Politicization from below? The deportation issue in public discourse in Austria, Switzerland, and Germany

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Introduction

controlling immigration $\Rightarrow$ deportation

failed asylum seekers

non-issue, out of sight $\Rightarrow$ moral outrage

politicization, protests

politicitzed 'from below' (NGO)

once politicized: other actors

time series needed

Hypotheses

H_a1: most protest 'on behalf' of asylum seekers

H_a2: unconventional forms of protest

H_a3: more focus on individual cases than on policy change

H_a4: frequent mention of women and children

H_a5: more politicized: increasingly party actors

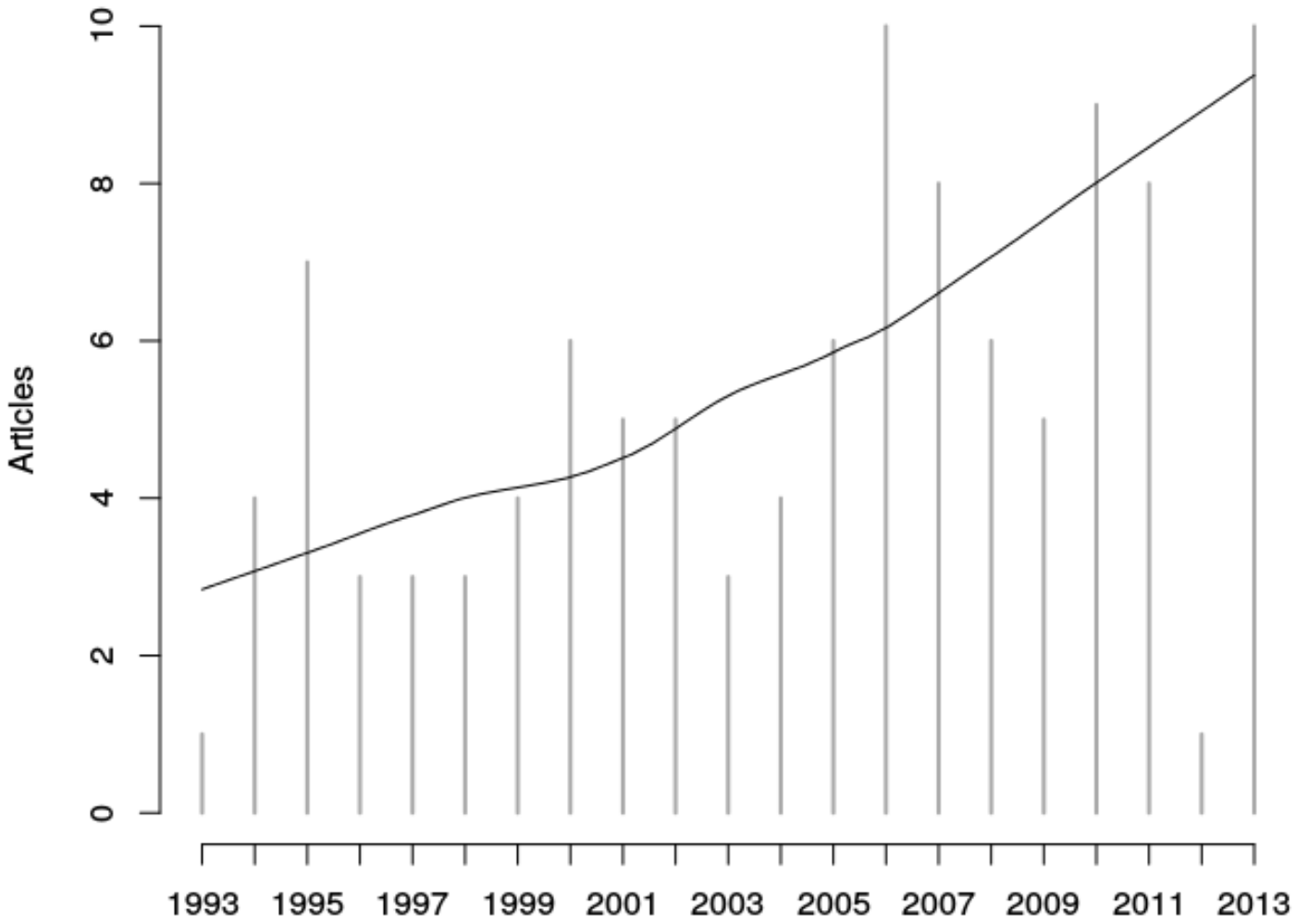
Data

1993 to 2013

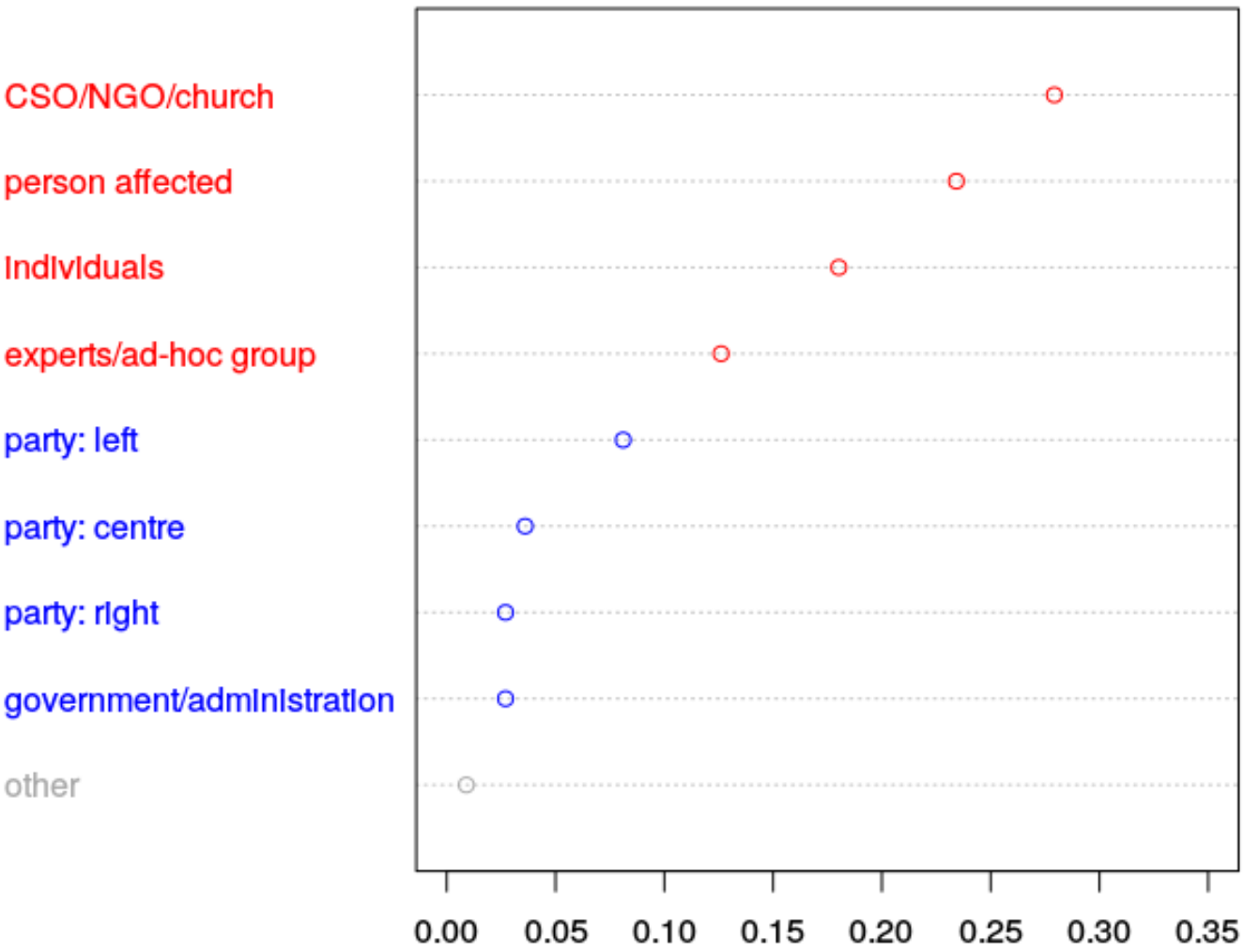
media analysis: Die Presse, Standard; TAZ, Süddeutsche; NZZ, (Le Temps)

N	Description	Selection
50,234	articles about deportation	keywords
14,271	of which: articles about protests	keywords
600	of which: random sample	random
111	of which: relevant articles	manual

How much Protest?



Main Actors


CSO/NGO/church
person affected
Individuals
experts/ad-hoc group
party: left
party: centre
party: right
government/administration
other
0.00
0.05
0.10
0.15
0.20
0.25
0.30
0.35

Actors before and after 2003

Actor	before 2003	after 2003
Person affected	24%	23%
CSO/NGO/churches	39%	21%
Individuals	12%	21%
Experts/ad-hoc groups	17%	10%
Party: left	5%	10%
Party: centre	0%	6%
Party: right	0%	4%
Government/administration	2%	3%

Whom are the Protests About?

Affected	All	AT	CH	DE
Individual	18%	23%	7%	20%
Family	10%	14%	4%	10%
Group	28%	21%	30%	34%
Policies	43%	40%	59%	37%
unknown	1%	2%	0%	0%

Forms of Protest

Form	Proportion
Media initiated/important	34%
Conventional	19%
Unconventional	43%
of which: unconventional	32%
of which: violent	12%
Other	3%

Mentioned Children and Women Explicitly?

often implicit ('family')

children: 9%

women: 3%

Summary of Hypotheses

H_a	Prediction	Result
1	most claims by NGO, not affected	supported
2	unconventional participation	supported
3	focus on individual cases	supported
4	women and children	not supported
5	more party actors	supported

Conclusion

politicization ‘from below’

NGO, churches, and those affected

increasing number of protests

parties increasingly involved

40% to 60% about deportation policy