

Effects of Statements by Public Speakers on Prejudices towards Refugees: Results from Two Survey Experiments in Germany

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The Study „People in Germany: International“

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Menschen in Deutschland: International

Research Interest:

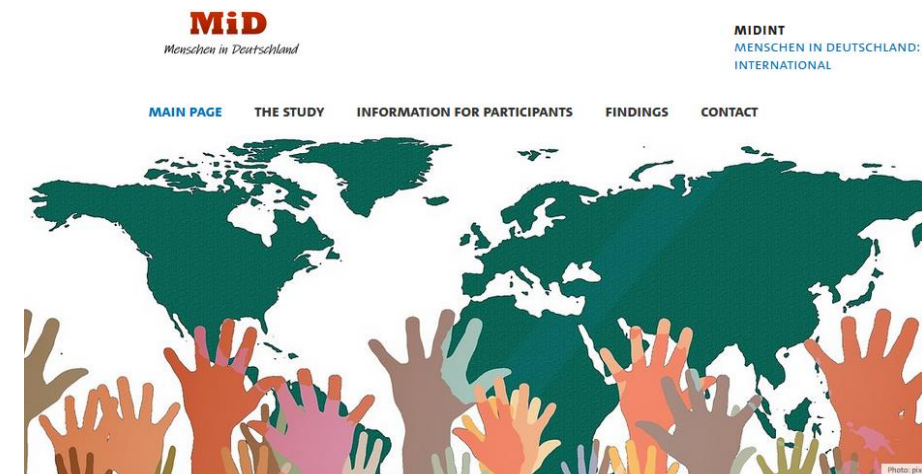
Effects of international events & developments outside of Germany on political radicalisation, extremism, antisemitism, islamophobia, and xenophobia in Germany

Method:

Regularly repeated online surveys of persons aged 18yrs and older living in Germany

Quota-Sample (n=between 2.500 & 3.500) based on the Online-Access-Panel of Bilendi S.A. (Germany: 300.000)

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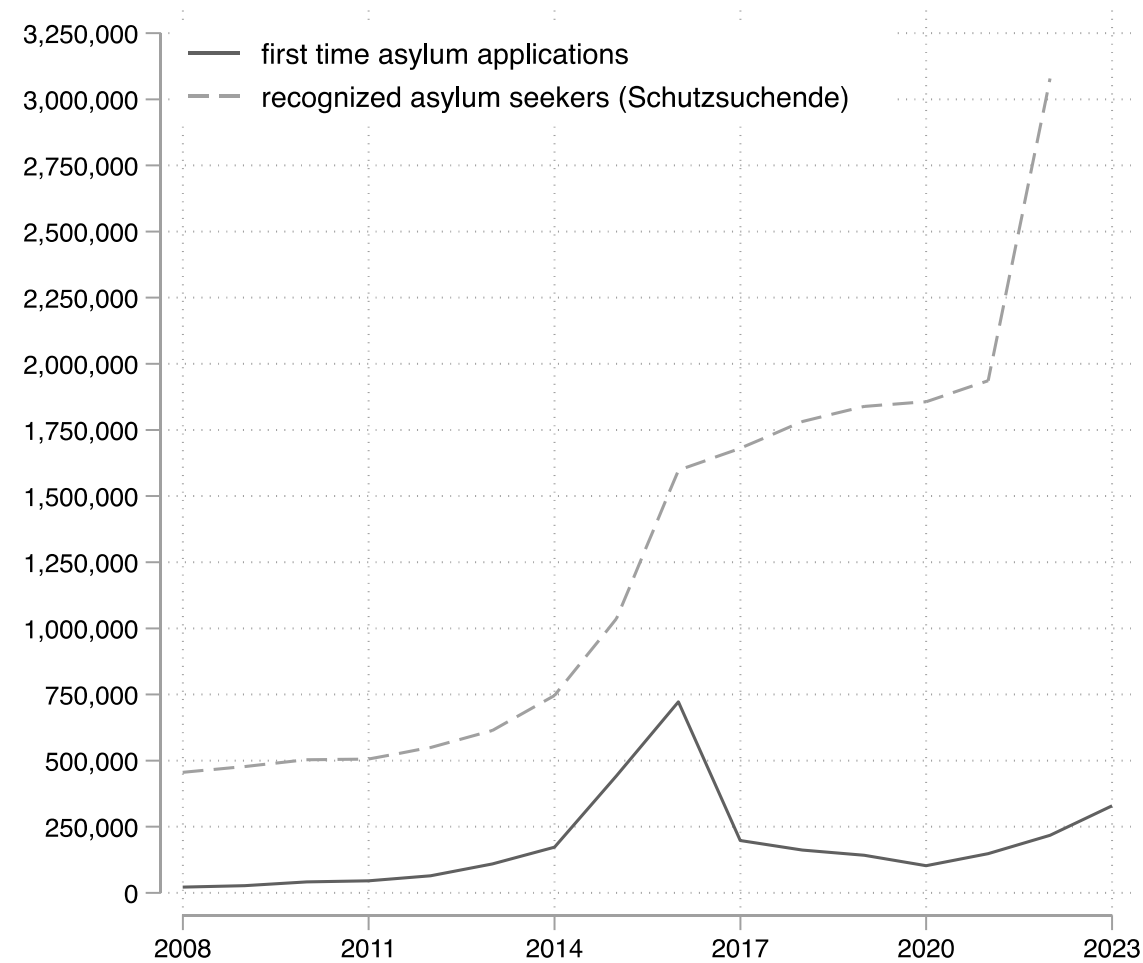
Welcome to the website of the study "Menschen in Deutschland: International" (MiDInt)!

The study "Menschen in Deutschland: International" (People in Germany: International) is an online access panel survey that is approximately representative of the population in Germany and is conducted by the University of Hamburg and the German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA). It explores the attitudes and opinions of people in Germany regarding current international events, political decisions, or international crises and problems, and evaluates how these perceptions influence their opinions on political issues in Germany.

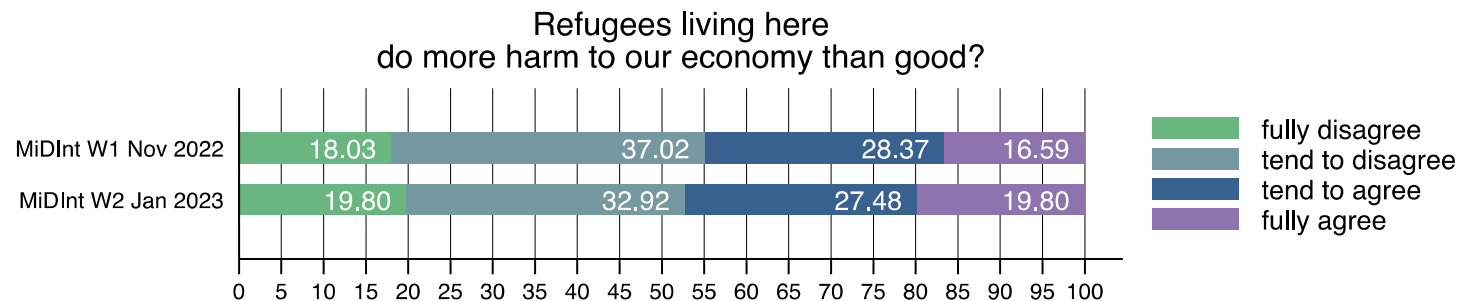
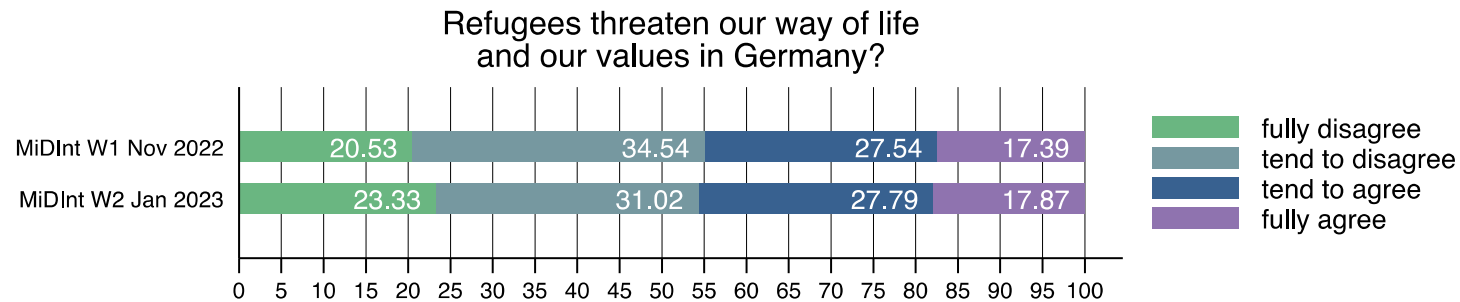
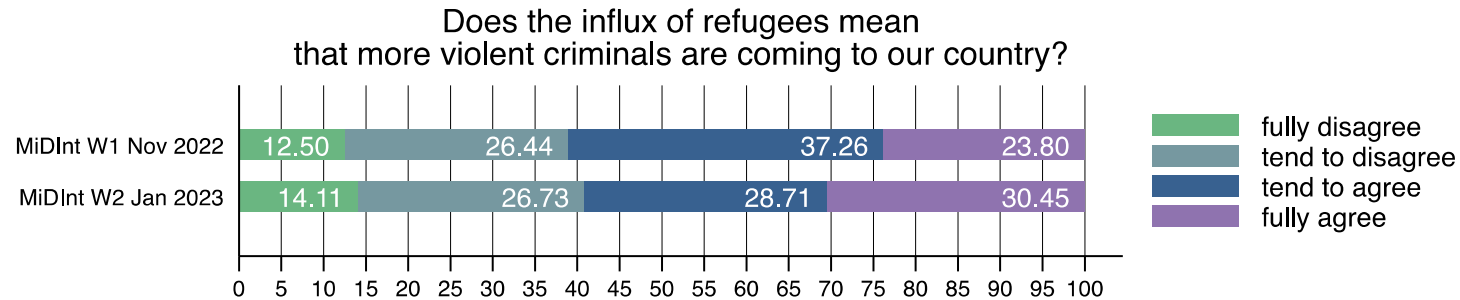
The study is conducted regularly at 2-month intervals. It addresses the adult population in Germany aged 18 and over. The first survey wave took place in November 2022. Further surveys are taking place every two months since the beginning of February 2023.

On the following pages you will find more information about this study. We look forward to your visit!

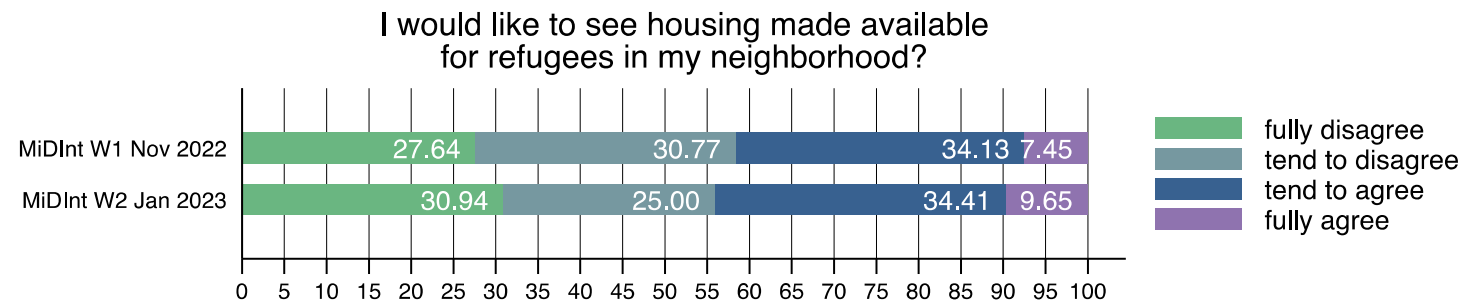
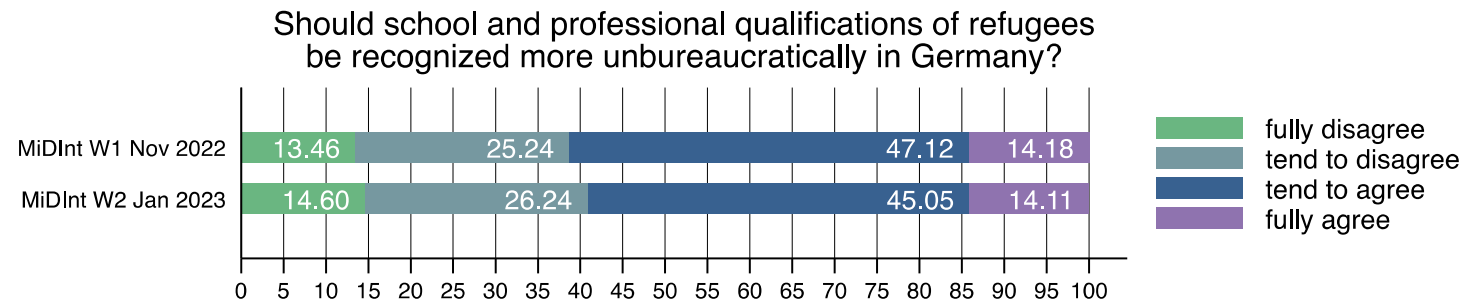
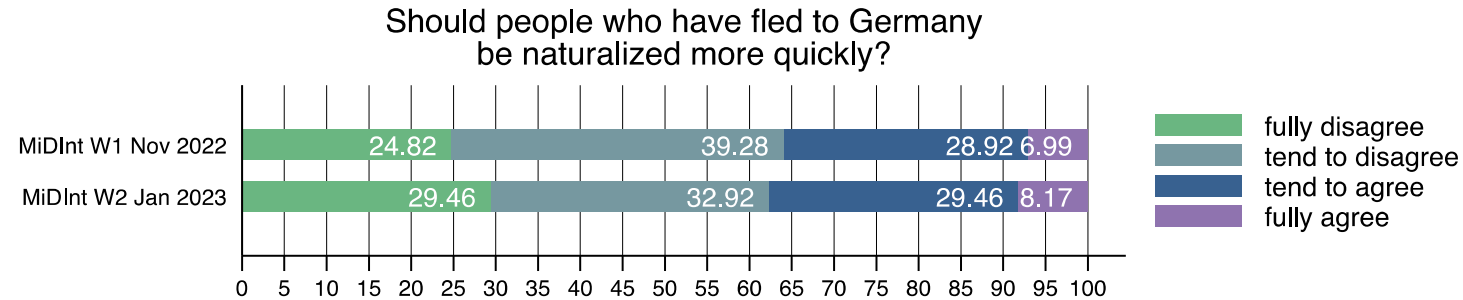
Refugees in Germany



Threat perceptions regarding refugees in Germany (in %)



Acceptance of support and integration measures for refugees in Germany (in %)



Hypotheses

H1: A **welcoming statement** about refugees not being a burden but an investment in the future of the country **should reduce prejudices and increase the acceptance** of support and integration measures.

H2: A **welcoming statement** about asylum as an internationally enshrined human right should **reduce prejudices and increase the acceptance** of support and integration measures.

H3: A **critical statement** highlighting limits of capacity to host additional refugees should **increase prejudices and reduce the acceptance** of support and integration measures.

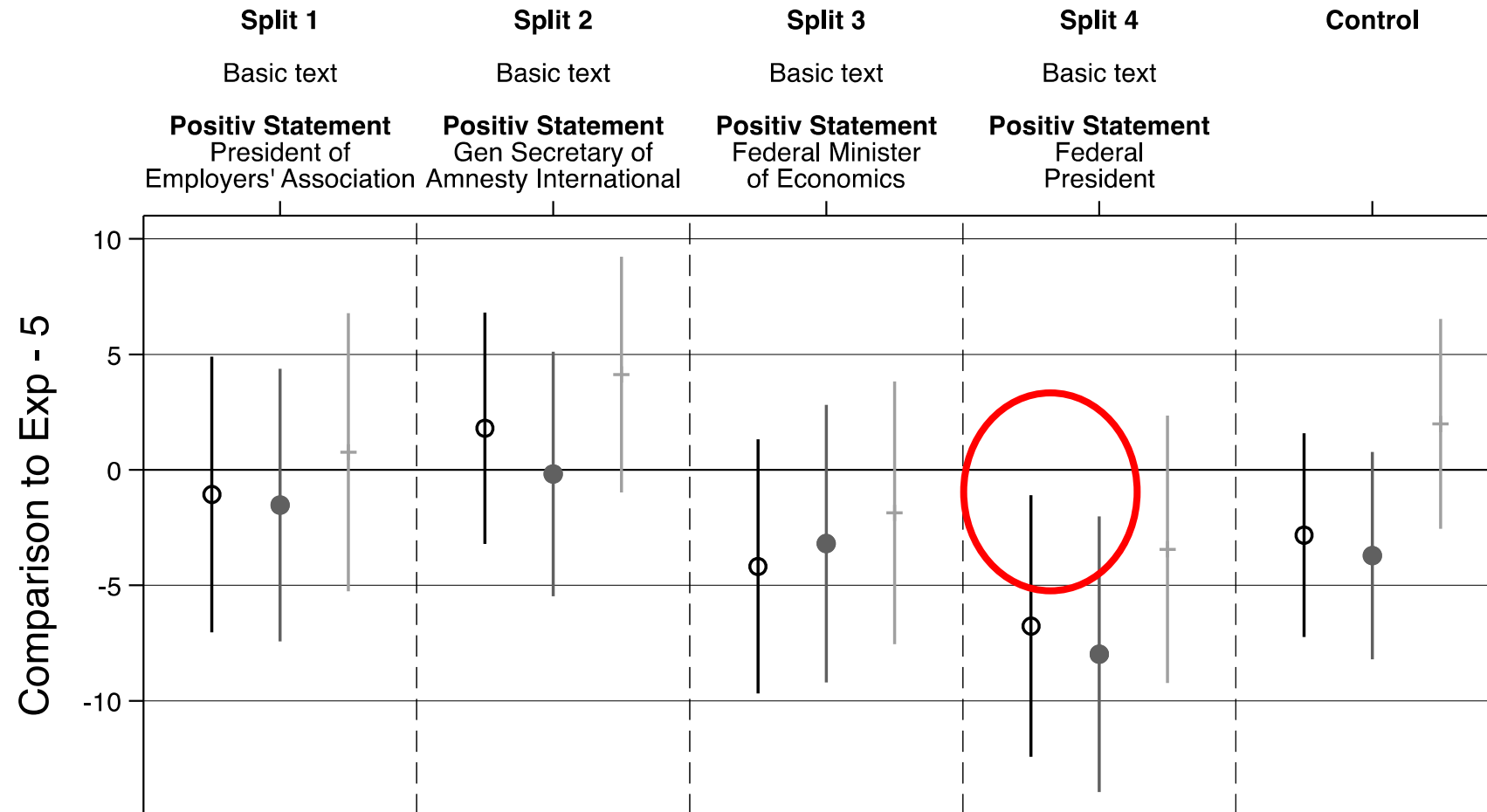
H4: A **critical statement** highlighting the cultural threat of accepting more refugees should **increase prejudices and reduce the acceptance** of support and integration measures.

H5: If the welcoming statement is associated with a **speaker of high symbolic or moral authority**, **prejudices can be reduced**, and the **acceptance** of support and integration measures can be **increased**.

Exp 2: Design

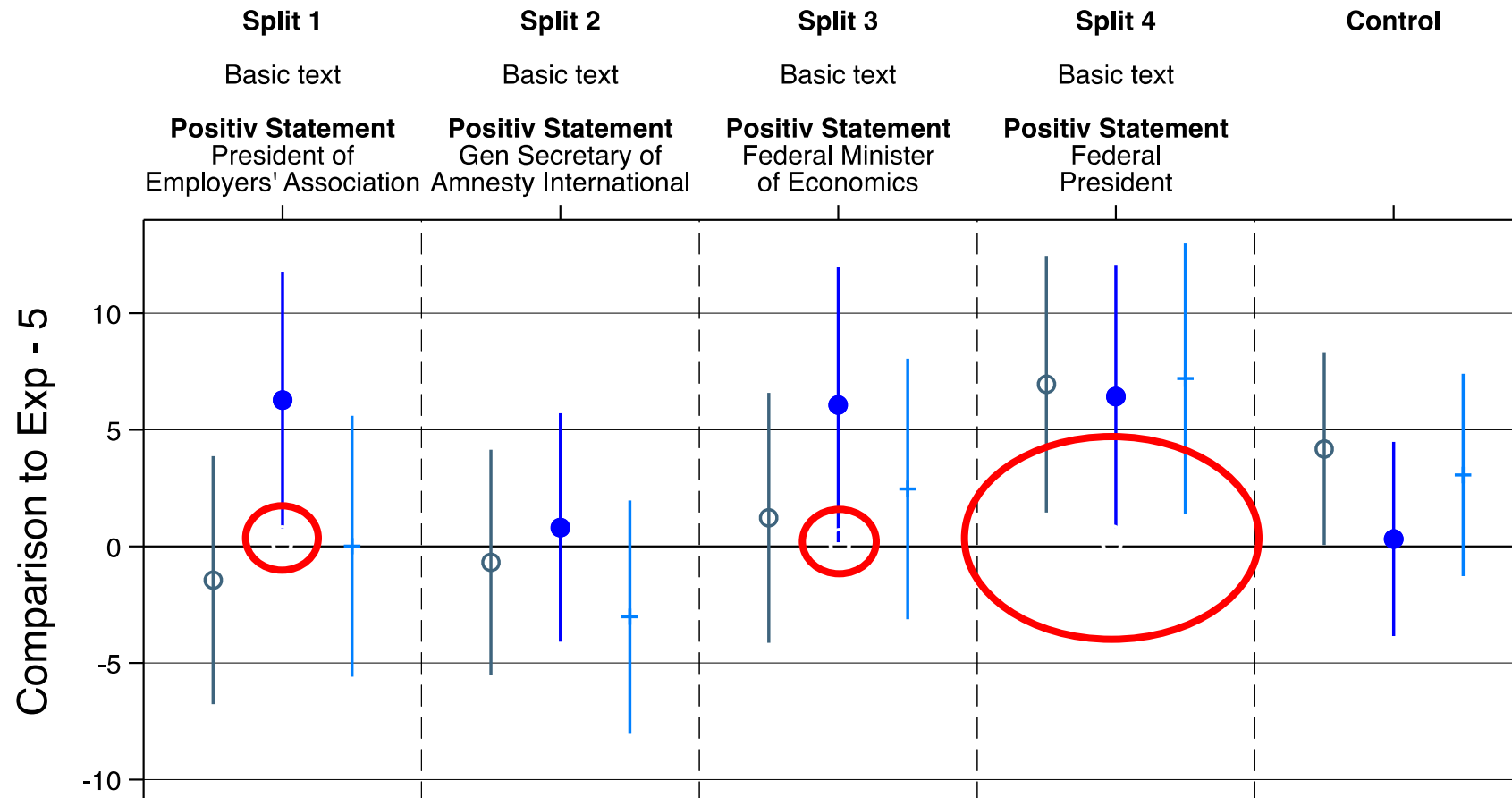


Exp 2: Negative Prejudices (comparison to control group (Split 5))



- The immigration of refugees brings more violent criminals into our country.
- Refugees threaten our way of life and our values in Germany.
- + Refugees living here do more harm than good to our economy.

Exp 2: Integration Measures (comparison to control (Split 5))



- People who have fled to Germany should be naturalised more quickly.
- School and vocational qualifications of refugees should be recognised more unbureaucratically in Germany.
- + I would like it if housing were made available for refugees in my neighbourhood.

Thank you for your attention!

Study „MiDInt“

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