

Contentious Groups in the Politicization of Immigration

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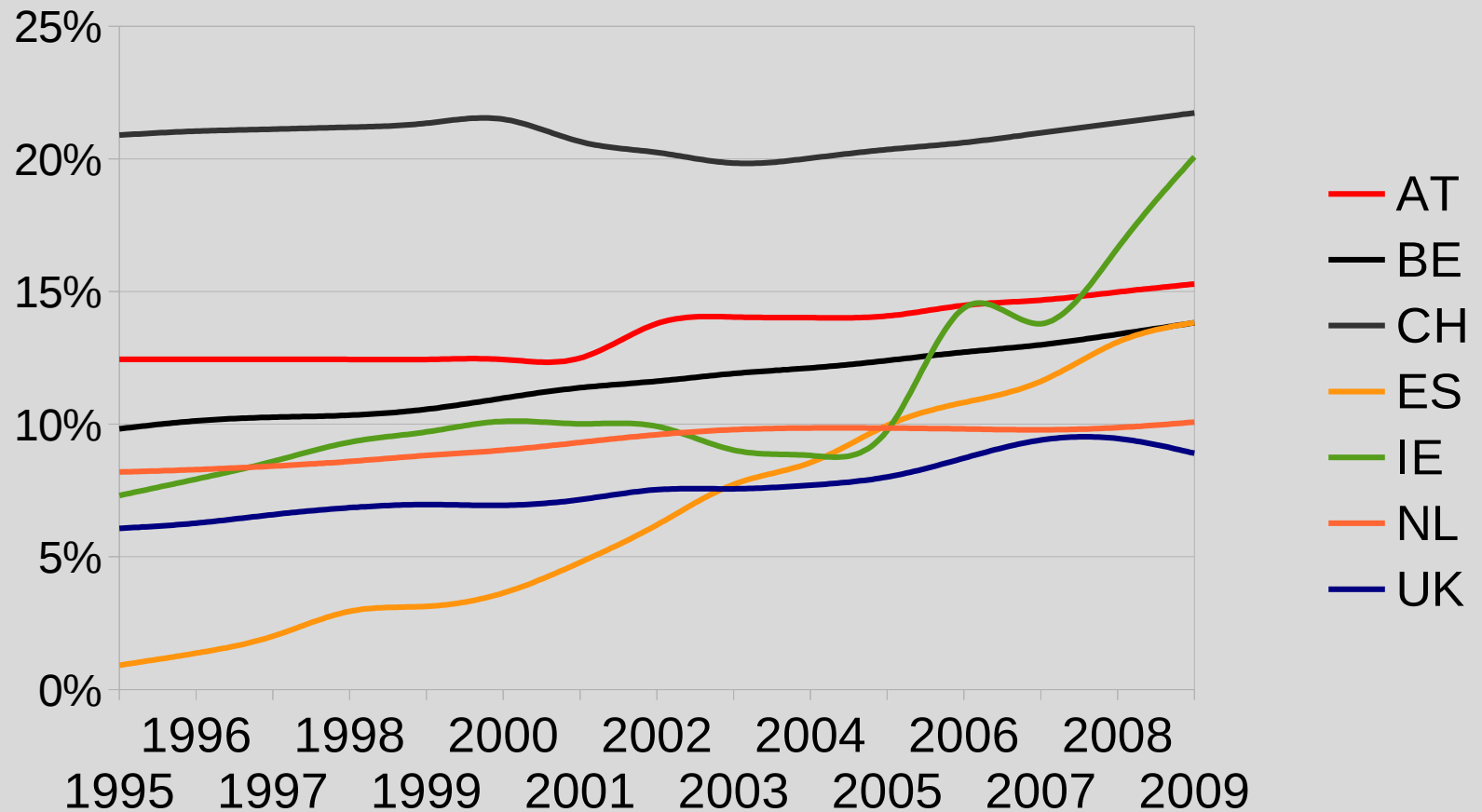
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Data & Methods

- 7 countries, 1995–2009
- 10,000 claims in newspapers
- Claims-making ↔ politicization
- Claimant, group, frame
- Effect of claim

Foreign Born Population



At times heavily imputed; foreign born; smoothed (cubic spline)

Which Groups are Politicized?

	<i>Biggest</i>	%	<i>Second</i>	%	<i>Third</i>	%	<i>Fourth</i>	%
AT	Immigrants	28	Asylum	24	Refugees	10	Muslims	6
BE	Immigrants	25	Illegal	14	Asylum	11	Muslims	9
CH	Immigrants	23	Asylum	20	Muslims	11	Illegal	9
ES	Immigrants	48	Illegal	27	Labour	4	Minorities	4
IE	Asylum	37	Immigrants	23	Labour	10	Illegal	8
NL	Immigrants	24	Asylum	17	Illegal	9	Muslims	7
UK	Asylum	17	Immigrants	11	Racial min.	11	Muslims	9

Politicization of Asylum Seekers

	<i>All</i>	<i>1995-7</i>	<i>1998-2000</i>	<i>2001-03</i>	<i>2004-06</i>	<i>2007-09</i>
AT	22.9	13.7	15.5	22.3	26.0	27.3
BE	9.1	11.5	11.6	10.5	4.1	9.1
CH	19.2	10.8	19.2	27.0	32.8	8.9
ES	1.1	13.2	0.5	1.1	0.3	0.6
IE	35.7	41.2	52.2	39.7	19.7	27.0
NL	12.7	17.8	17.4	12.7	11.5	6.6
UK	13.7	19.4	16.3	26.8	9.6	2.2

How Are Groups Portrayed?

	<i>Most common</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Third</i>	<i>%</i>
AT	Human rights	19	Instrumental	17	Security	12
BE	Human rights	24	Moral principles	14	Public interest	14
CH	Human rights	19	Public interest	18	Moral principles	15
ES	Instrumental	23	Security	13	Human rights	9
IE	Instrumental	15	Human rights	13	Moral principles	12
NL	Security	14	Efficiency	13	Human rights	11
UK	Human rights	16	Moral principles	10	Social security	10
All	Human rights	16	Instrumental	11	Economic	10

Asylum Seekers, Moral Principles

	<i>All</i>	<i>1995-7</i>	<i>1998-2000</i>	<i>2001-03</i>	<i>2004-06</i>	<i>2007-09</i>
<i>AT</i>	50.5	71.4	30.8	61.9	40.0	53.1
<i>BE</i>	42.9	64.3	34.8	46.2	33.3	36.8
<i>CH</i>	35.2	37.5	38.1	17.6	43.8	30.0
<i>ES</i>	(75.0)					
<i>IE</i>	38.9	50.0	37.0	41.7	33.3	38.7
<i>NL</i>	19.8	22.2	16.1	26.9	19.2	10.0
<i>UK</i>	34.3	62.5	22.2	28.9	39.1	60.0

Claimant-Group Combinations

	<i>Immigrants</i>	<i>Asylum</i>	<i>Illegal</i>	<i>Muslims</i>	<i>Refugees</i>	<i>Labour</i>
<i>Government</i>						
<i>Parties</i>						
<i>Media</i>						
<i>Civil society</i>						
<i>Religious</i>						

Conclusion

- Differences across countries and time
- ~~Europeanization~~
- ~~Proportion in population~~
- Events?