Cultural Integration of Immigrants in Germany

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Outline

1. Immigrants in Germany: from where, when, how many?

2. Language integration
   a) German language skills: Speaking and Writing
   b) Use of German in daily life
   c) Reading German newspapers

3. Social Integration
   a) Meeting Germans
   b) Cultural activities
   c) Voluntary work

4. Identification with Germany
   a) Intention to stay
   b) Intention to apply for citizenship
   c) Identification as Germans
1. Immigrants in Germany: from where, when, how many?

a) Immigration to (West) Germany since 1945

- **German refugees**
  From formerly German areas in the East

- **Recruited “guest workers”**
  Turks, Italians, Greek, Spaniards, Portuguese from mid-1960s until recruitment stop in 1973, then immigration of guest workers’ families

- **Political asylum seekers**
  Liberal asylum regulation until early 1990s

- **Break-down of communism**
  - East-West migration from former RDA to FRG
  - Ethnic Germans from former communist countries
  - Refugees from civil war in former Yugoslavia
  - Job seekers from Middle and Eastern Europe
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   a) Immigration and Emigration in Germany, 1991-2003

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b) Top 5 Immigration and Emigration Countries, 1991-2003

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c) Origin of Foreigners in Germany

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d) Groups of Foreigners in this Analysis

- **Turks**
  - Largest group of foreigners; came as guest-workers;
  - stand out by Islamic religion

- **South-West Europeans**
  - Italians, Greek, Spaniards, Portuguese;
  - came as guest workers; status of EU citizens

- **Former Yugoslavians**
  - Partly guest workers, party refugees of civil war

- **Ethnic Germans**
  - Emigrants of German Descent: German nationality; immigration from
    the former communist countries

**Data base: Socio-Economic Panel 1996-2006**
2. Language Integration

a) German language skills: Subjective speaking competence
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   a) German language skills: Speaking and writing (2003)
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a) German language skills: Speaking competence by age (2003)
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b) Use of German in daily life, 1996-2005
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b) Use of German in daily life by age (2003)
2. Language Integration

c) Reading mainly German newspapers, 1996-2006
3. Social Integration

a) Meeting Germans
3. Social Integration

b) Cultural and sports activities (at least once a month), 2005
3. Social Integration

c) Voluntary work

![Voluntary work graph]

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4. Identification with Germany

a) Intention to stay
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b) Intention to apply for citizenship

- Turks
- Former Yugoslavians
- SW Europeans

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c) Identification as Germans, 2003

Conclusions

The cultural integration depends on the group of immigrants:

1. Turks
   great integration problems and increasing over time

2. SW Europeans
   double identities: increasing integration but staying with the roots

3. Former Yugoslavia
   mixed group of guest workers and refugees, ambivalent identities

4. Ethnic Germans
   “more German than the Germans”, inverse age effect

Thank you very much for your attention!