Patterns of Claims-Making on Civic Integration and Migration in Europe: Are Muslims Different?

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Overview

- Background
- Muslims as Subject Actors
- Muslims as Object Actors
- Conclusion
- Future Direction
Background

- Muslims often singled out
- Koopmans et al. (2005)
  - Germany: religion
  - France: administrative
  - UK: racial
- Different frames used
- Other differences in claims-making
Data & Methodology

- WP5 data
- Subject actor
  - Muslim organizations
- Object actors
  - Muslim (groups)
  - Muslim organizations
- Evaluation of claim, position toward issue
- Frames
Muslims as Subject Actors

- How common are Muslims as subject actors?

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- Increase over time
- UK: peak after 7/7
- Spain: no change
Muslims as Object Actors

- How common are Muslims as object actors?

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Muslim Groups and Organizations

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- Overall ≈ Austria
Polarization

- Polarization
  - 0 .. 2
- Muslims (groups)
  - 1.32
  - Stronger in Austria and Belgium
  - Not in Switzerland
- Muslim organizations
  - 1.19
Frames in Claims about Muslims

- Religious rights: esp. BE and CH
- Religious identity: esp. BE and NL
- Terrorism: UK, not Spain
- Public interest
- Domestic security

- Quite different from other immigrant and minority groups
- Significant differences between countries
Frames over Time

- Religious rights
  - 1995 to 1999
  - 2005 to 2009
- Religious identity
  - 2000 to 2005
  - No immediate impact of 9/11
Conclusion

- Muslims as important actors
  - Make claims
  - About whom claims are made
  - More claims about Muslims
- More politicized as a group in recent years
  - Not universally so
- Significant differences across countries
  - Salience, polarization
  - Frames: group constructed differently