

A short but complete history of the Finnish welfare state and immigration

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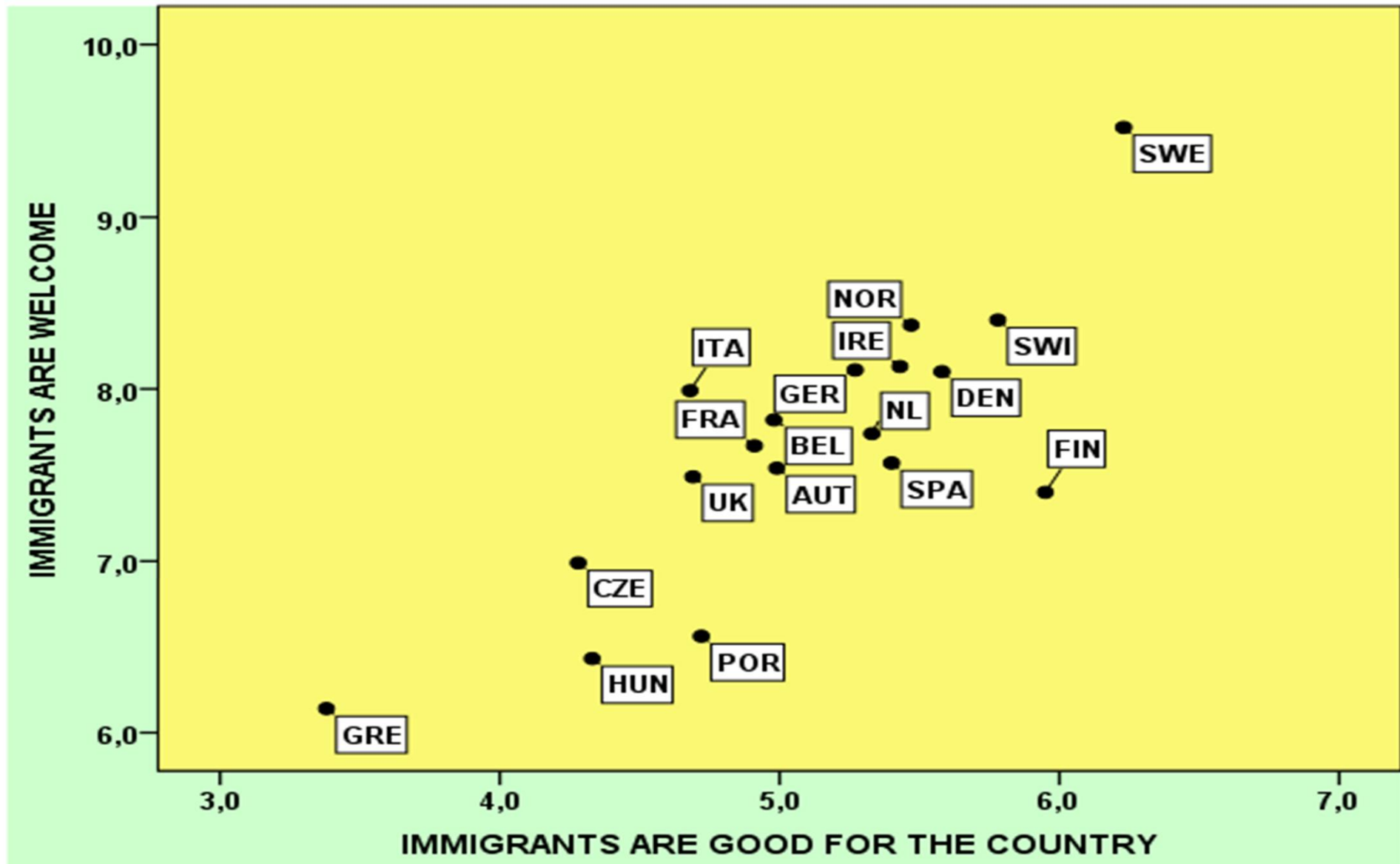
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History of the welfare state

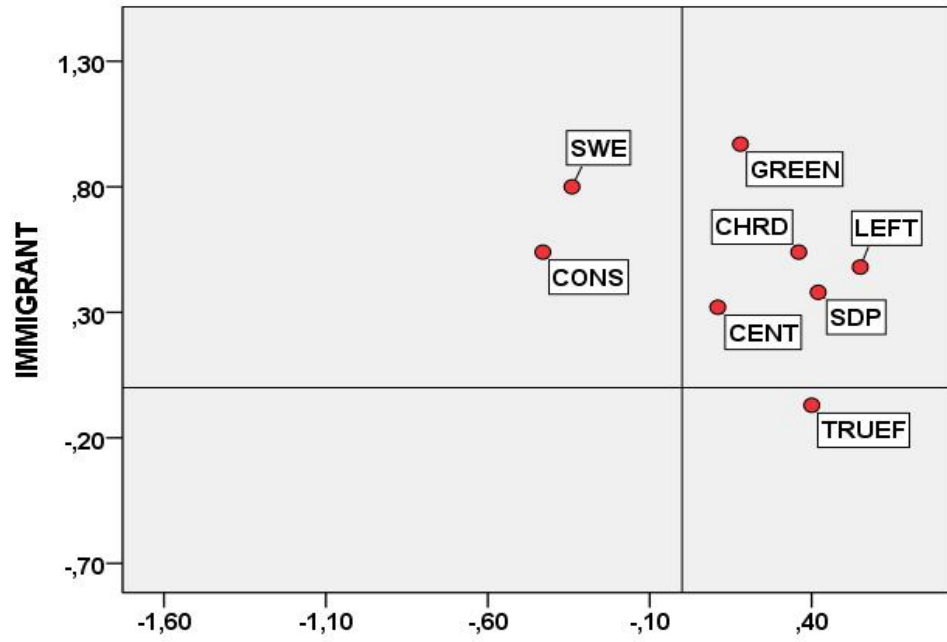
- **Late start but rapid expansion**
 - E.g. Pensions 1937; Sickness insurance 1964
- **People's insurance**
 - Agrarian Finland vs. urban / industrial Finland
 - People's school
 - The idea of universalism
- **Universal social services**
- **Equal society, low poverty rates, small (but growing) income differences**

- **Traditionally, Finland has been an emigration country**
 - In the 1960s and 70s ca 250 000 Finns moved to Sweden
- **The pendulum has turned and the country is receiving more immigrants than emigration outside from the country**
- **Less than 5% of the population is born outside the country**

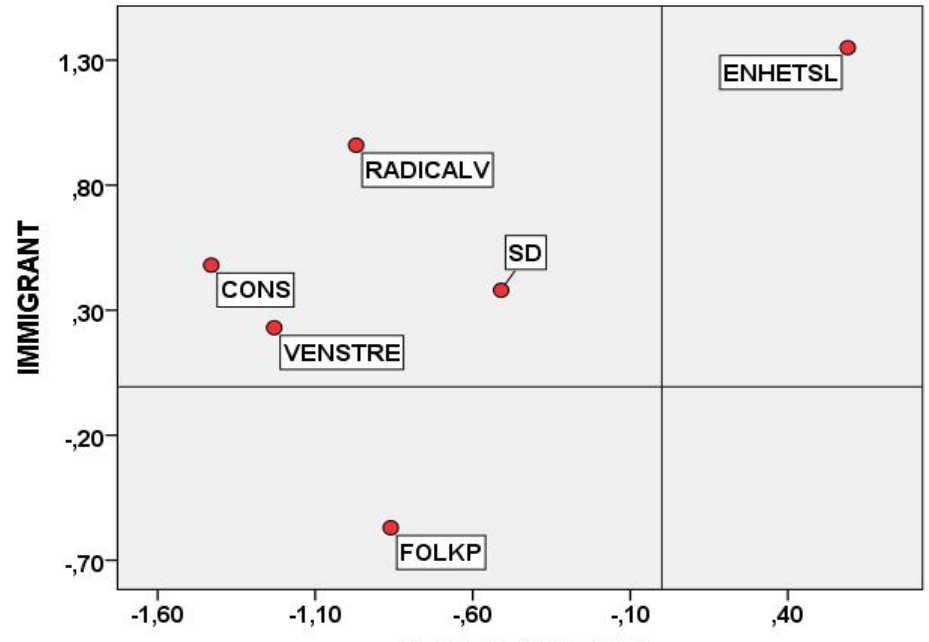
FINNS LIKE IMMIGRANTS BUT ARE NOT READY TO TAKE THEM



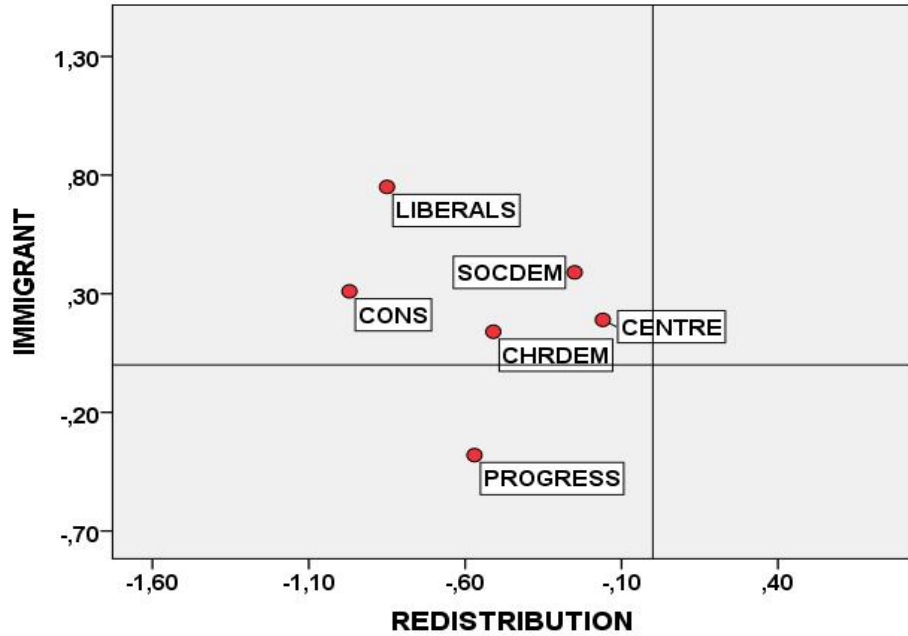
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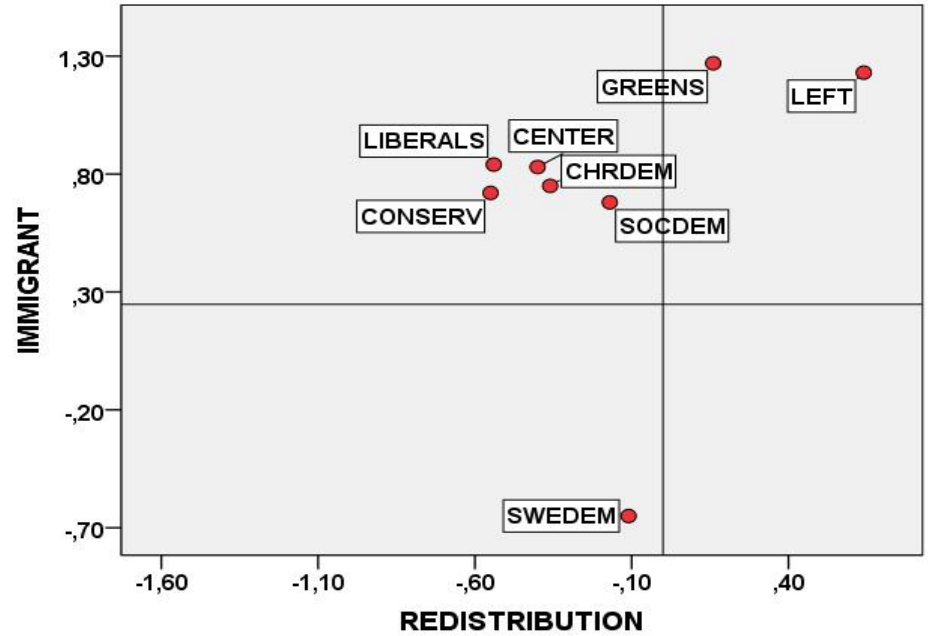
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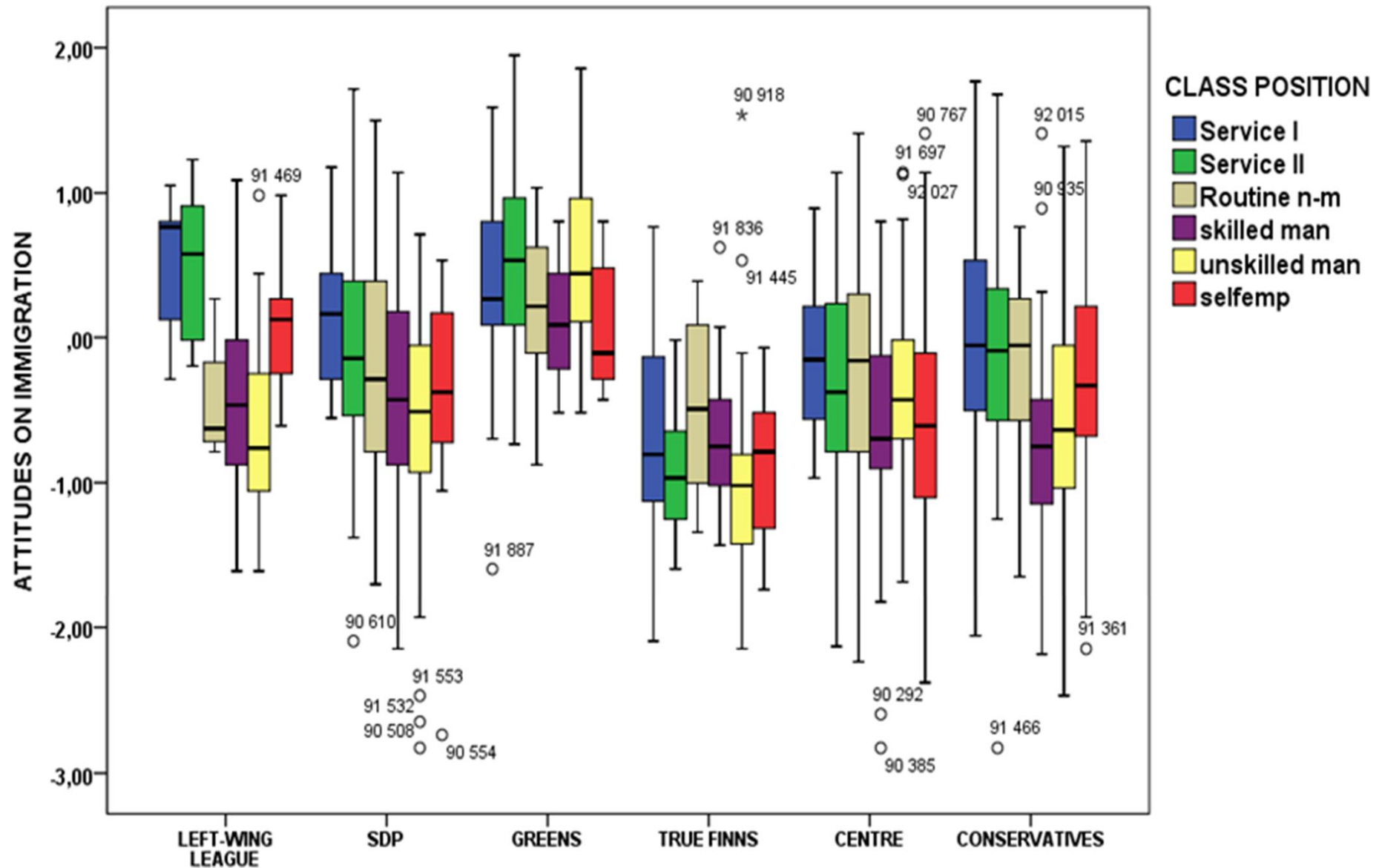
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Attitudes on immigration in socio-economic groups voting for different parties in Finland 2002-2010.



Thank you very much

& have a nice seminar