



# The Impact of the Crisis on Europe

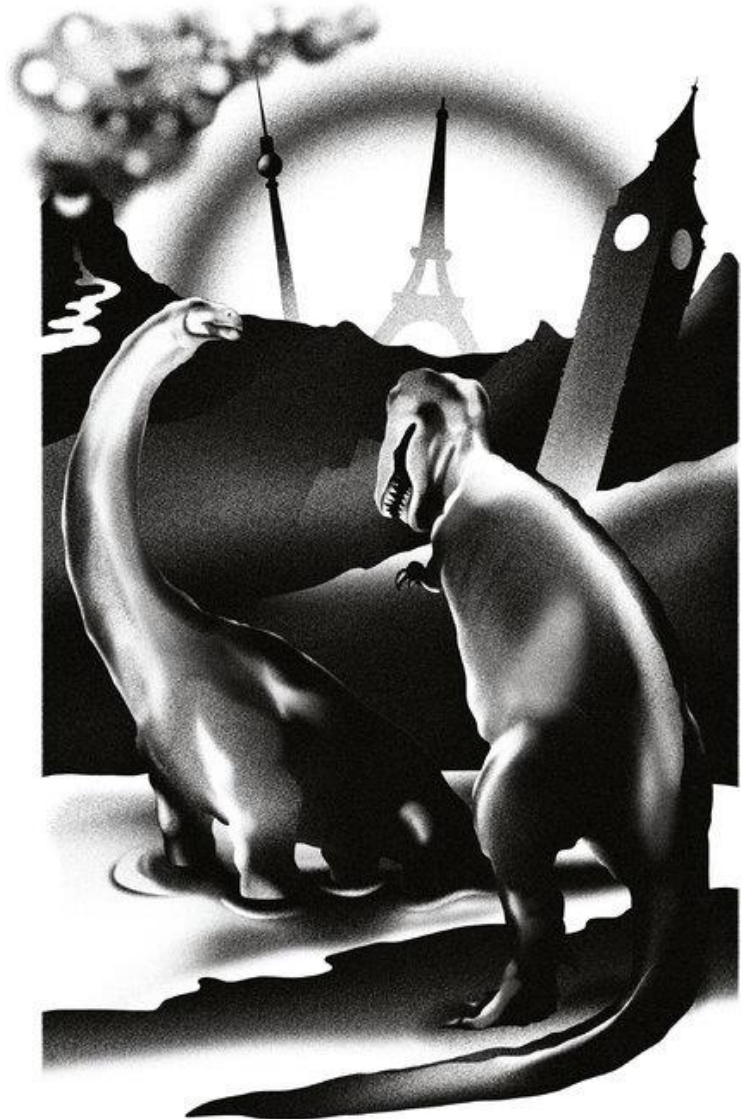
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# Today's Plan

- Overview of the Crisis in the European Context
  - The European Economy
  - Europe and Migration
  - Expected impact on the European economy
  - Timeline
- Six views on accepting refugees
- Impact on Politics
- Impact on cities
- Impact on the European Union
- Impact on Europe's relationship with its "neighborhood"
- The EU-Turkey "Deal"
- Prospects for the future

# Europe in economic decline.....

- Growth slowing, even Germany
- Low productivity,
- high unemployment
- Aging population: 20% of Europeans are over 65—25% by 2030
- Low fertility Population is declining
- Large portion of GDP goes to retirement benefits
- Median age of migrants in EU is 34.7

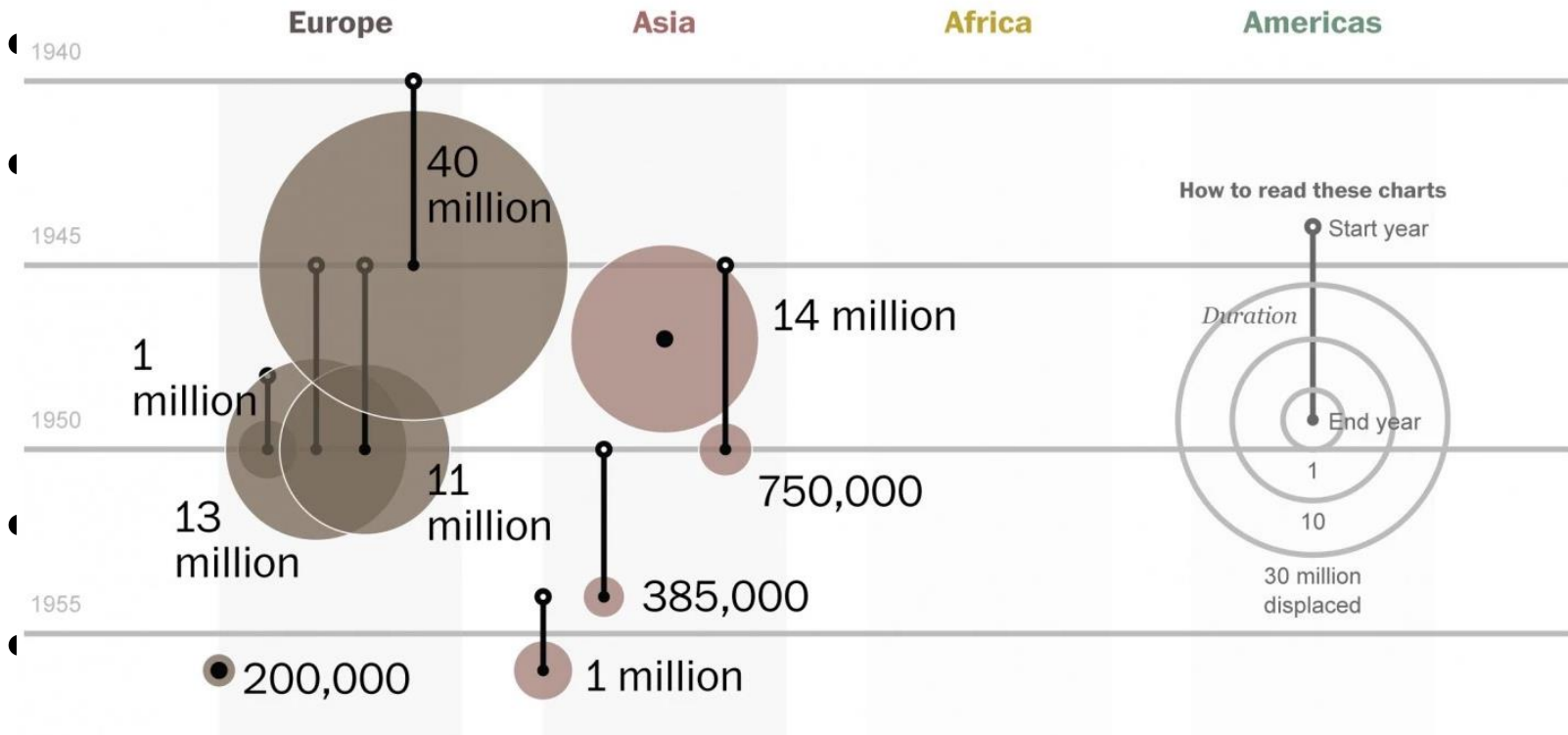




# Europe and Migration: Highlights

- **Europe: continent of migration & social welfare**
  - 10% of world's people, 25% of world's countries, 35% of international migrants, 50% of social welfare spending
- **Net migration: 500,000 to 700,000 a year, versus 1 million+ a year in US. 1+ million to Europe in 2015.....Half to Germany & UK**
- **EU leaders: Europe needs migrants, but EU should select migrants, not migrants select Europe**

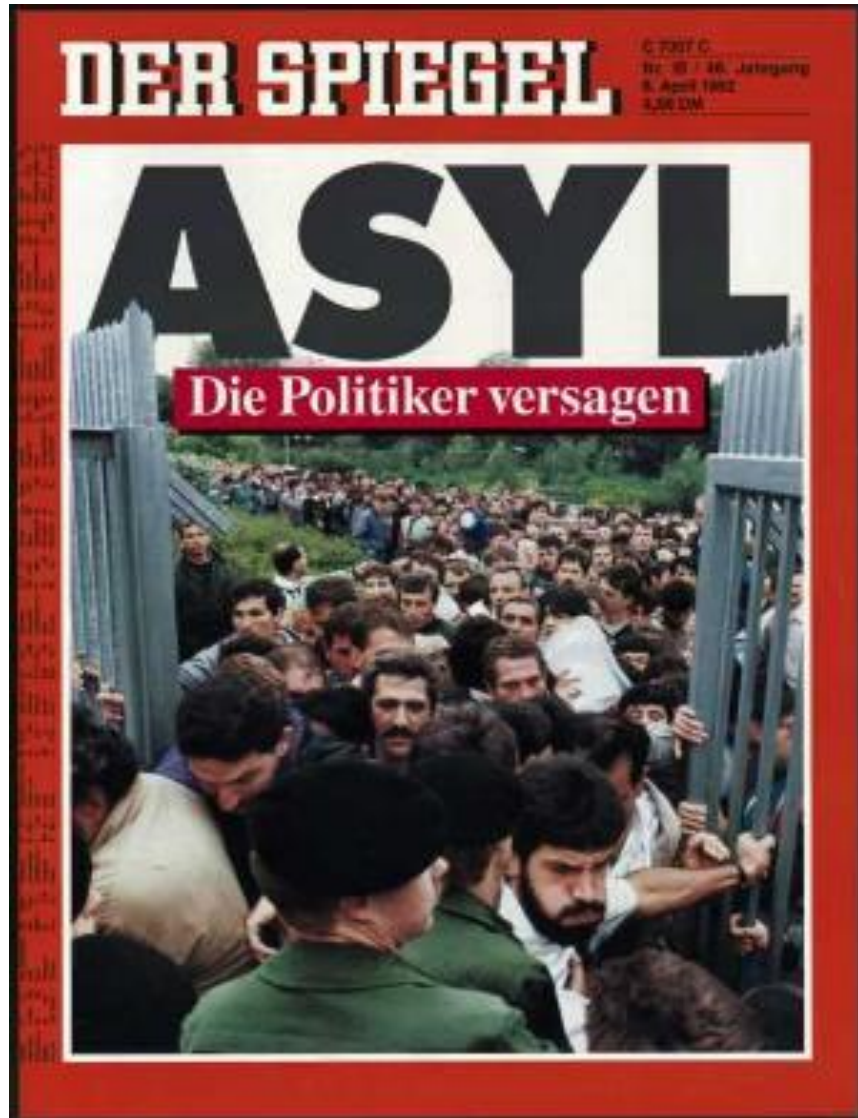
# Europe and Migration: History

## A visual guide to 75 years of major refugee crises



- 1992-1995  1 million (Balkan Wars)
- 2008-2015  1.5 million (of 4 million) (Middle East /North Africa).

# Migration crisis 1992: 438,000 to Germany from Balkans



# Impact of migration on the European economy

- The Economic Challenge
- Short term fiscal costs rise
- Only partly offset by the EU
- Positive Aggregate Demand impact *immediate*; labor effects *gradual*
- Immigrants typically integrate slowly
- Current refugee population could integrate more quickly



# Refugees begin to flood Europe Summer 2015: Welcome .....

2014 ISIS announces caliphate, kills thousands, thousands flee'



EU prevents refugees from coming to Europe

- EU fines airlines transporting refugees without documents
- EU pays Gaddafi to keep migrants in Libya
- EU stops funding Mare Nostrum, thousands begin to die in Mediterranean
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LX\\_IX15wTLA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LX_IX15wTLA)

2015 Aylan Kurdi is found on a Turkish beach

- Creates wave of public sympathy including
- from Angela Merkel



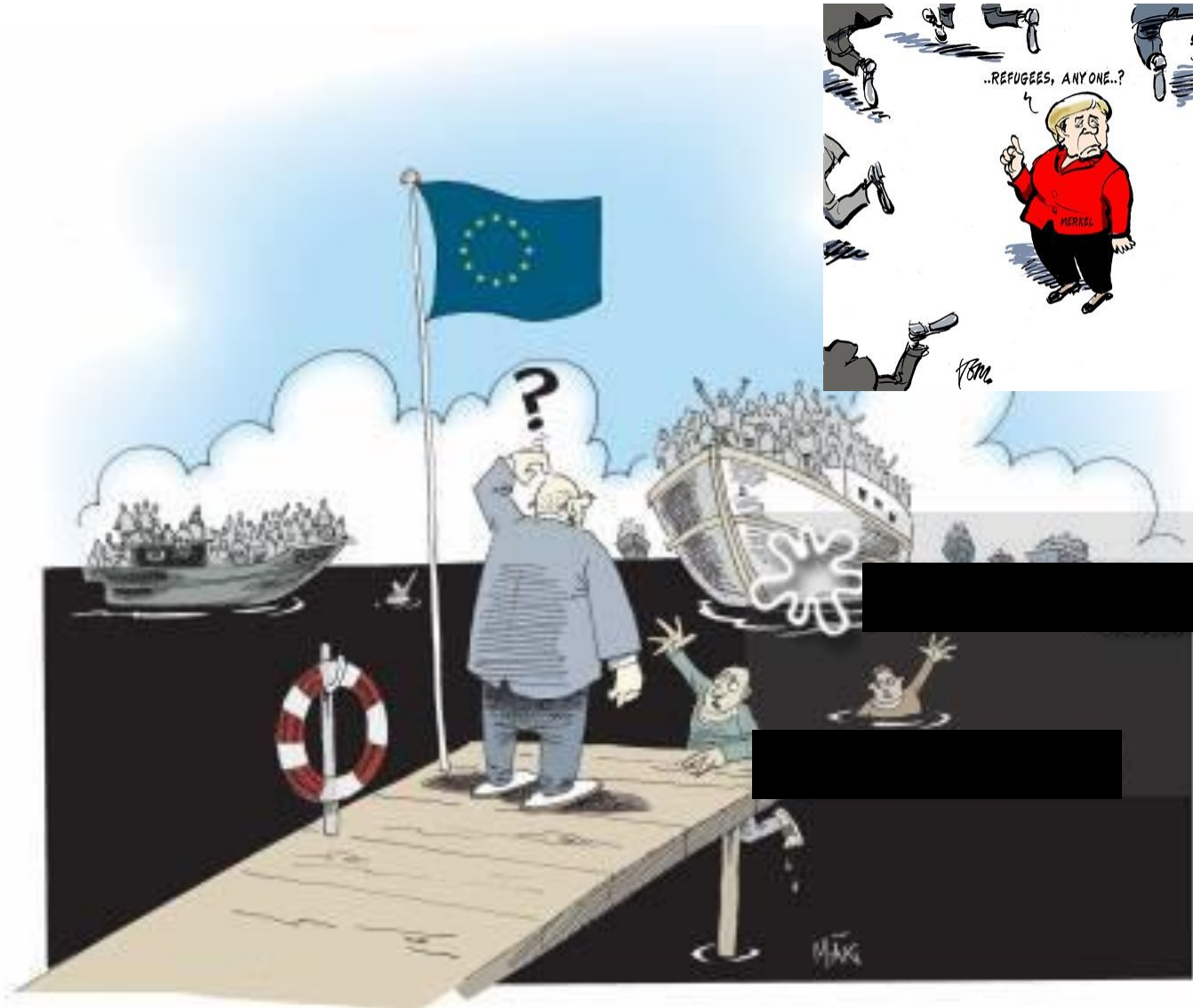
Slogan "Refugees Welcome" Goes Viral



Britain, France, and Germany pledge to take in thousands of refugees



# But the EU is clueless.....



# Then “oops” .....not welcome.....

Hungary is overwhelmed, builds fence and detains refugees

Angela Merkel rescinds the Dublin rule

50,000 refugees arrive in Greece  
July 2015

Germany temporarily closes its border

Hungary closes its border,  
Denmark, Slovakia, Czech Republic restrict entry



# But refugees arrive anyway....

In 5 years, asylum applications quadrupled from 270,000 in 2010 to 1.4 million in 2015

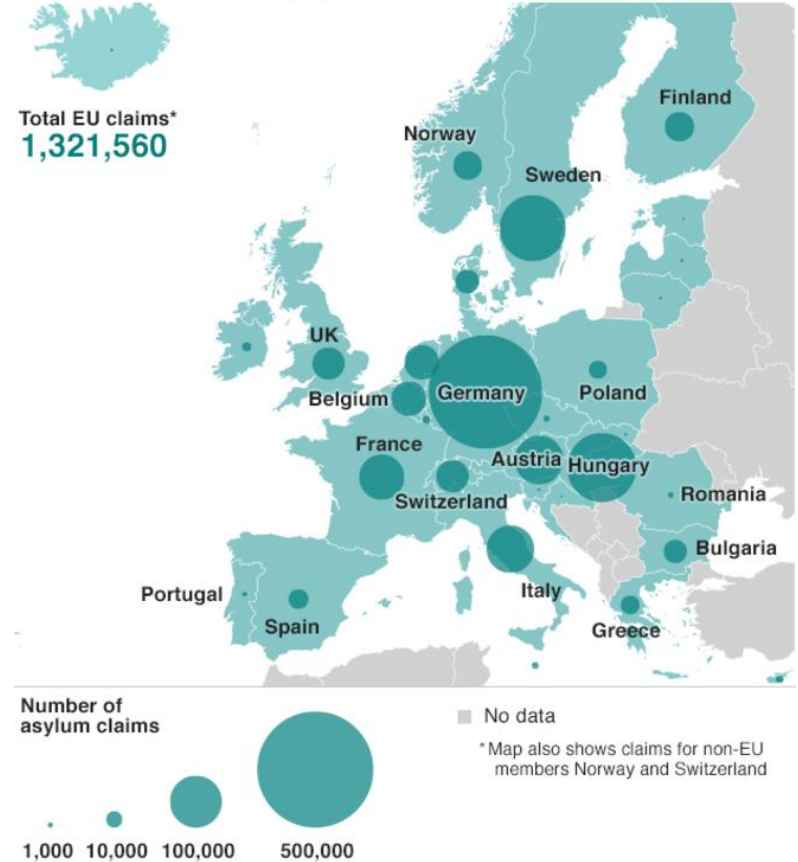


# Who takes the most?



Asylum Seekers

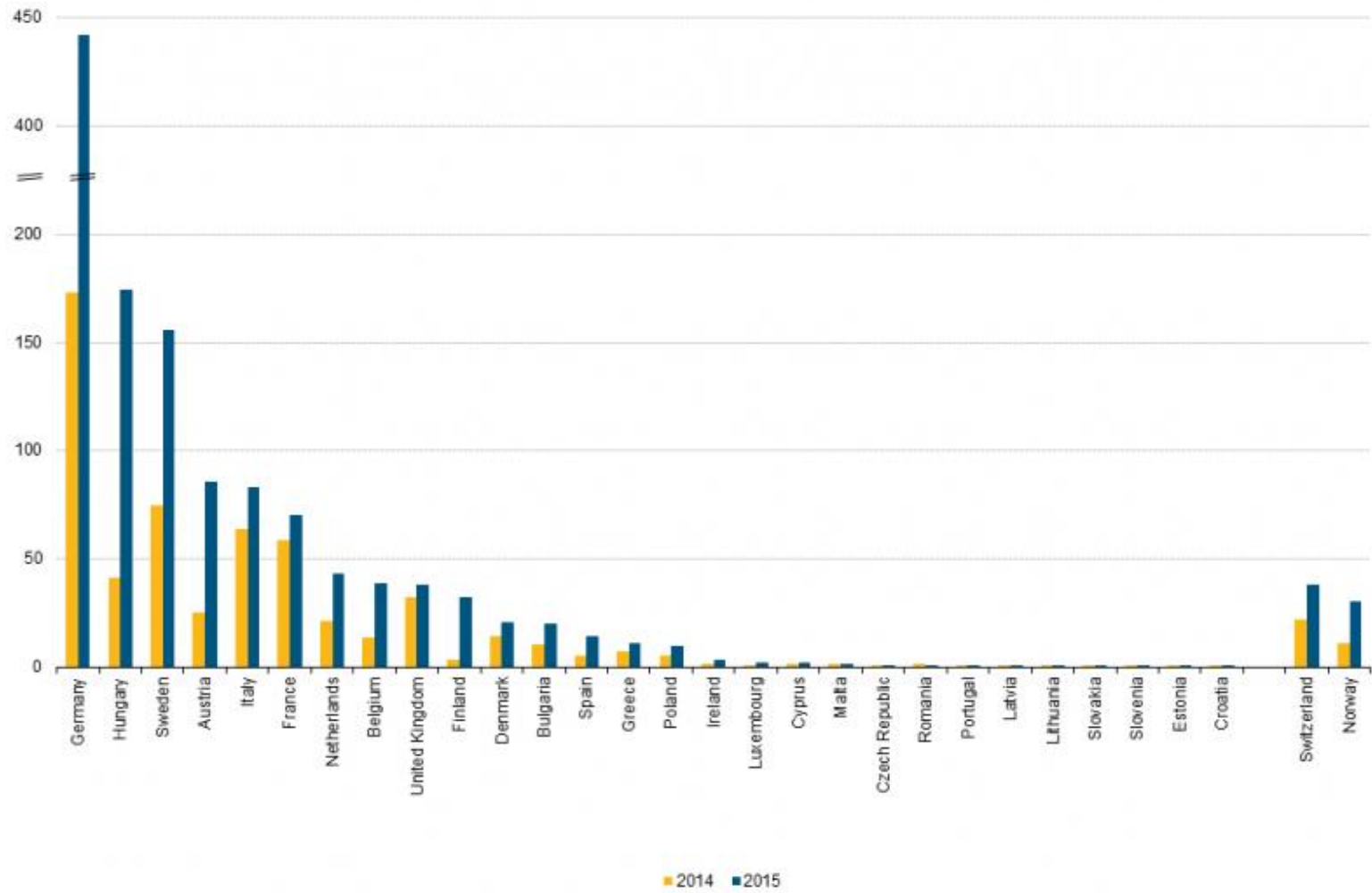
Asylum claims in Europe, 2015



Source: Eurostat



Asylum Claims



Source: Eurostat (online data code: migr\_asyappctza)

# Europe's Refugee Challenge: Two schools of thought

## SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT FAVORING MORE REFUGEES



Business



Americans, generally

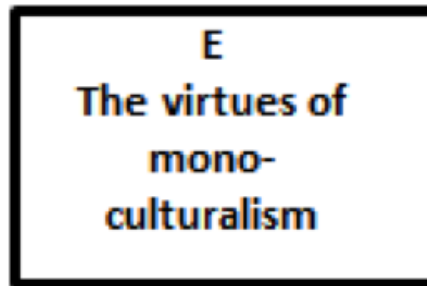


Younger people, Liberals

## SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT OPPOSING MORE REFUGEES



Economic conservatives



Older people, Social conservatives



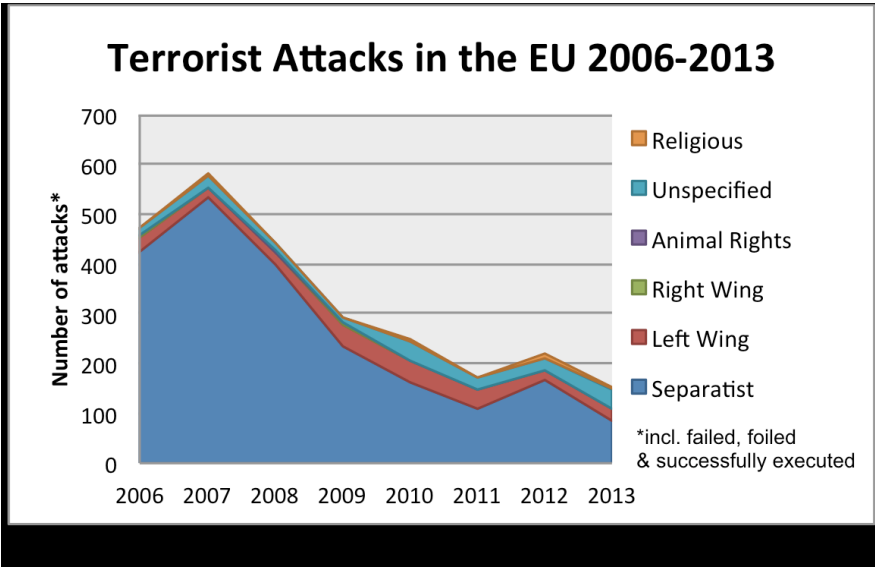
Social conservatives

# G. Fear of Refugee Violence

Fear that ISIS fighters are among the refugees: **Terrorist Attacks**  
 Fear of refugee **crime and assaults**

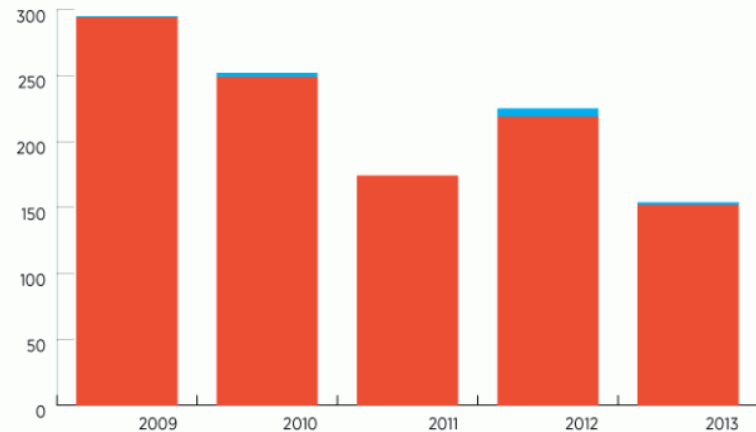


**General Population wants safety**



## RELIGIOUSLY MOTIVATED TERRORIST ATTACKS

*In the last 5 years, less than 2 percent of terrorist attacks in the E.U. have been 'religiously motivated.'*



■ non-religious terrorist attacks in the E.U.

■ religiously-motivated terrorist attacks in the E.U.

source: [https://www.europol.europa.eu/latest\\_publications/37](https://www.europol.europa.eu/latest_publications/37)

**THINKPROGRESS**

# Both views clash

- 11 million Germans are volunteering to help refugees
- Cities are welcoming refugees, even where national leaders have said they will reject refugees....
- But....

The Rise of Europe's Far-Right Parties, April 20 - Aug. 29

Support for right-wing political parties on social media has flourished in the wake of the EU's migrant crisis.



Source: Facebook, April 20-Aug. 29 [Get the data](#)



# And Paris and Cologne intensify opposition



How? By Moving the discussion from refugee safety to citizen security

# And grow in popularity throughout Europe



Even in Germany, where the AfD gains electoral support.....



They influence national policy.....



# Czechs mark numbers on refugees arms



But cities remain welcoming: “It may be states that grant asylum, but it’s cities that provide shelter”



# Welcome to Riace



# And Helsinki.....





# Gdansk.....



# Utrecht.....



# Barcelona...



Munich.....



# Some mayors reject refugees

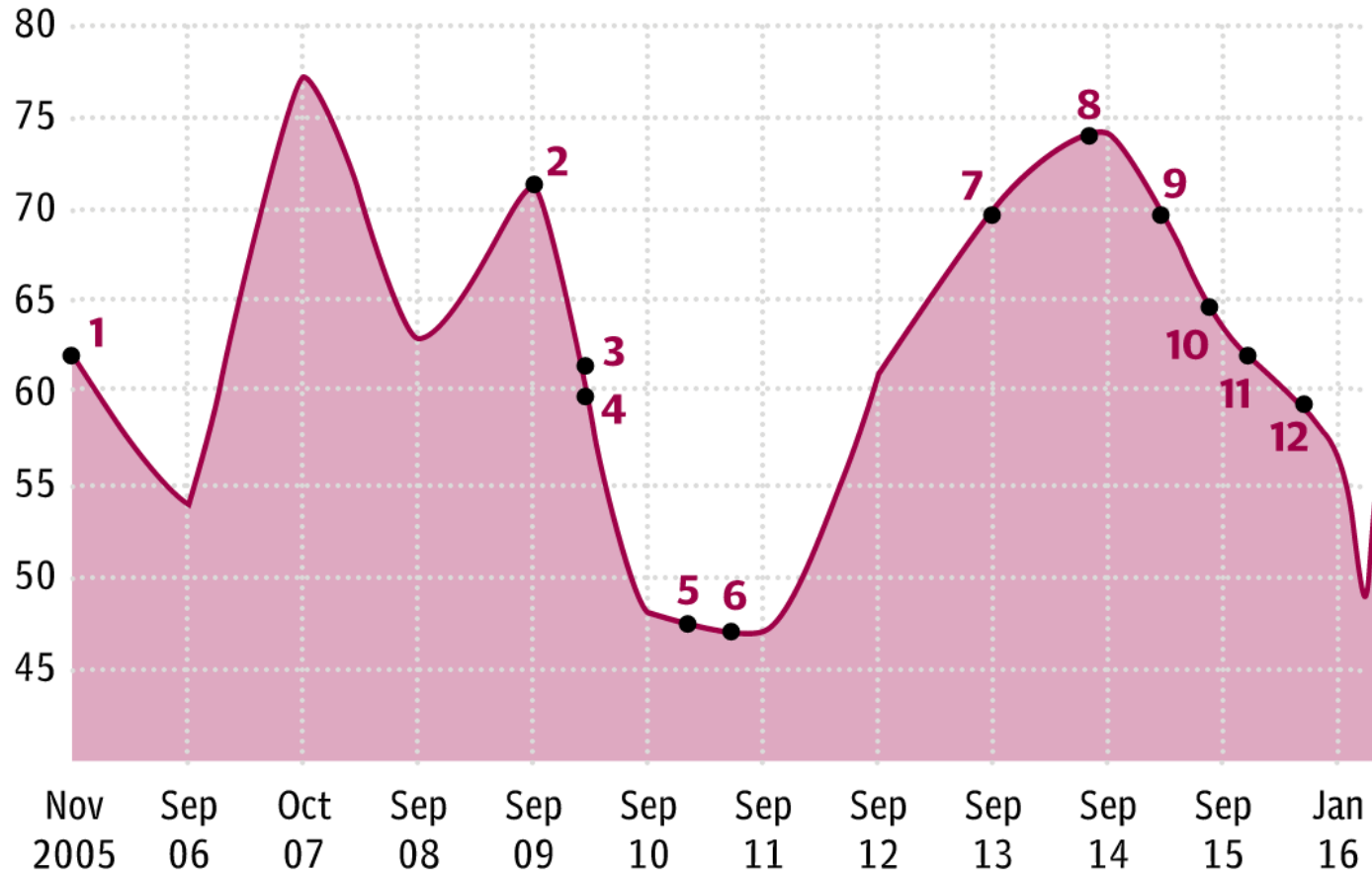


# The Crisis creates political instability



# Merkel's popularity rollercoaster

Support %




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- 1. HIGH Sep 2005** Narrowly wins Bundestag elections, becoming Germany's first female political leader
- 2. HIGH Sep 2009** Re-elected as Chancellor
- 3. LOW May 2010** First Greek bail-out
- 4. LOW Jun 2010** Merkel approval rating at record low
- 5. LOW Feb 2011** CDU ousted in Hamburg state election in worst showing since WWII
- 6. LOW May 2011** Merkel's party suffers worst result in 52 years in Bremen state elections
- 7. HIGH Sep 2013** Merkel re-elected with best results for the conservatives in 20 years
- 8. HIGH Aug 2014** German government approval rating reaches all-time high of 59 per
- 9. HIGH Apr 2015** Merkel reaches 75 per cent public approval rating
- 10. LOW Aug 2015** Third Greek bail-out
- 11. LOW Oct 2015** Merkel's approval rating plummets over handling of refugee crisis
- 12. LOW Jan 2016** 40 per cent of Germans say Merkel should resign over refugee crisis after cologne attacks


In another piece of good news for Mrs Merkel, public support for her **chief**



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March 2016: Popularity rises to 54%  
disapproval of her refugee policy 60%



And popularity remains strong after the EU-Turkey agreement which she negotiated



# The Agreement: “Don’t Come”



# Details of the Agreement

- March 18, 2016 EU-Turkey agreement
  - A one-for-one trade
  - 72000 Syrians from Turkey will be resettled in Europe
  - EU will give Turkey 6 Billion euros, provide visa-free entry to Europe and restart membership negotiations
  - Turkey opens its labor market to migrants
  - And improve conditions in refugee camps (schools and hospitals)
- The Legal basis of the agreement:
  - “Irregular” migrants will be returned if they come from a **“safe country of origin” (Balkins, Tunesia, Algeria, Morocco)**
  - Asylum seekers can be returned to Turkey because it is considered a **“safe third country”**
    - **Greece must look at the claim but can send them to Turkey for a “substantial examination”**

# Refugee Aid groups have protested

- “No Contracting State shall expel or return (“refouler”) a refugee in any manner whatsoever to the frontiers of territories where his life or freedom would be threatened on account of his race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion.” [Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees](#) Article 33
- [The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union](#) says that “collective expulsion are forbidden” and the [UN Convention on Refugees](#) prohibits contracting parties from expelling or pushing back refugees.
- The EU Parliament defined *prima facie* refugees as nationals escaping conflict or generalized violence, for whom it is not necessary to hold an individual interview as it is generally evident why they have fled.

# Refugees protest in Greece

- [http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/02/greece-violence-refugees-riot-forced-return-to-turkey?CMP=share\\_btn\\_fb](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/apr/02/greece-violence-refugees-riot-forced-return-to-turkey?CMP=share_btn_fb)





# Risks of returning asylum-seekers to Turkey—not really a “safe” Third country?

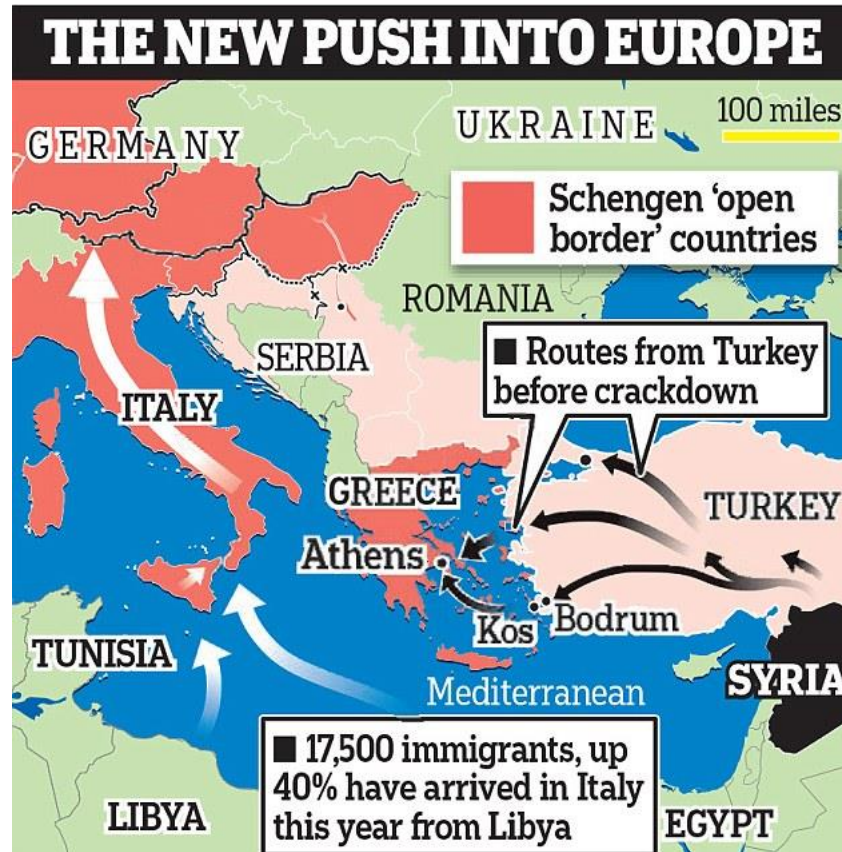




# Refugees arrive from Greece to Turkey



# New Routes to Europe



“A trip to Italy next week in a big fast tourist yacht. Two floors, air-conditioned, prepared for tourists. Recommended for families.”



The screenshot shows a Facebook page for a community. The main image is a large cruise ship named "SILJA SERENADE" with "Holland America" written on its side. Below the image, the community name is written in Arabic: "الهجرة إلى أوروبا من تركيا" (Migration to Europe from Turkey). The page has 6,396 likes and is managed by Farid Farid. The page layout includes a navigation bar with "Timeline", "About", "Photos", "Likes", and "Videos". Below the navigation bar, there are options to "Post", "Photo/Video", and "Ask a Question". The "Post" button is highlighted in blue. The text "Write something..." is visible in the post creation area.

# Will this deal resolve the European refugee crisis?

- No, refugees will find alternative routes as long as they are driven from their homes..
- But.....
  - If Greece receives help and if refugees are quickly resettled from Greece.....
  - And if the EU expedites resettlement from Turkish camps
- There may be some temporary relief for Europe
- But the issue is much deeper...

- “Displacement from south to north is inevitable. Neither barbed – wire fences, walls, nor deportations will be worth anything; they will come by the millions.”

---Jose Saramago