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Measurement Problem or Incomplete Political Integration?

Analysing Patterns of Missing Values on Key Electoral Variables among Russian Germans and Germans of Turkish Descent in the IMGES

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IMGES

The two most popular members of the two most numerous immigrant groups in Germany

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Sources: <http://www.helene-fischer-fans.com/start/>, <https://www.deutschland.de/de/topic/leben/mesut-oezil>

- First survey of immigrant voters in Germany in 2017
Russian Germans very high likelihoods of answering don't know or refuse to answer in central electoral variables
- Models of electoral behaviour need to explicitly model these patterns
- Not disengagement from public sphere
- Covariation with immigrant variation and length of stay in Germany, some with education, lots with political knowledge and political interest
- Significant pockets of Russian Germans mentally outside of mainstream politics

The two most numerous immigrant voter groups

	K	In %
All eligible voters	61 500	100
Voters without immigrant background (DoM)	55 200	89.8
Voters with immigrant background (1st/2nd gen)	6 300	10.2
Voters with a Turkish background (DTÜR)	730	1.2
Voters with Soviet/Post-Soviet background (DRUS)	1 950	3.2

- DFG-finanziertes Forschungsprojekt von Oktober 2016 – März 2020: Achim Goerres (Duisburg-Essen) & Dennis Spies (Odense), Projektmanagerin Sabrina Jasmin Mayer (Duisburg-Essen)
- Grundgesamtheit: deutsche Staatsbürger >16 Jahre türkischer/ex-sowjetischer Herkunft
 - Selbst oder mindestens eins der Elternteile in einem dieser Ländern geboren (1. und 2. Generation)
 - Zwei wichtigsten Migrantengruppen, 2,3 Mio. (40 %) der 6,3 Mio. Wähler mit Migrationshintergrund

- Hier: F2F, Nachwahl, abgestimmt mit GLES
- Feldzeit Okt.-Dez. 2017
- Befragung mit 1.000 Personen – 500 pro Gruppe
- Stichprobenziehung: 150 Sampling Points, anschließend 1.000 zufällige Adressen der Einwohnermeldeämter, onomastische Klassifikation
- 60 min persönliche Befragung auf Deutsch (Russisch/Türkisch am PC CASI möglich, 2-5 %)
- Infas Bonn + Humpert/Schneiderheinze

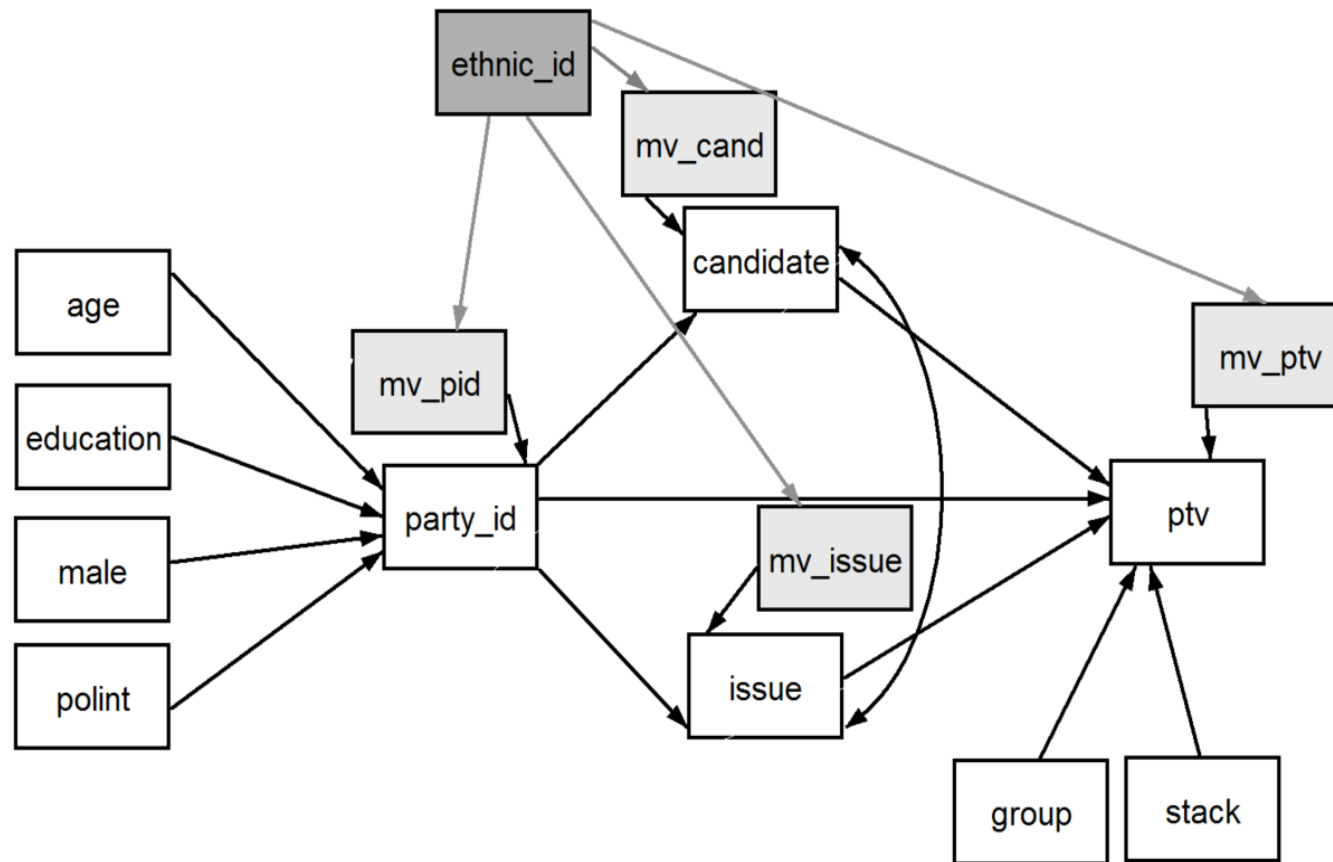
Some selected statistics on missing values

- % of don't knows, no answer

	DTUR	DRUS	Natives
Party identification	8	11	3
Issue competence	11	14	8
Candidate evaluation CDU/CSU	3	5	1
...SPD	12	22	6
...Left	26	36	17

H6: Immigrant-specific factors affect existence of political attitudes and attachments

- Path model including missing value dummies



Propensities to vote

Party	dk party	dk	refuse
CDU	0	7	3
SPD	1	7	3
Linke	2	8	3
Grüne	1	7	7
FDP	2	10	4
AfD	1	9	3

Propensities to Vote 2

	for no party	1 party	2-6 parties	7 parties
dk party	95	5	0	0
dk	95	5	0	0
refuse to answer	95	1	0	3
any missing	69	15	7	9

Covariation with non-attitudes in other public sphere items

RECODE of sum_ptvan ymis	RECODE of q9 (Allgemeine wirtschaftliche Lage, aktuell)		
	0	1	Total
0	.6913	.0016	.6929
1	.1518	0	.1518
2	.0644	0	.0644
3	.0868	.0042	.091
Total	.9942	.0058	1

Key: cell proportion

AIC = 914

predicted average marginal effects

Increase in AIC	ind. V from 0 to 1	for no party	1 party	2-6 parties	7 parties
12	born in Germany			16	-35
	years in Germany				-35
	understood few or no question language skills limited or bad			-7	
Demographics					
17	Age				
	Female	-17	15		
	Rf: Edu low				
	Edu medium				
	Edu high	19	-16		
	Edu other	77		13	-90
pol variables					
35	RF: 5% treshold dk				
	5 % treshold corr				-10
	5 % threshold wrong	21		-15	
	pol interest				21