

# Who is perceived as an immigrant?

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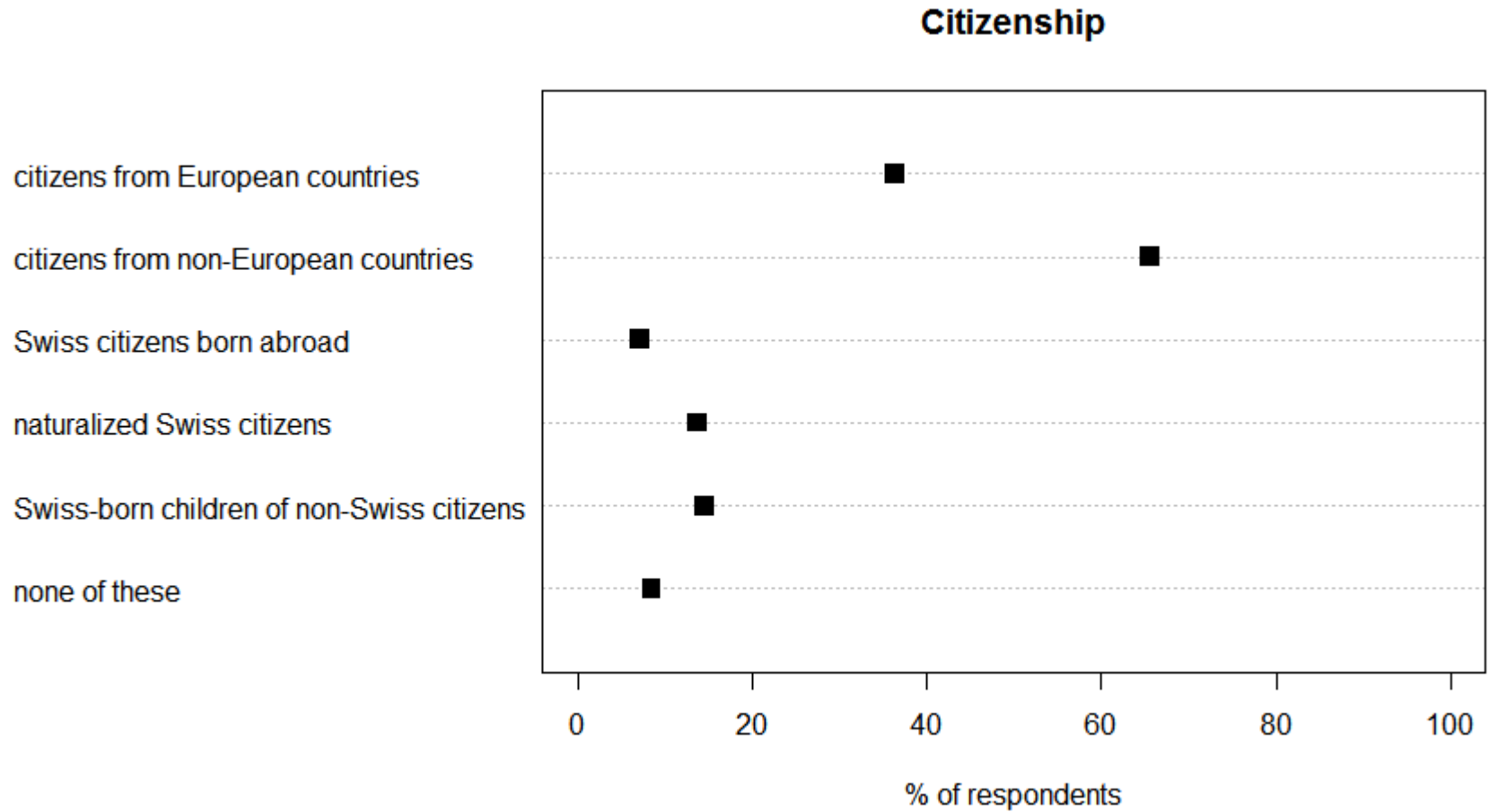
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Typical questions about immigrants  
are not specific

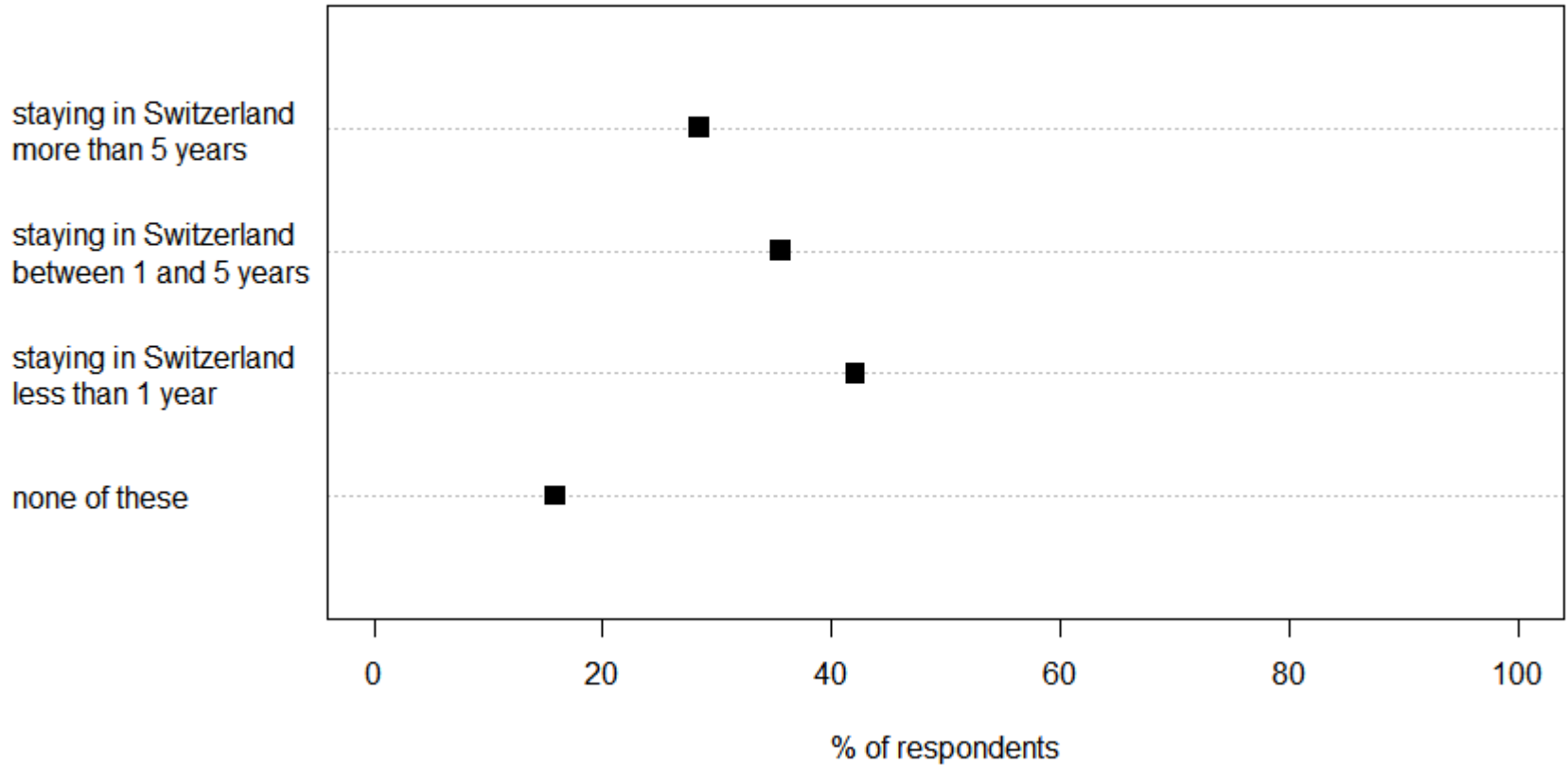
*“Do you think the number of  
immigrants to [country] nowadays  
should be [increased/decreased]?”*

# Especially immigrants from outside Europe are considered immigrants

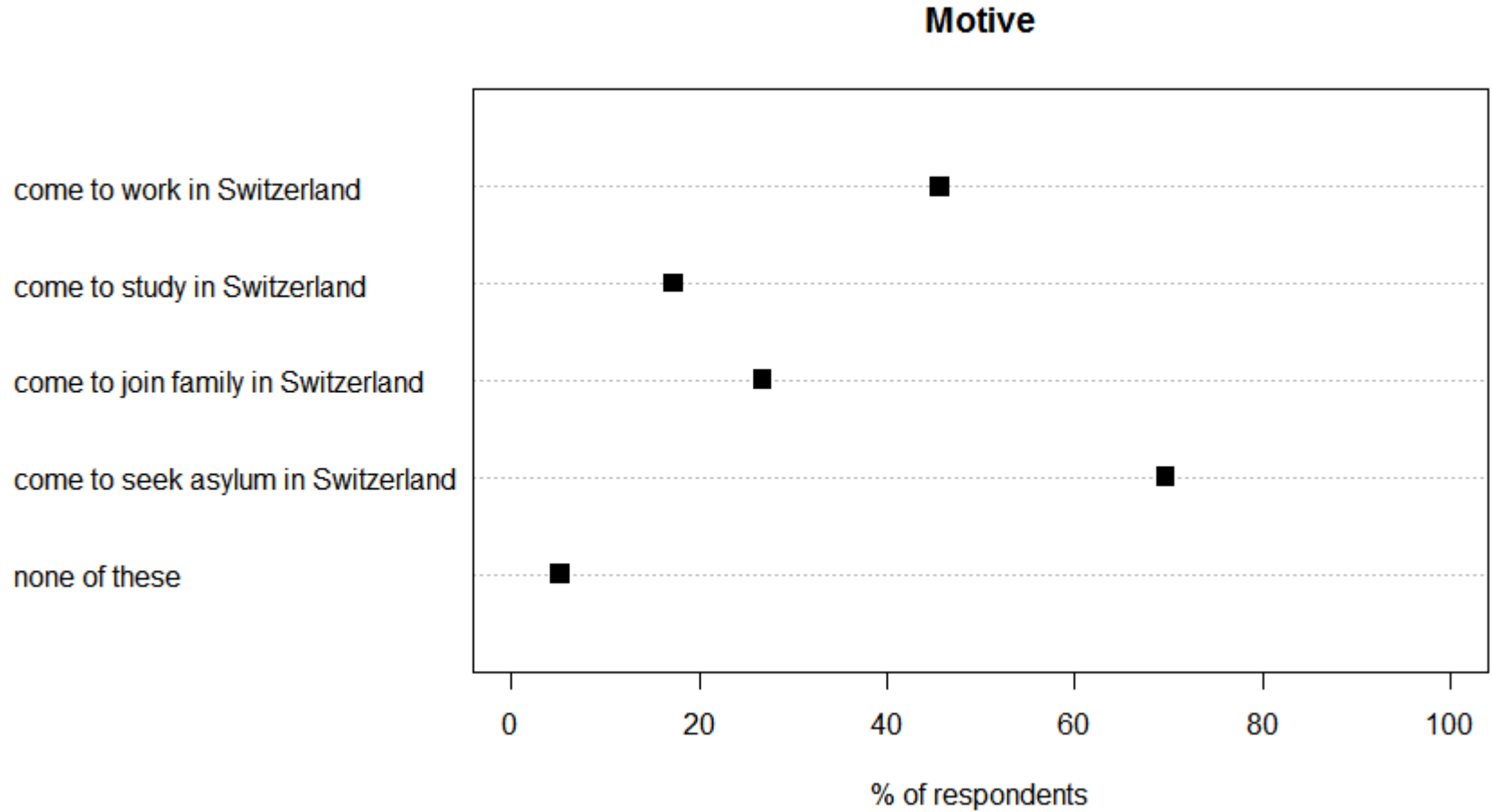


# Imagined immigration is associated with short stays

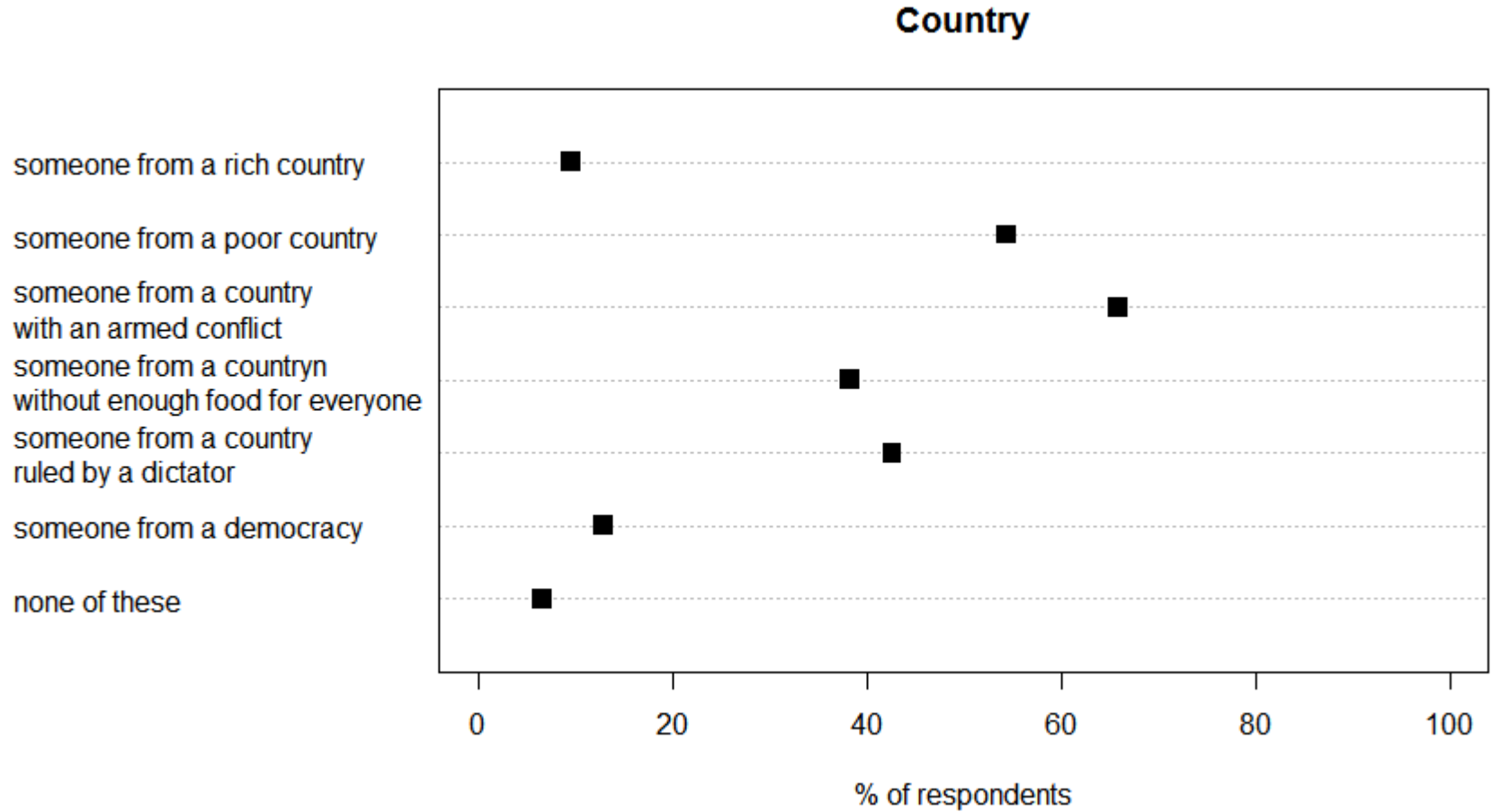
Lenght of Stay



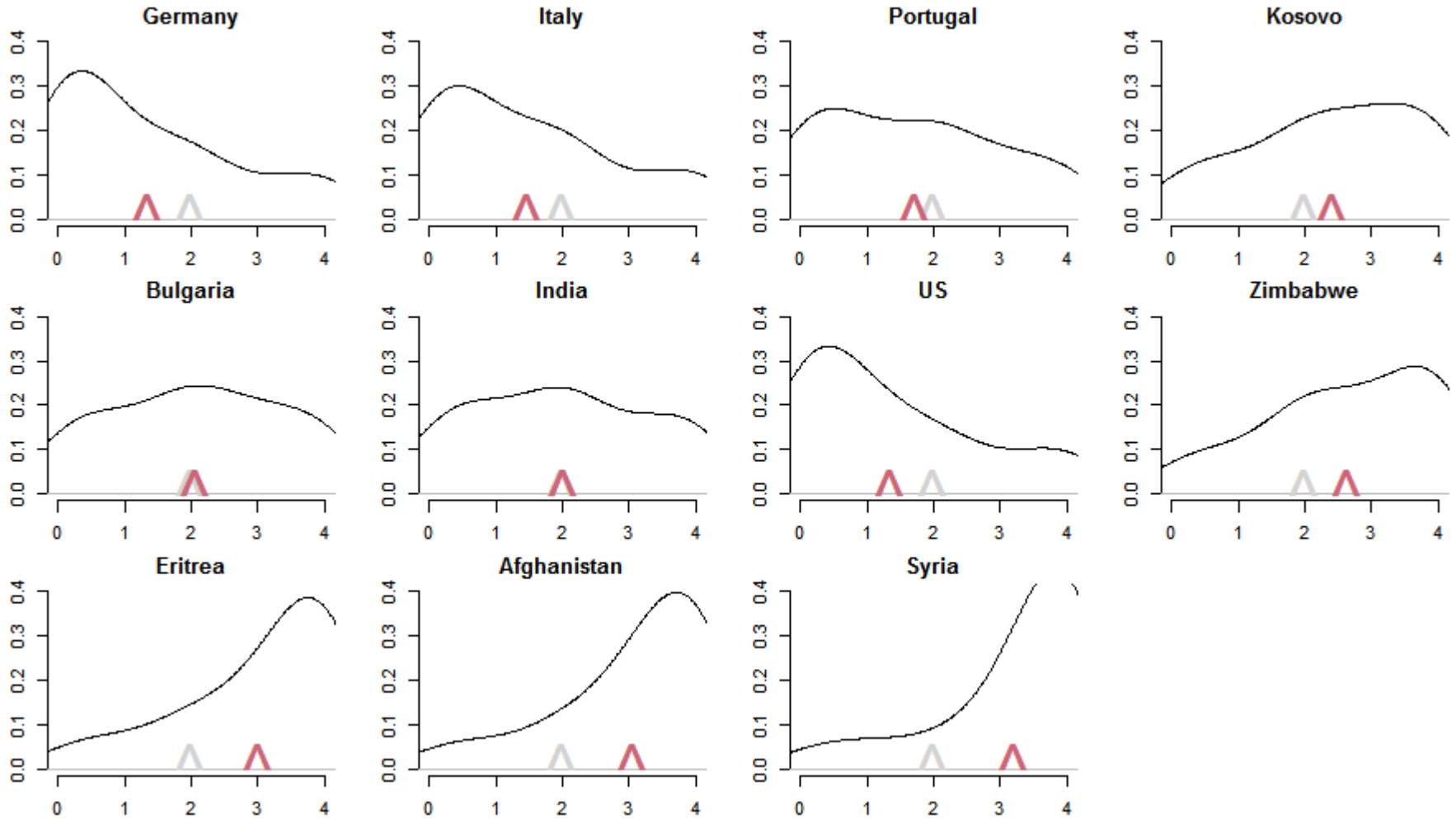
# Imagined immigration is about asylum (and work)



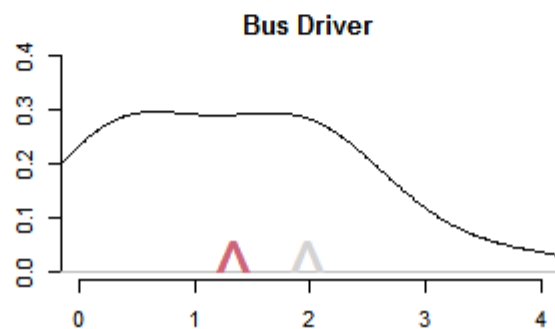
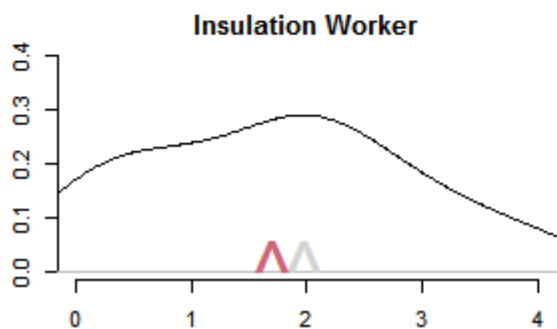
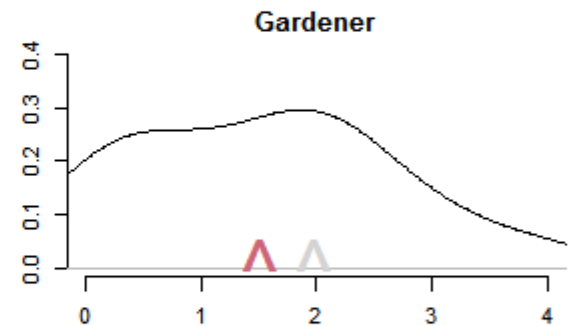
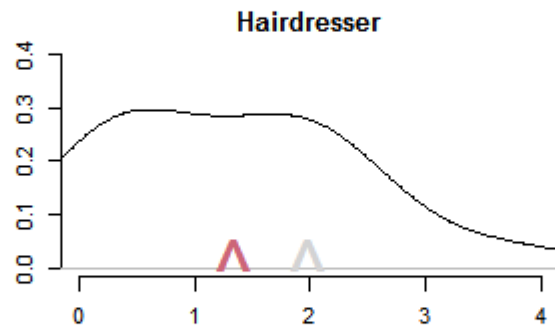
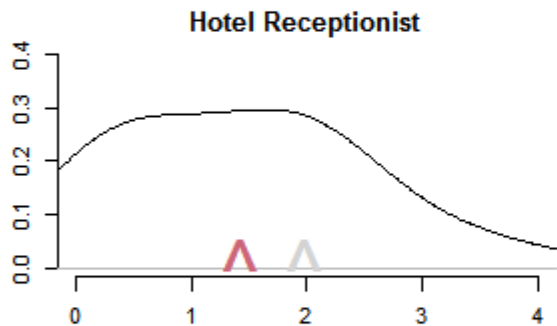
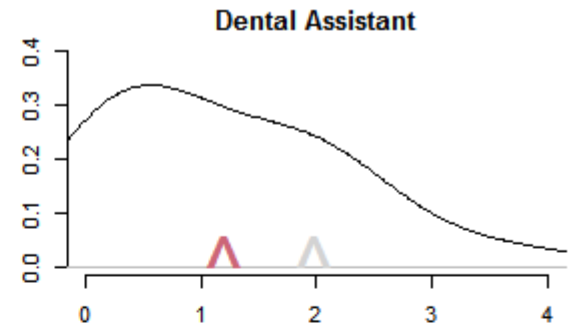
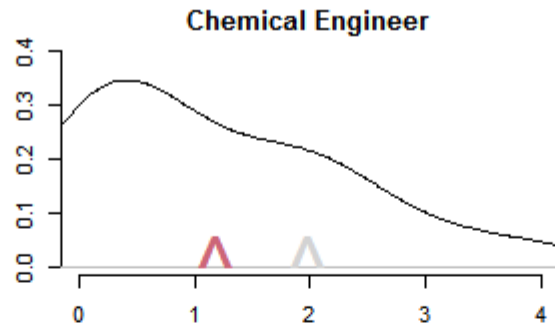
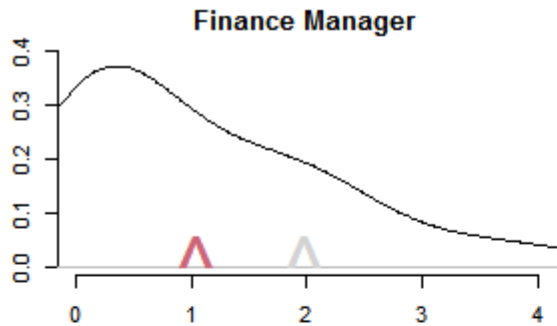
# Imagined immigrants are from poor countries with conflict



# Imagined immigrants are non-Western

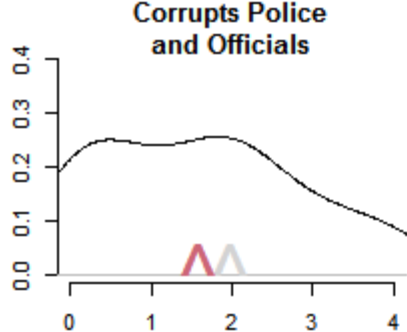
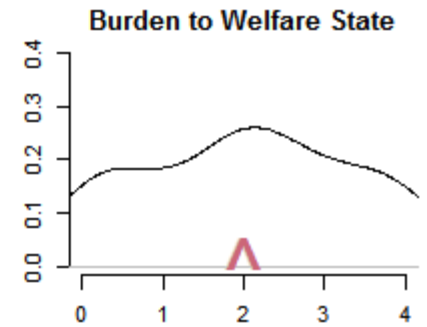
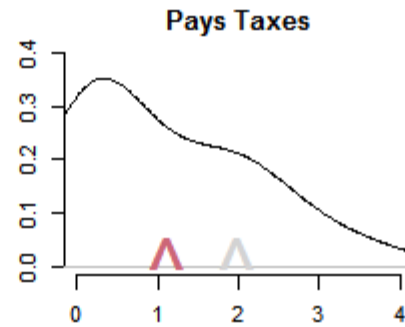
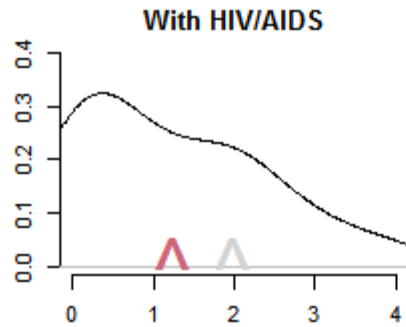
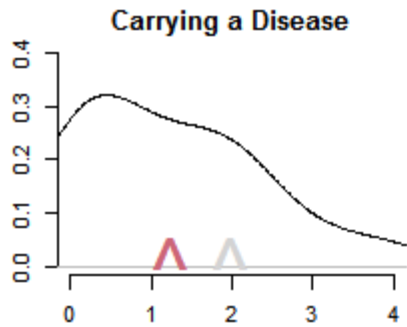
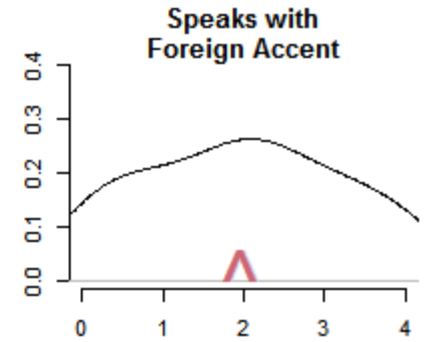
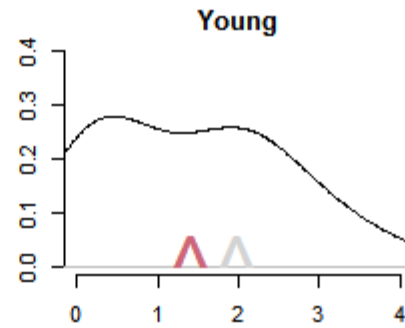
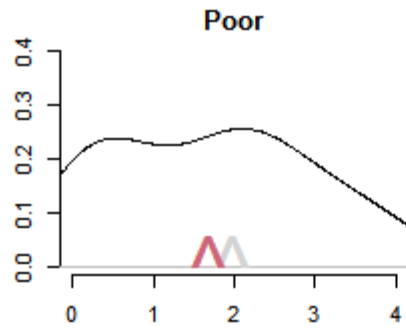
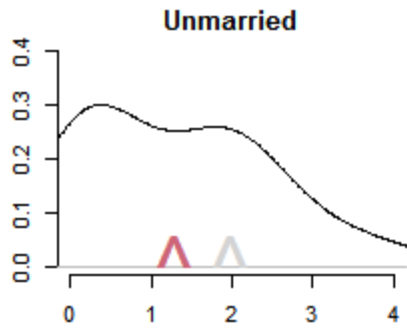


# Few associations with specific jobs



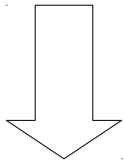


# Imagined immigrants are burdens to society



# In summary, imagined immigrants do not correspond to the majority of immigrants

People think about asylum seekers



Discourse about a minority of the immigrant population

