

Why should we and how could we study migrants

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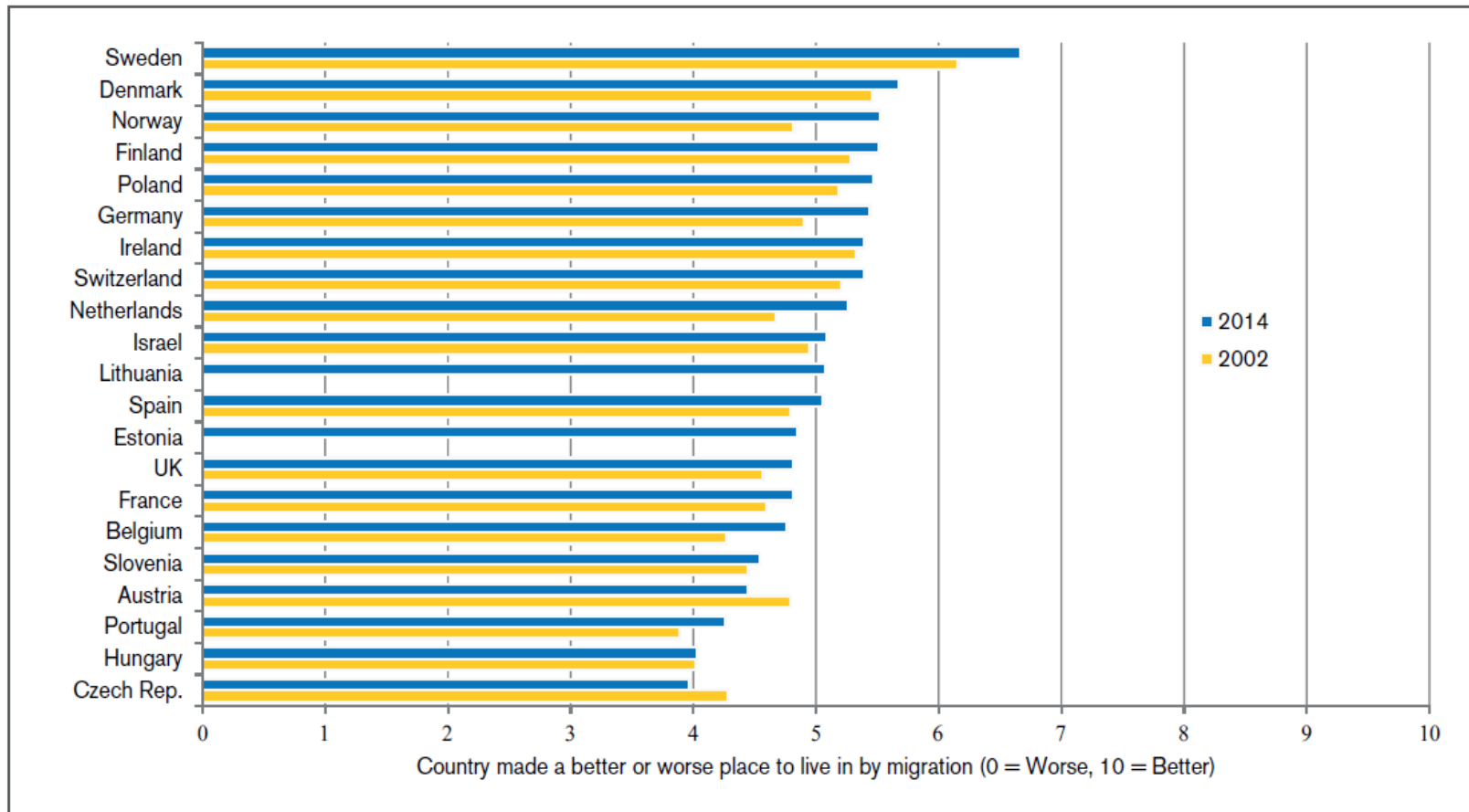
Studying migrants (us and them)

- Give a complete picture?
 - Need help?
 - Suffer problems?
 - Cause problems?
 - Less capabilities, money, networks?
 - Outsiders?
 - Inferior?
 - Less power?
 - Are different?
 - Danger, threat?
 - Need to assimilate?
 - Us and them
- Guestworkers
 - Foreigners
 - Allochtonous
 - Migrants
 - Migration background
- Homogeneous groups?
 - Country of origin
 - Students, marriage, ex-pats, low-paid jobs

Stoop, Ineke (2014) Representing the populations: what general social surveys can learn from surveys among specific groups. In: Tourangeau, R., Edwards, B., Johnson, T.P., Wolter, K.M., & Bates, N. (eds.) *Hard-to-Survey Populations* (pp. 225-244). Cambridge University Press.



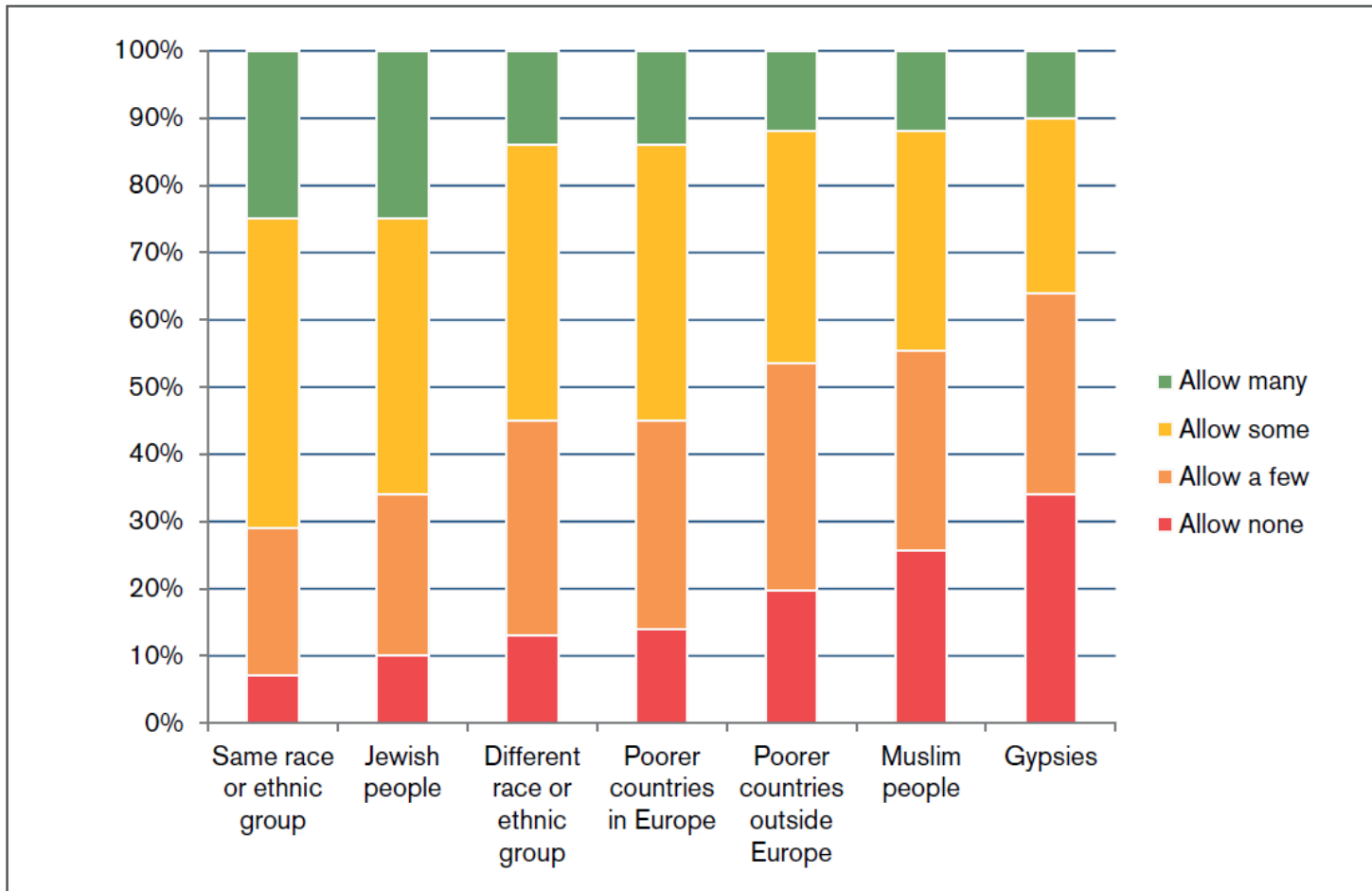
Evaluation of whether country is made a better or worse place to live in as a result of migration



www.europeansocialsurvey.org/docs/findings/ESS7_toplines_issue_7_immigration.pdf



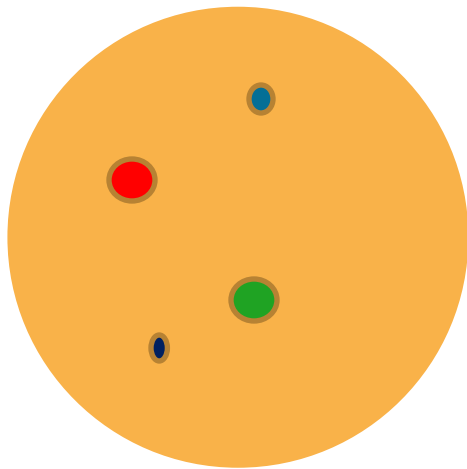
Attitudes towards different sorts of migrant in 2014





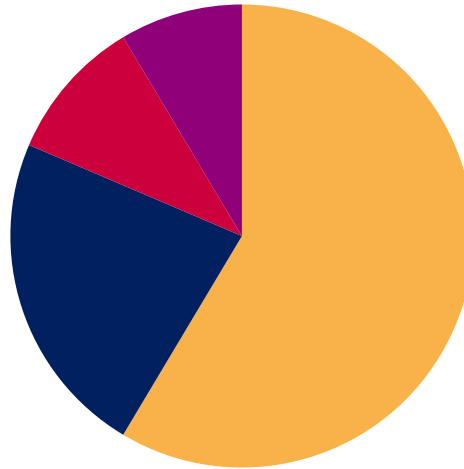
Include migrants in statistics

General population



**Precision
and bias**

Subgroups



Comparing groups

Minority group



**Specific
survey**



1. General population

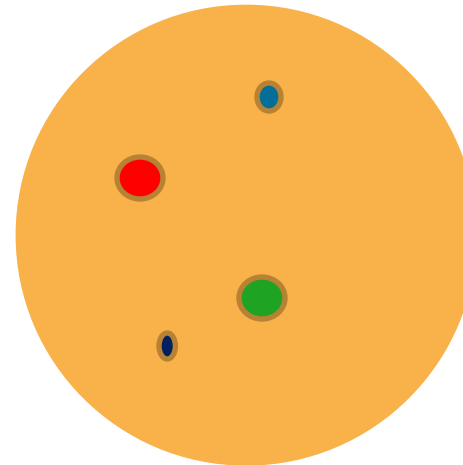
■ Complete population

- Unemployment
- Health
- Political efficacy
- Social participation

■ Survey problem

- No identification necessary, as long as they take part
- Precision: dependent on group size
- Bias: Survey participation related to output variable (through subgroup membership)

General population



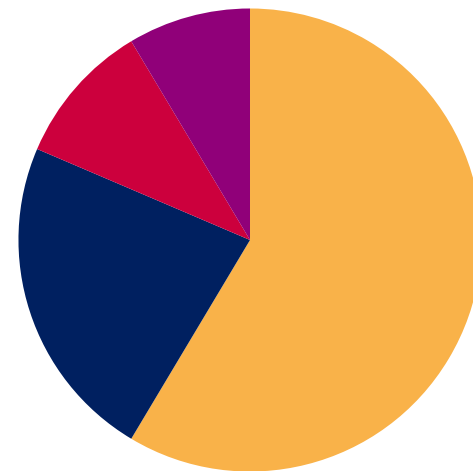


2. General population: subgroups

- Distinctions
 - Socio-demographic groups, deviant groups, analysis

- Survey problems
 - In surveys, registrations
 - Have to be identified
 - Comparing groups
 - Standardised design

Subgroups





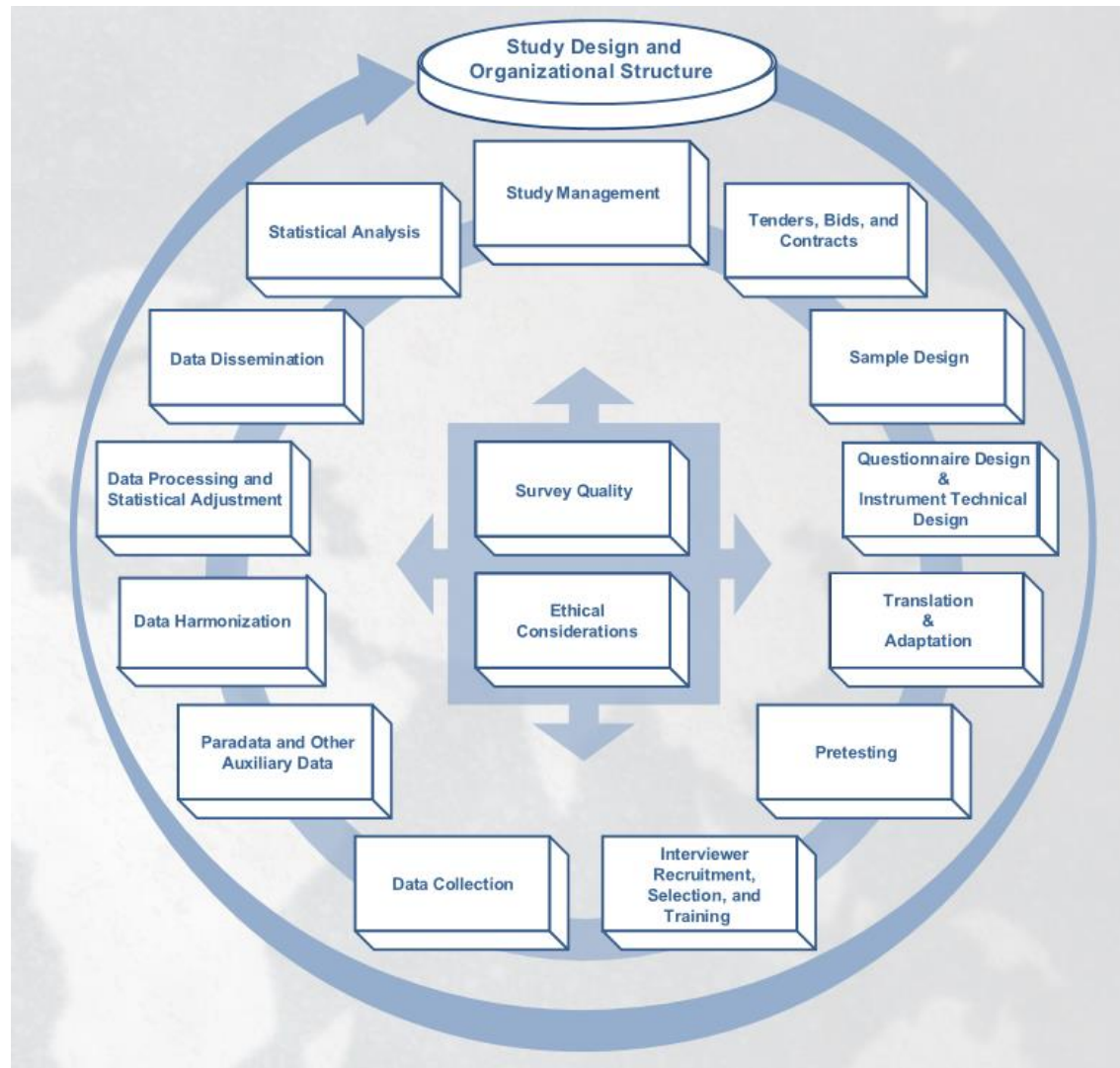
3. Specific group

- Target groups
- Specific topics
- Adapted questionnaire

- Survey problems
 - Sampling frame
 - Cooperation
 - Language
 - Culture
 - Measurement issues

Minority group







Adaptation

*Peter Mohler, Brita Dorer, Julie de Jong, and Mengyao Hu, 2016
(2010 Version: Janet Harkness)*

Introduction

Why adapt questions?

Common forms of adaptation

System-driven adaptation

Adaptation to improve conceptual coverage

Adaptation related to cultural discourse norms

Adaptation and cultural sensibilities

Adapting design components or characteristics

Adaptation related to lexicon and grammar

Adaptation to maintain or to reduce level of difficulty

Guidelines

- 1. Determine the policy, people, and procedures for adaptation for the**
- 2. Recruit a team to work on adaptations.**
- 3. Review, as relevant, the source questionnaire for adaptation needs.**
- 4. Review the translated questionnaire or instrument for adaptation needs.**
- 5. Document adaptations and the rationale for making them**
- 6. Test adaptations made with the target population.**



Data collection: general considerations

Julie de Jong, 2016

(2010 Version: Beth-Ellen Pennell, Rachel Levenstein, and Hyun Jung Lee)

Introduction

Guidelines

- 1. Before beginning fieldwork, assess the feasibility of conducting the research in each target country and culture.**
- 2. Decide whether the desired information can best be collected by combining qualitative methods with the standardized survey.**
- 3. Reduce the potential for nonresponse bias as much as possible.**
- 4. Time data collection activities appropriately.**
- 5. Institute and follow appropriate quality control measures.**
- 6. Document data collection activities.**
- 7. When possible, conduct validation studies to estimate bias.**



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Huwelijksmigratie in Nederland

Achtergronden en leefsituatie van
huwelijksmigranten





Nieuw in Nederland

Het leven van recent gemigreerde Bulgaren en Polen



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Poolse migranten

De positie van Polen die vanaf 2004 in Nederland zijn komen wonen



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Poolse, Bulgaarse en Roemeense kinderen in Nederland

Een verkenning van hun leefsituatie

Langer in Nederland

Ontwikkelingen in de leefsituatie van migranten uit Polen en Bulgarije in de eerste jaren na migratie





Information on migrants: registers

- Available?
- Accessible?
- Identifiable?
- In register?
 - Temporary
 - Incentives not to register
 - Non-institutional households
 - Correct address

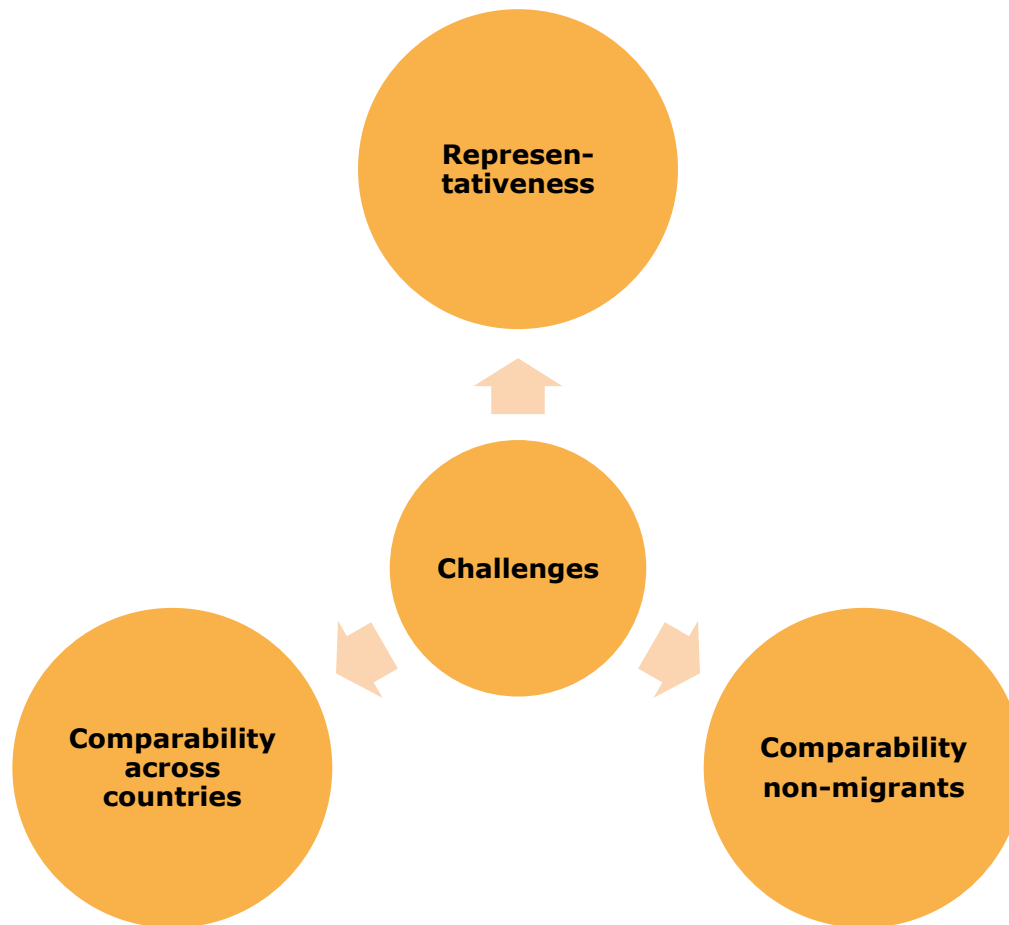


Information on migrants: surveys

- Sampling frame
- Survey mode
- Nonresponse
 - Noncontact
 - Refusal
 - Not able (language)
 - › Interviewers
 - › Translated questionnaires
- Measurement
 - Concepts
 - Translated questionnaires
 - Adapted questionnaires
 - Interviewers
 - Trust
- Panel study
 - Selective dropout



Collecting information on migrants





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