



The Migration-Border Nexus

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French German border: “Youth calls Europe”



Daniele Albertazzi and Duncan McDonnell *Twenty-First Century Populism*, 2008

- They define populism as "an ideology which pits a virtuous and homogeneous people against a set of elites and dangerous 'others' who are together depicted as depriving (or attempting to deprive) the sovereign people of their rights, values, prosperity, identity and voice"



The Hobbesian sovereigntist rationale

- Giambattista Vico (*Scienza Nova*; 1744), “in order to put a stop to the infamous promiscuity of things in the bestial state. On these boundaries were to be fixed the confines first of families, then of gentes or houses, later of peoples, and finally of nations”





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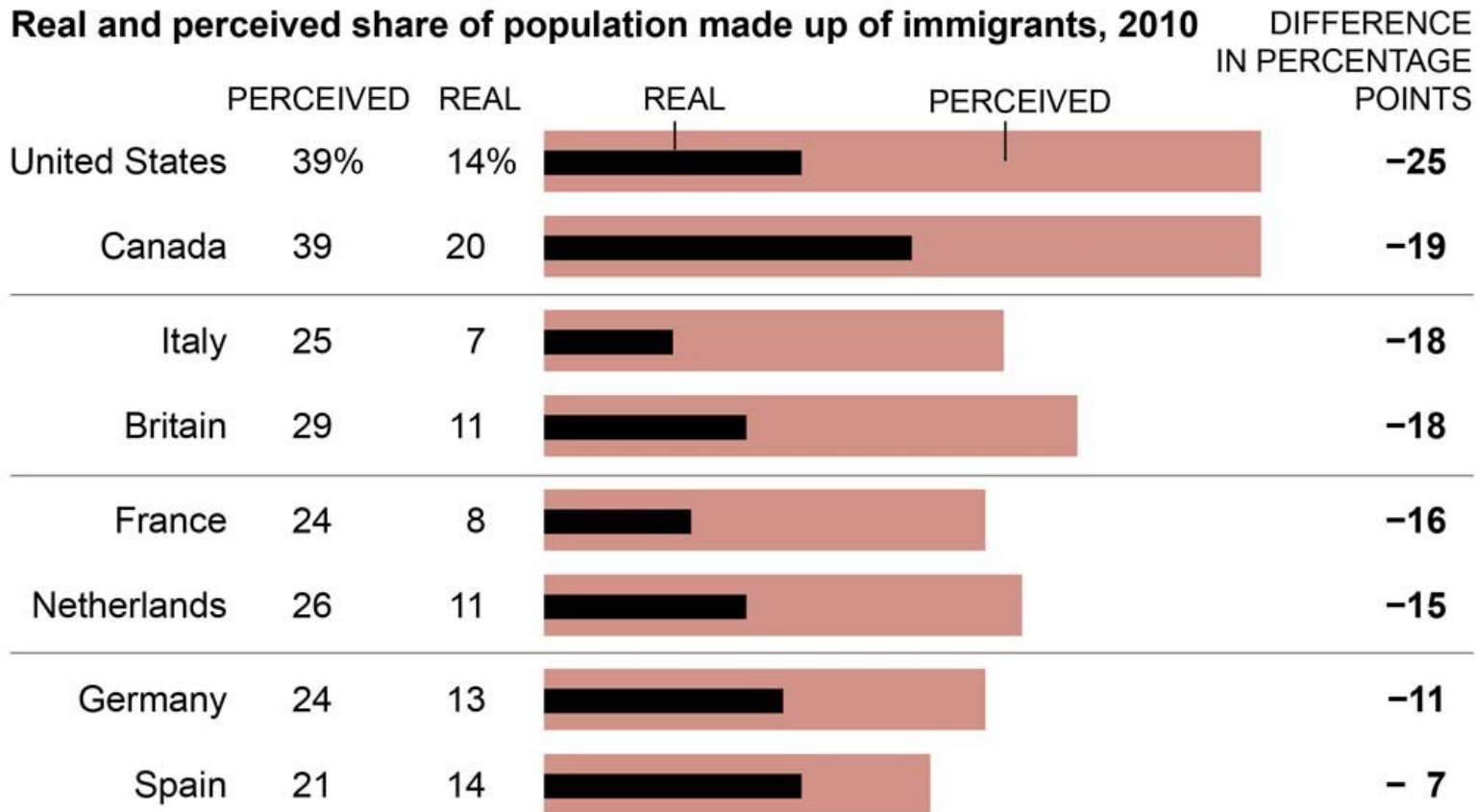


"I want to close the Dutch borders. My constituents don't want more refugees. I'm not ashamed to represent these voters. I'm proud of it.

Geert Wilders

Perception gap

People surveyed in European countries, the United States and Canada significantly overestimate the percentage of immigrants in their country.



Based on a telephone survey by TNS Opinion of roughly 1,000 men and women age 18 and older in each country surveyed, between August and November 2010. The survey was commissioned by Transatlantic Trends, a project of the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the Compagnia di San Paolo.

Orban in 2015

- “If we let everybody in we will destroy Europe.” **September 5, 2015** ([source](#) in Hungarian).
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- Not several thousand, not several hundred thousand, but several million people are laying siege to the borders of Europe” **September 21, 2015**, “Our borders have come under danger, our lifestyle built upon respect for the law is in danger, Hungary and all of Europe are in danger.” **September 21, 2015**, referring to the migration crisis during speech at Hungarian Parliament Building ([source](#) in Hungarian).



I would like to hear from Chancellor Merkel what she was thinking when opening the borders. I cannot imagine at all what it was.

— *Jarosław Kaczyński* —

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Identity panic

