Against immigrants?

What are the reasons and what can we do.

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Different approaches in European Countries

Countries with a colonial past

- Great Britain, France, Belgium, Netherlands ...
- Since the 19th century: large immigration from the former colonies
- legal equality very high and fast; no stranger - but "colonial citizen"

Central European States

- Germany, Austria...
- Immigration since the sixties: guest worker and rotation model
- Restrictive immigration, high demands on citizenship etc.

Southern European - Mediterranean countries

- Italy, Spain, Greece, Portugal
- From former emigration countries to immigration and transit countries (since 1990)

Eastern and South-Eastern European countries

- Strong emigration since the collapse of the socialist countries
- Since the EU entry (2004 and 2007) gradual immigration
- Since 2014 transit countries for refugees of war and poverty (Balkan route)

Many different but related reasons to be against migrants

1. **Prejudices, xenophobia, racism**

2. **Established-outsider relations:** Unequal rights between established and outsiders, privileges of the established (Elias/Scottson; Hüttermann)

3. **Anthropological guest semantics:** Guest semantics (outsiders/guests should obey the rules of the "hosts"

4. **Existential fear of loss of control** (especially in small countries)

5. **Decline fears** (social, economic, spatial)

6. **Regress fears - loss of modern achievements**

7. **Insecurity and alienation fears:** Worried about the loss of cultural heritage (ideas about a common linguistic, historical and religious affiliation)

8. **Cross-cultural conflicts and misunderstandings**

Value shifter

Humans do not have common attitudes and values! In the most cases, our behavior is paradoxical!

- One side of us says: We do not want refugees!
- Our other side says: we have to help people in bad circumstances!
- Therfore it's important how to frame the issues!

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