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BRITAIN WAS AT ITS HAPPIEST IN 1957

Scientists say that 1957 was Britain's happiest year, even though life expectancies were lower, people worked more hours per week, very few households had central heating and less than half owned a television. Researchers from the University of Warwick and the Social Market Foundation analysed 8 million books and billions of words published between 1776 to 2009 to track patterns of happiness in Britain.