

# Postmigrant Societies

## Germany as a Country of Immigration

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# Outline

1. Immigration Society Germany – Empirical Data
2. Ambivalent Germany
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1.

## Immigration Society Germany – Empirical Data

# Germans, Foreigners, Migrants, Migration- Background, Citizens?

- 82 million inhabitants
- 16,5 million with a „migration background“
  - 9,7 million naturalized Germans
  - and approx. 6,8 million foreigners

Migrationsbericht 2014: Migrationsbericht des Bundesamtes für Migration und Flüchtlinge im Auftrag der Bundesregierung vom 06.01.2015

- Western federal provinces: 16,0 mil.; 96,6 %
- Eastern federal provinces: 570 000; 3,4 %

Destatis: Statistisches Bundesamt Deutschland. Pressemitteilung Nr. 402 vom 14.11.2014

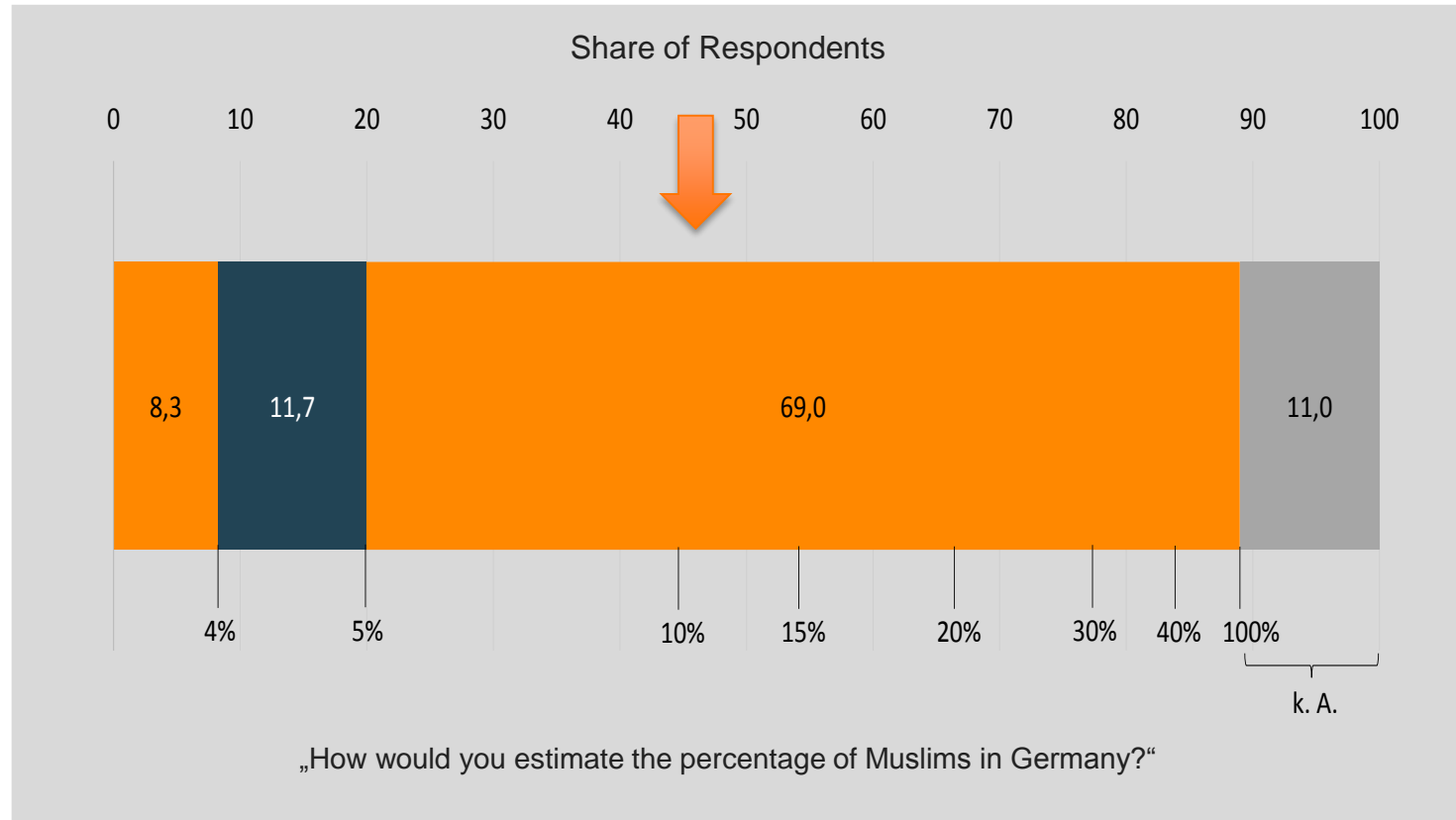
# Overestimating the Muslim Population

Approx. 4 - 4,2  
Million Muslims

Half of them  
German Citizens

Half of them under  
the age of 25

Quelle:  
MLD 2009.



## 2.

# Ambivalent Germany

## Main Receiving Countries in Europe in Comparison 2015

Receiving Country	Refugee Number	Population	Approx. Percentage
Sweden	180.000	10 Mio	1,8%
Germany	1.100.000	82 Mio	1,25%
Austria	95.000	8,5 Mio	1,12%
Norway	30.000	5,18 Mio	0,58%
The Netherlands	60.000	17 Mio	0,35%
Denmark	20.000	5,69 Mio	0,35%
Italy	150.000	61,6 Mio	0,24%
France	60.000	66 Mio	0,09%
United Kingdom	30.000	64 Mio	0,05%
Spain	17.000	46,4 Mio	0,04%
Poland	2.000	38,4 Mio	0,005%

## Attacks in Germany – 2015 – four-fold increase

### 2015

- Period: 1.1.2015 – 31.12.2015:  
3.600 reported crimes in the asylum context

[https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/DE/Namensbeitrag/2015/12/2015-12-21-de\\_maiziere-bild.html](https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/DE/Namensbeitrag/2015/12/2015-12-21-de_maiziere-bild.html)

- 1027 of these were directed towards asylum seekers and their asylum seeker housing

<http://www.bento.de/politik/angriffe-auf-asylbewerberheime-warum-die-aufklaerungsquote-so-gering-ist-315239/#refspni>

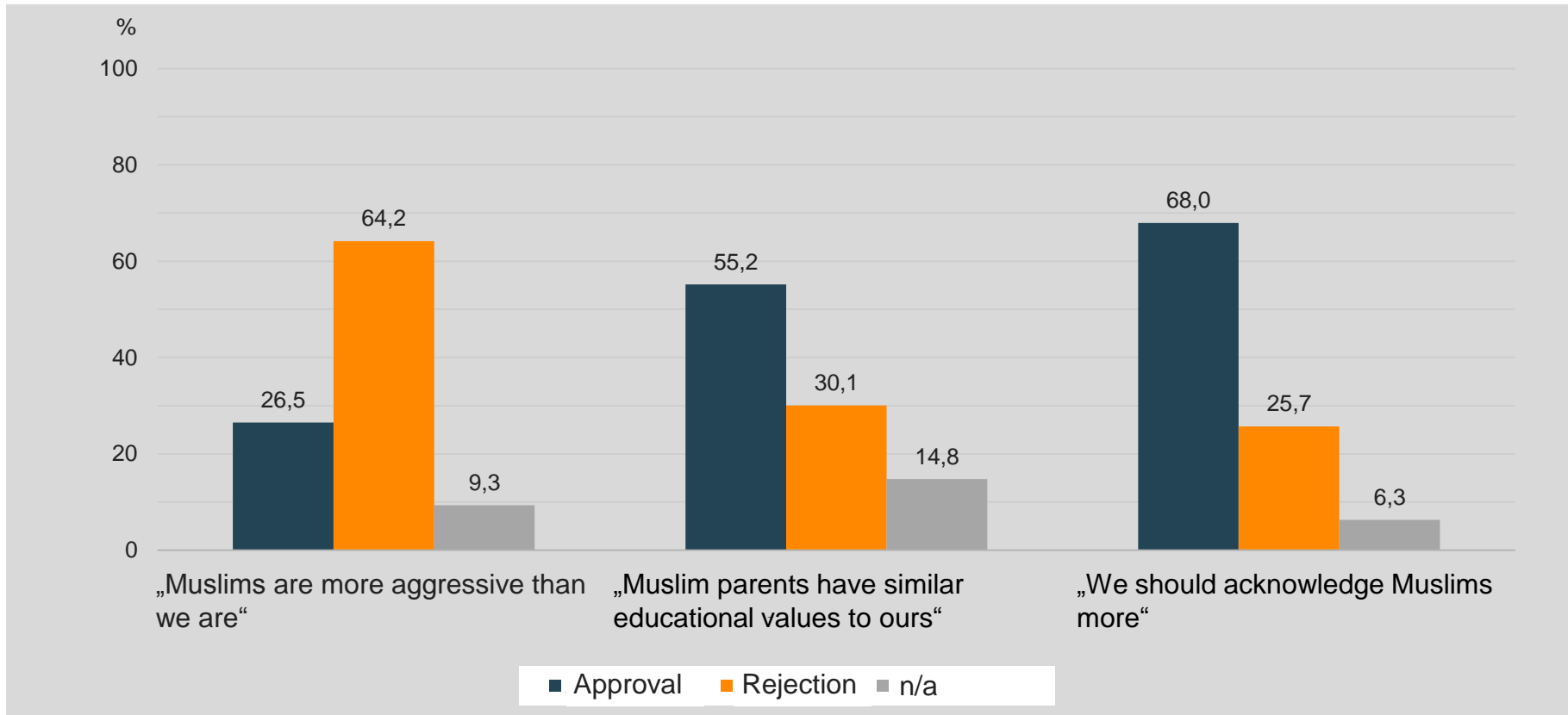
- Refugees and their shelters are targeted by right-wing violence approx approx. 3 times a day



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## Narratives of Rejection

# Narrative exclusion – not part of national identity



# The German „we“ is defined without the inclusion of minorities

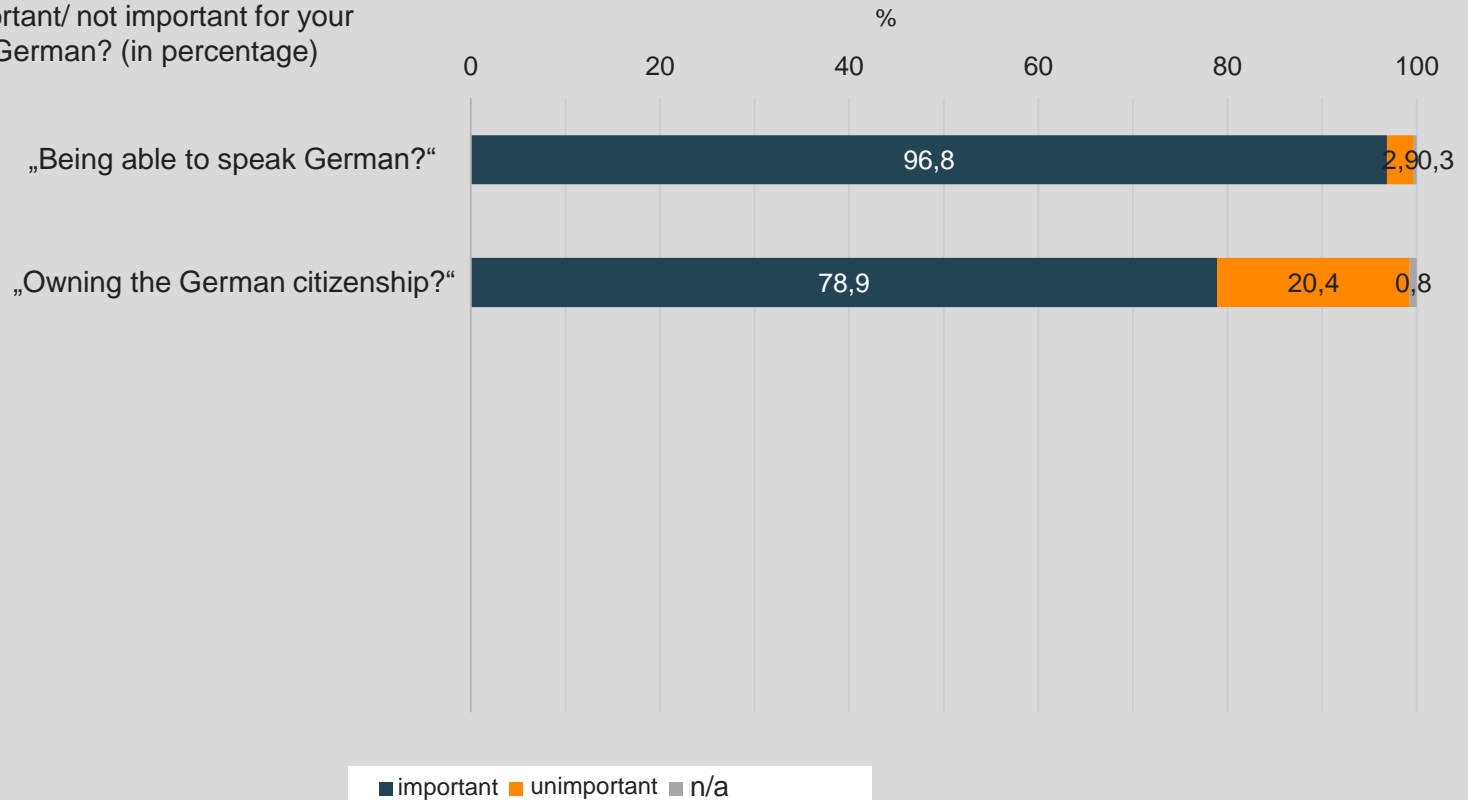
„Who did you think of in the “we“?“



# Narratives on being German

Attainable characteristics important criteria for being German  
modern understanding of citizenship

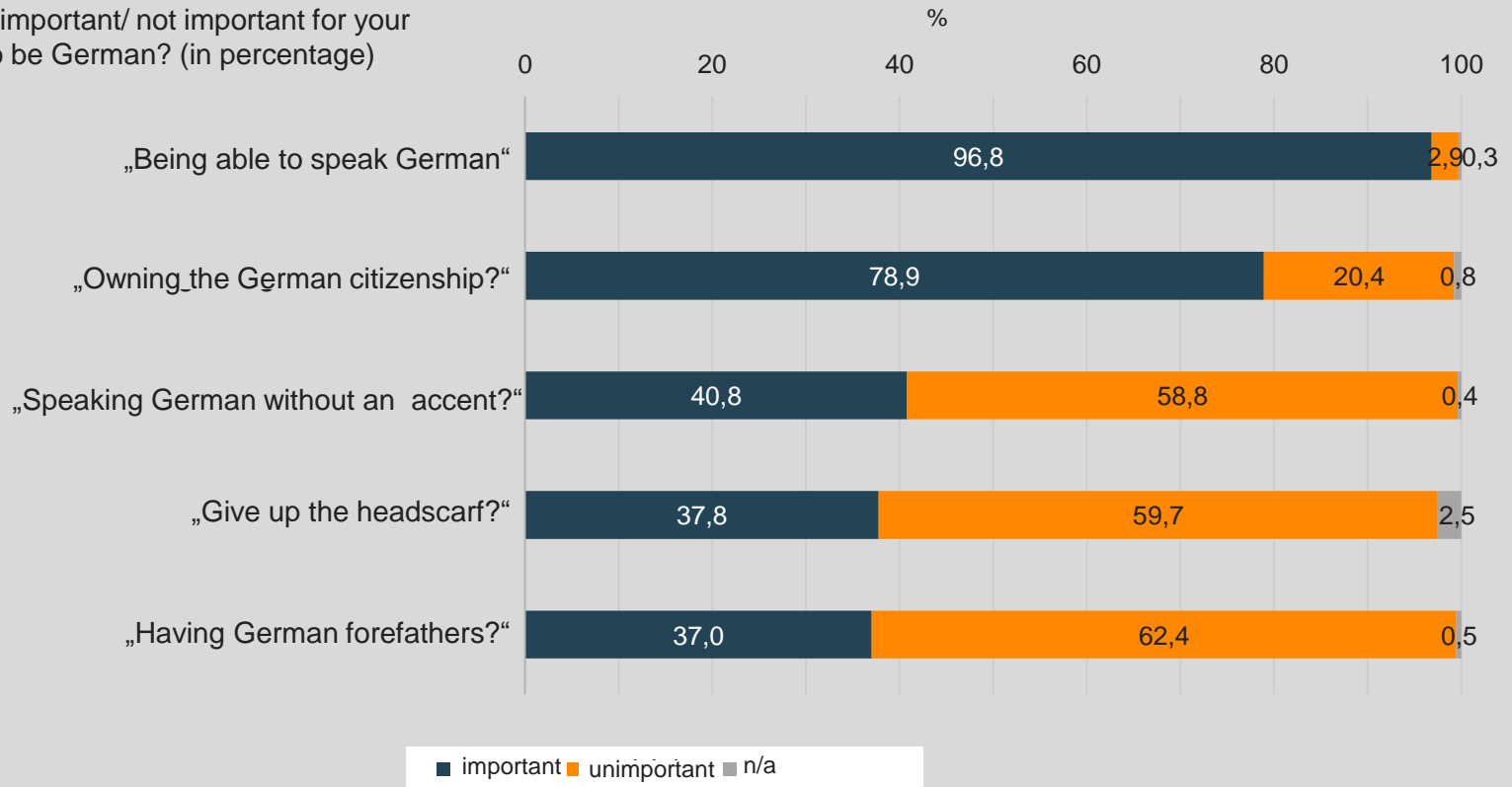
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However: Conservative understanding of citizenship still very important

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# Integration obligation or integration contract?

Central points in the debate on an „integration obligation“:

- Homosexuality
- Gender equality
- Israel's right to exist

Principles of an Integration contract

- Constitution (knowledge, reflection, acceptance)
- 1. Human dignity – What about xenophobia?
- 3. Equality– What about lacks in representation?
- 4. Freedom of religion– what about rights of religion?
- etc....

# Conclusion

- I. Recognizing the normativ paradox–  
(Diversity, Yes! – Muslims, No!)
- II. Bridging the gap between cognitive  
acceptance and emotional distance which  
causes societal ambivalence
- III. Strengthening the knowledge on democratic  
principles on diversity and plurality
- IV. Creating an aspirative mission statement not  
a reconstructive one – a joint integration  
contract

Thank you for your attention!