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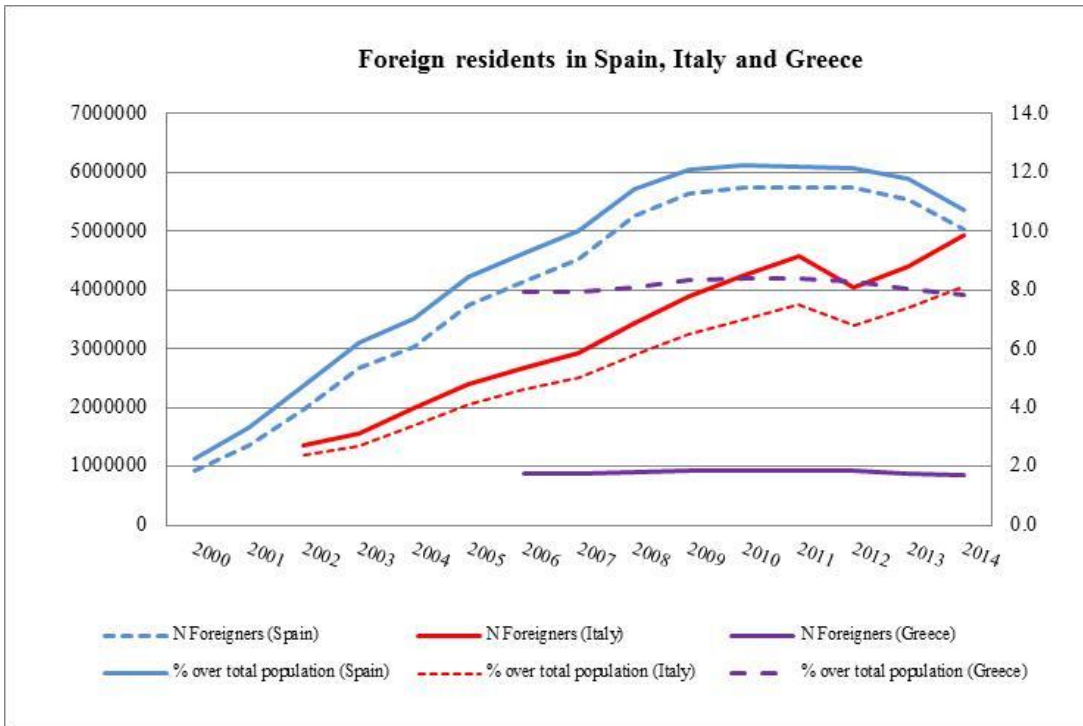


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Trends in immigration to Spain, Italy and Greece



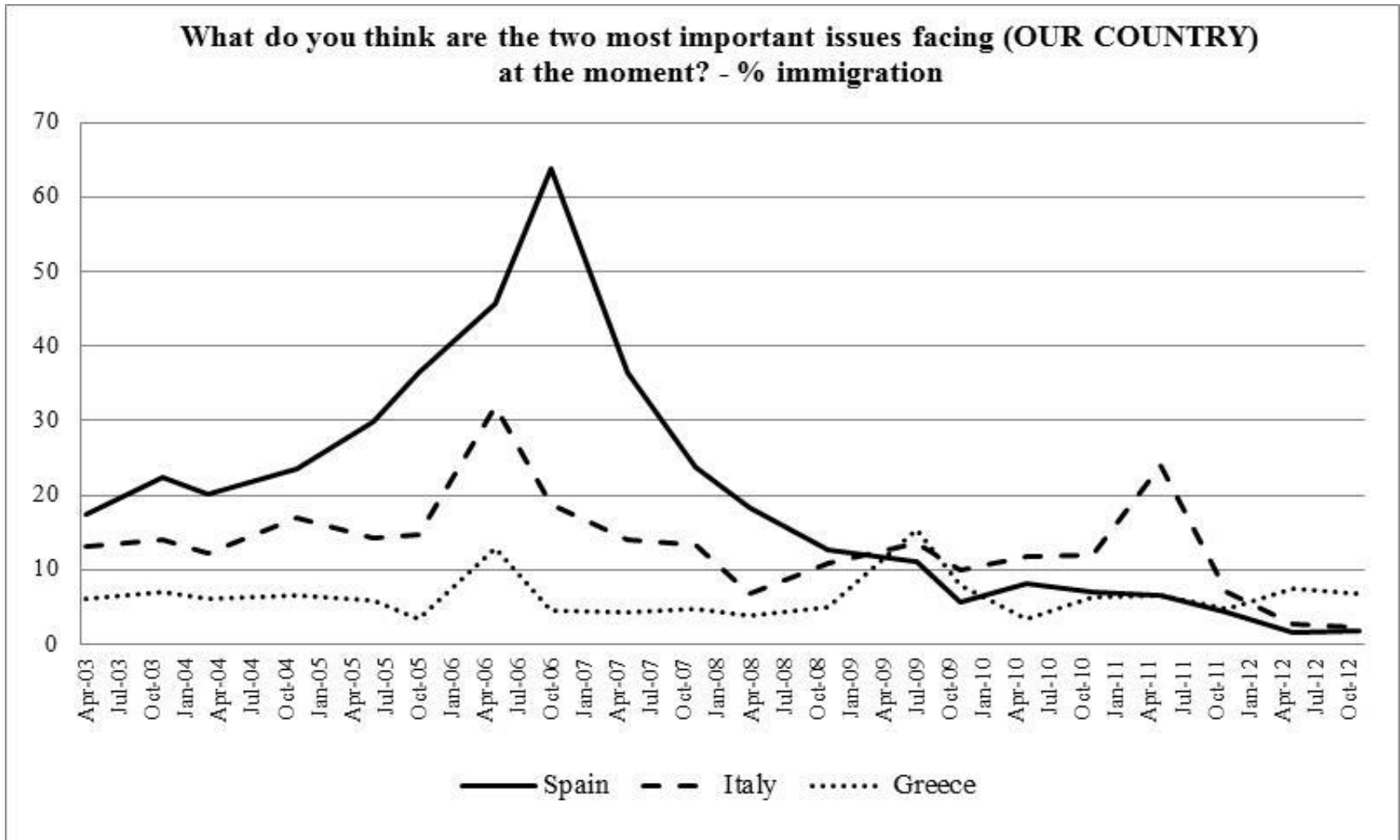


Diversity of the stocks of foreign residents

- Spain: Romanians (16% of all foreigners in 2015), Moroccans (16%), British (6%), Chinese (4%), Italians (4%), Ecuadorians (4%)
- Italy: Romanians (23% of all foreigners in 2015), Albanians (10%), Moroccans (9%), Chinese (5%)
- Greece: Albanians (53% of all foreigners in 2011), Bulgarians (8%), Romanians (5%), Pakistanis (4%)
- Increasing naturalizations: between 1991 and 2013, around 1,151,000 foreigners naturalized in Spain, 623,000 in Italy and 129,000 in Greece



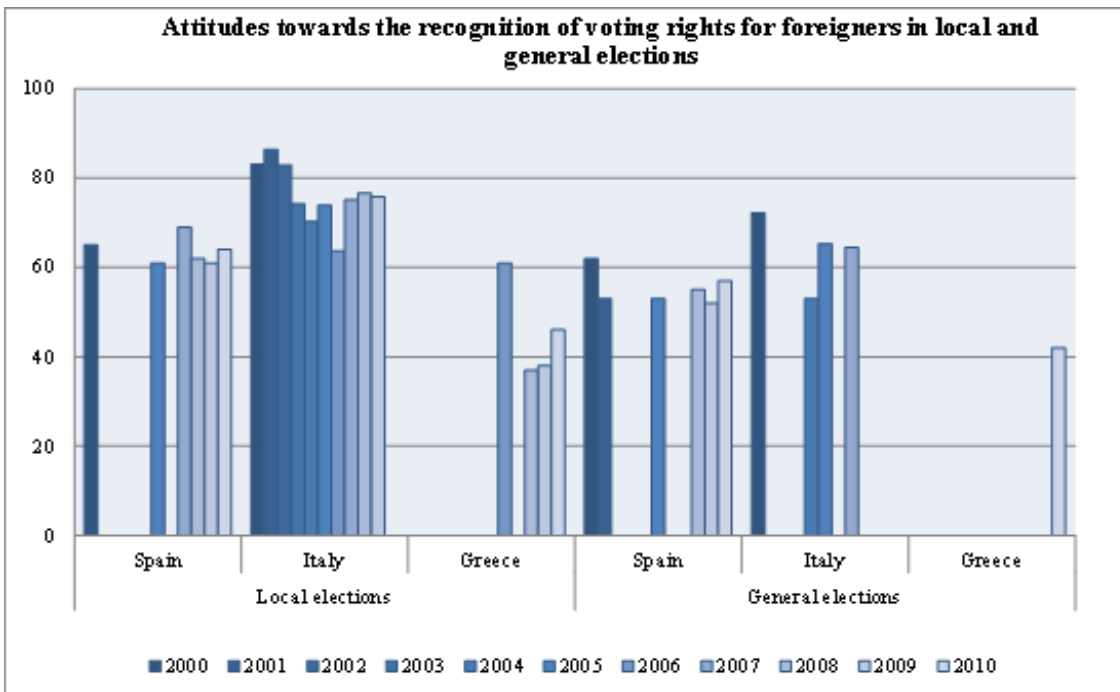
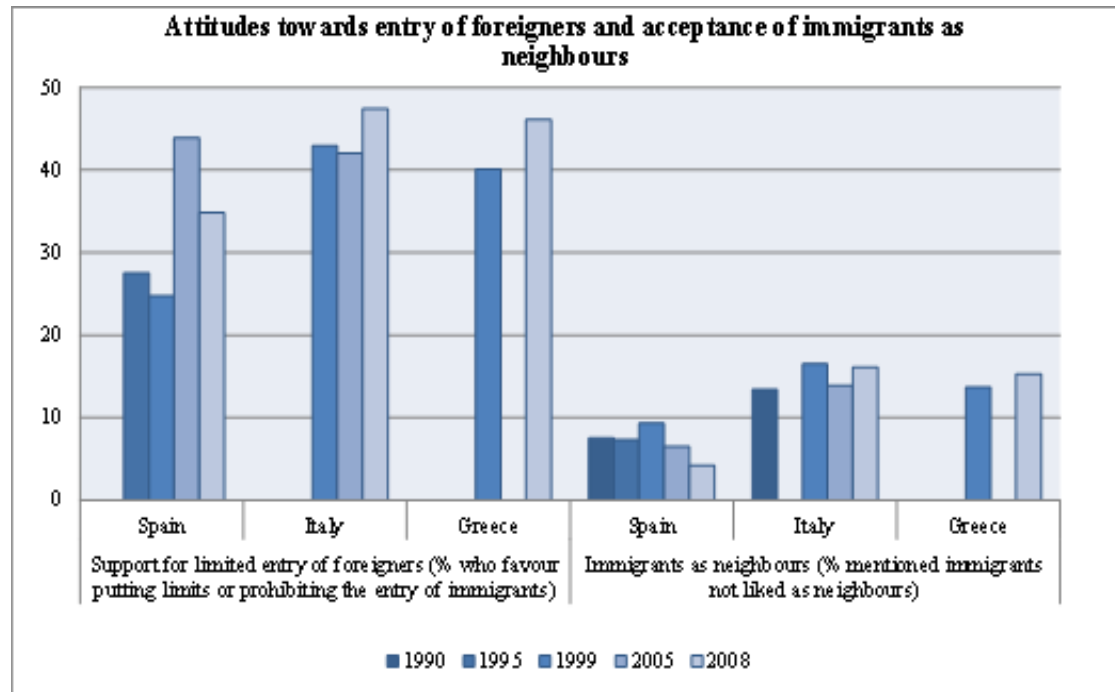
Public opinion towards immigration in Spain, Italy and Greece





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Initial expectations

- Limited presence of CIOs in the national parliaments of Spain, Italy and Greece
- Higher levels of political representation of CIOs in Spain than in Italy and Greece
- Higher levels of representation for EU and Albanian CIOs in Italy; Latin American and EU CIOs in Spain; Albanian, EU and Pakistani CIOs in Greece
- The symbolic inclusion of CIOs more likely among the left-to-the-centre political parties



Descriptive political representation of CIOs in Spain, Italy and Greece

MPs by country of birth and immigrant origin compared to population in Spain, Italy and Greece, by legislature

Legislative terms	<i>Spain</i>			<i>Italy</i>			<i>Greece</i>		
	2004-2008	2008-2011	2011-2015	2001-2006	2006-2008	2008-2013	2009-2012	2012-2014	2015
Total N MPs	399	413	437	645	650	682	320	315	302
% MPs born abroad	2.5	1.9	1.2	1.7	2.5	1.8	3.8	3.3	2.4
% population born abroad	8.6	13.1	14.2	2.2	4.6	9.8	11.8	11.8	11.6
% CIO MPs	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.9	1.8	1.6	0.6	0.6	1.3

- Very low shares of CIO MPs in Italy, Greece and Spain
- Italy with slightly higher fraction of immigrant-origin elected representatives when compared to Spain and Greece



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Comparing CIO and non-CIO MPs in Italy, Spain and Greece (three legislatures/country)

	<i>Spain</i>		<i>Italy</i>		<i>Greece</i>	
	Non-CIO	CIO	Non-CIO	CIO	Non-CIO	CIO
Total MPs	1239	10	1948	29	929	8
% born abroad	1.6	30	1.3	44.8	2.8	50
% visible minority	0	0	0.7	24.1	0.6	0
% from mixed marriages	-	80	-	96.6	-	37.5
% women	38.2	60	16.5	20.7	21.5	12.5
Average age	48.6	52	51.1	48.7	52.1	59.6
% with university education	89.3	100	71.6	65.5	91.7	87.5
CIOs originally from						
Europe	-	30	-	72.4	-	37.5
America	-	70	-	10.3	-	37.5
Africa	-	-	-	10.3	-	-
Asia	-	-	-	3.5	-	25
Oceania	-	-	-	3.5	-	-
% elected first time	47.1	20	46.4	55.2	27.6	50
Min. years in Parl.	2	3	2	2	0	5
Max. years in the Parl.	34	25	41	19	38	31
Mean years in the Parl.	9.1	13.6	7.8	9.5	6.6	18
% elected inauguration	84.2	90	94.9	93.1	96	100
% completed term	83.9	80	94.9	86.2	96	100
% in elected offices prior (local, reg., EU)	59.5	60	48.9	27.6	42	25
% in gov. positions (national or regional)	13.9	50	10.6	6.9	17.5	25
% in national party org.	27.9	70	21.4	24.1	33.4	62.5
% in centre-left parties	48.7	20	41.1	65.5	55.8	62.5



Preliminary findings

- Low levels of political representation of CIOs in Spain, Italy and Greece, below reasonable expectations of “perfect” or “mirror” descriptive representation
- Similar shares of CIO MPs despite the larger migration inflows, the more favourable public attitudes towards immigration and the absence of major nation-wide anti-immigration parties in Spain when compared to Italy and Greece
- None of the CIO MPs in Spain and Greece and only few in Italy are “visible” minorities
- Most CIO MPs in Italy and Greece elected with left-to-the-centre parties; different findings for Spain



Preliminary findings: differences between groups

- Spain: most CIO MPs from Latin American countries; EU CIOs have not been successful at all in terms of obtaining political representation
- Italy: more than half of the CIO MPs from other European countries, although Albanians and Romanians did not manage to secure political representation
- Greece: most CIO MPs from other European countries or America but the largest CIO groups (Romanians, Bulgarians, Albanians, Pakistanis) have not been successful in terms of access to elected offices at the national level



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