

Contentious Groups in the Politicization of Immigration

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Research Questions

- Which groups are addressed?
 - How would they be affected by the claims?
 - By which (subject) actors?
- How are groups portrayed?

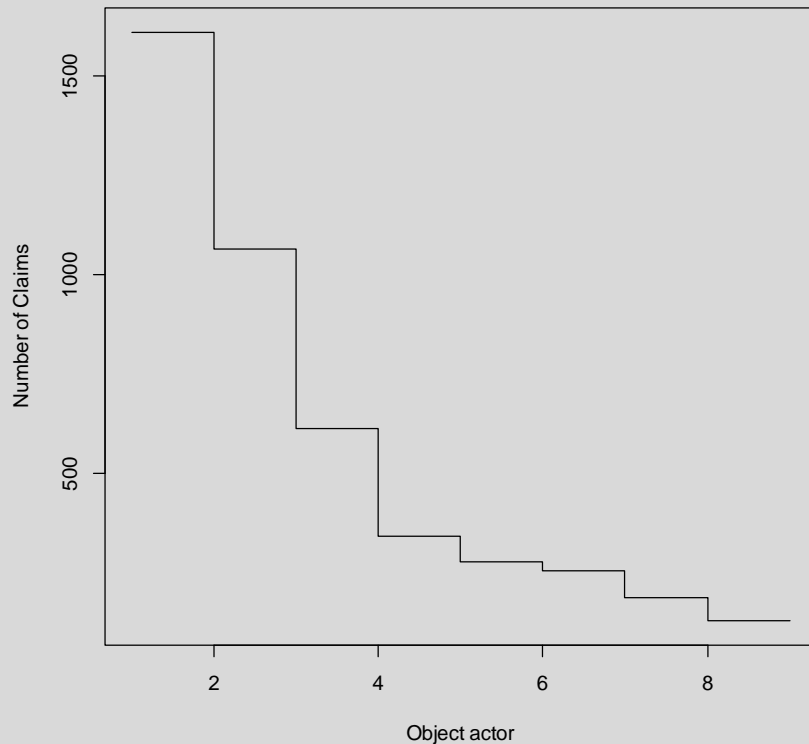
Expectations

- Europeanization of immigration politics
 - Amsterdam
 - Tampere (1999)
 - Den Haag Programme (2004)
- Common pressures from real-world developments
- (Issue-specific POS)

Data & Methods

- Data: version 7, version 9
- Politicization
 - Salience
 - Polarization
- OBJEVAL: effect of claim on object actor
- POSIT ($r=0.71$)
- Combining: generic immigrants, legislative, civil society

Most Common Object Actors



- Salience
- Few groups dominate

Most Common Object Actors

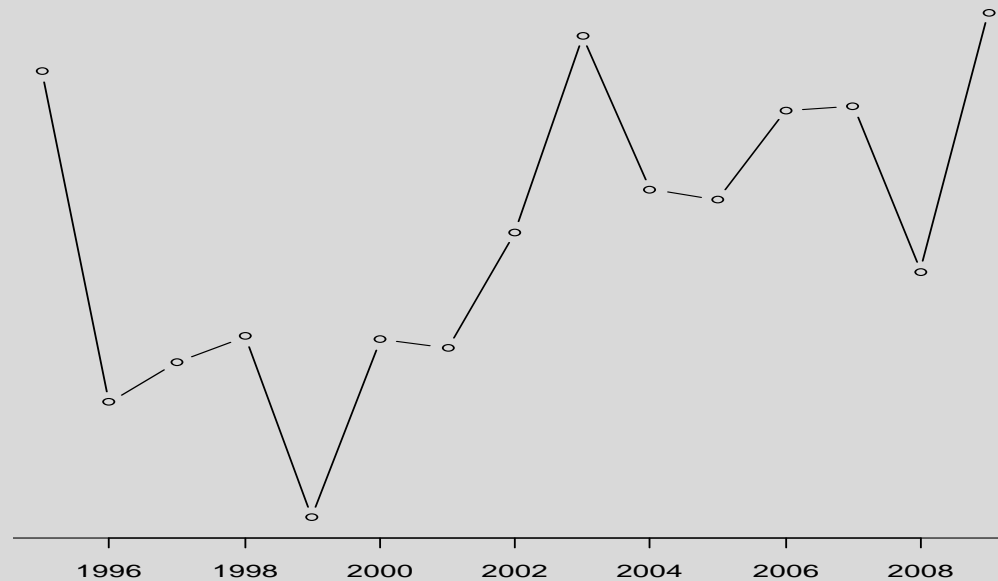
	<i>Biggest group</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Third</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>Fourth</i>	<i>%</i>
Austria	Immigrants	30	Asylum	23	Refugees	10	Muslims	6
Belgium	Immigrants	24	Illegal	14	Asylum	11	Muslims	8
Switzerland	Immigrants	22	Asylum	21	Muslims	11	Illegal	9
Spain	Immigrants	48	Illegal	27	Labour	5	Minorities	4
Ireland	Asylum	31	Immigrants	28	Labour	8	EU/EEA	5
Netherlands	Immigrants	18	Illegal	12	Asylum	11	Minorities	8
UK	Asylum	16	Immigrants	16	Black	7	Racial groups	7

Changes over Time

- 1990s: asylum seekers
 - Remain politicized
- Fewer claims about refugees
- More claims about Muslims
 - Early 2000s
 - Muslims in general (not organizations)
- Differences between countries

Polarization

	<i>AT</i>	<i>BE</i>	<i>CH</i>	<i>ES</i>	<i>IE</i>	<i>NL</i>	<i>UK</i>	<i>Across countries</i>
Polarization (position)	0.78	0.80	0.77	0.91	0.62	0.56	1.05	0.84
Polarization (effect)	1.29	1.12	1.30	0.97	0.59	0.91	1.49	1.18



Dominant Frames

	<i>Most common</i>	<i>Second</i>	<i>Third</i>	<i>Fourth</i>	<i>Fifth</i>
AT	Instrumental	Security	Human rights	Moral princ.	Economic inter.
BE	Public interest	Instrumental	Equal treatment	Efficiency	Human rights
CH	Public interest	Efficiency	Economic inter.	Instrumental	Good governance
ES	Instrumental	Security	Moral principles	Efficiency	Public interest
IE	Instrumental	Public interest	Economic inter.	Efficiency	Socio-pol. int.
NL	Efficiency	Security	Public interest	Instrumental	Procedural
UK	Equal treatment	Efficiency	Security	Instrumental	Moral principles

Who Makes Which Claims?

Object Actor

	<i>Immigrants</i>	<i>Asylum</i>	<i>Illegal</i>	<i>Muslims</i>	<i>Refugees</i>	<i>Labour</i>	<i>Muslim org.</i>
Government	Divided	More negative	Mixed, negative	Positive	Neutral, positive	Mixed	More negative
Parties/ legislative	Divided	More positive	Mixed, negative	Negative	More positive	Positive	
Religious groups		Positive	Silent	Positive	Positive	Silent	
Civil society	Positive	Positive	Positive	Divided	Positive	Positive	More negative

- Small N
- Tendencies

Tabloids

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 - Polarization: lack of neutral claims
 - Slightly more negative claims
- Differences between Groups
 - Asylum seekers more positive in broadsheets
 - Illegal immigrants more negative in tabloids

Conclusion

- Significant differences between countries and groups
- Lack of European debate
- States and historic differences seem to matter