what can I expect in the future and most importantly to what extent I can affect whatever will be happening to me." From senior skateboarders to wrinkly runners, the Facebook Page regularly posts new photographs of extraordinary old people and their stories." - Ryan Barrell, *The Washington Post*