

Migrants' Attitudes towards Welfare State Access

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- What do immigrants think about the welfare state?
 - Especially, what do they think about the **access of immigrants**?
 - Do their opinions differ from natives' opinions?
 - What drives their opinion?

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- Welfare Chauvinism: Attitudes to be in favor of welfare, but also prefer to restrict it to our **own** (Andersen and Bjørklund, 1990)
- Only studied among natives (one exception: Kolbe and Crepaz, 2015)
- Research on Welfare Chauvinism among Natives found
 - Demographics: Sex (+/-); Age (+); Marital Status (+); Unemployed/Welfare Dependency (+/-)
 - Resources: Education (-); Income (-)
 - Share of immigrants (+/0)
 - Welfare State Generosity (-)

(Appelbaum, 2002; Bay and Pedersen, 2006; Crepaz and Damron, 2009; Gorodzeisky and Semyonov, 2009; Hjorth, 2015; Mau and Burkhardt, 2009; Mewes and Mau, 2012; Oorschot, 2008; Oorschot and Uunk, 2007; Raijman et al. 2003; Reeskens and Oorschot, 2012; Waal et al. 2010, 2013)

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- Research on Migrants' Political and Welfare State Attitudes found
 - Immigrants tend to be rather pro welfare compared to natives
 - Immigrants are also less restrictive when it comes to migration and to welfare state access, but they also become more similar to natives, once they acquired the citizenship
 - Preference for redistribution endures into second generation

(Dancygier and Saunders, 2006; Just and Anderson, 2015; Kolbe and Crepaz, 2015; Luttmer and Singhal, 2011; Reeskens and Oorschot, 2015)

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- Differences between immigrants and natives
 - Migration motives: Selective migration due to "welfare magnetism" (Borjas, 1999; Razin and Wahba, 2015)
 - Self-Interest: more often in vulnerable positions (Barrett and McCarthy, 2008)
 - Group-loyalty: loyal to immigrants
- Integration effect due to new institutions and contacts (adaption and learning)
 - Over generations (Diehl et al. 2009; Maxwell, 2010; Reeskens and Oorschot, 2015)
 - Over length of residence (Röder, 2014)

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- Self-Interest (First generation immigrants)
 - Like natives, we expect immigrants to look at their own situation (Andreß and Heien, 2001; Funk, 2000; Jæger, 2006)
 - They are influenced by their individual states, so immigrants favor a level of restrictiveness that corresponds:
 - After 1 year: lived in the country for more than a year
 - Taxes: worked and paid taxes for at least a year
 - Citizenship: acquired the citizenship
 - Never: if they do not at all fear the risk to become dependent on social benefits

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- Dataset: ESS 2008
- 25,466 observations
 - 21,719 Natives
 - 1,838 Second Generation Immigrants
 - 1,909 First Generation Immigrants
- 20 Countries
 - Belgium, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, the Russian Federation, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the Ukraine, and the United Kingdom

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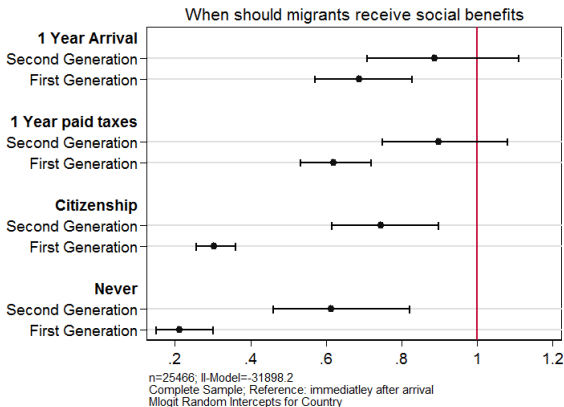
- **Dependent Variable:** When should immigrants obtain the right to receive social benefits?

Group	Immediately	Residence 1yr	Paid Taxes 1yr	Citizenship	Never	Total
Native	1,576 (7%)	1,986 (9%)	8,710 (40%)	7,993 (37%)	1,454 (7%)	21,719
Second Gen.	175 (10%)	183 (10%)	799 (43%)	597 (32%)	84 (5%)	1,838
First Gen.	328 (17%)	249 (13%)	904 (47%)	387 (20%)	41 (2%)	1,909
Total	2,079 (8%)	2,418 (9%)	10,413 (41%)	8,977 (35%)	1,579 (6%)	25,466

- **Controls:** age, sex, income (standardized), education (ISCED), welfare dependency, marital status, pro redistribution, anti-immigrants attitudes
- **Statistical Model:** Multinomial Logit Models with Random Intercepts (country)

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- Comparison of immigrants and natives



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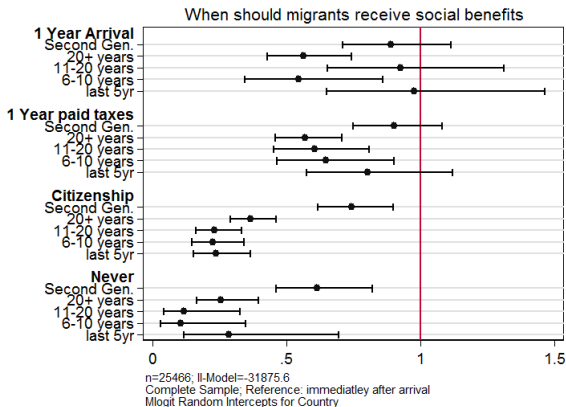
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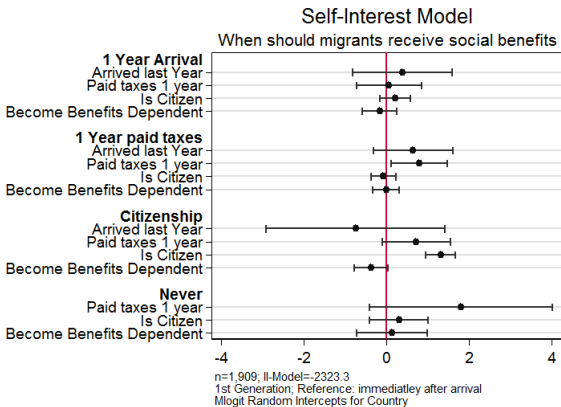
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- Self-Interest Model (First Generation Immigrants)



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- we studied the restrictiveness of immigrants with respect to welfare state access
 - Integration over generations, but not with the length of residence
 - Self-Interest tends to play a role especially for those with citizenship and tax payers (those who succeeded?)
- Unfortunately we lack measures to test
 - effects of socialization of country of birth
 - whether their attitudes are driven by group-loyalty controlled for self-interest (and vice versa)
- furthermore: sample size, not focused on immigrants

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- Collection of new Dataset "MIFARE"
 - attitudes of and towards immigrants (Welfare State, politics etc.)
 - questions based on existing datasets (ISSP, ESS) + expansion
 - country comparison: Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark
 - different immigrant groups with 200-350 observations per group (German dataset: over 2700 total observations)
 - focused on immigrants who migrated themselves (socialized in country of origin)

Thank you

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