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Descriptive representation of citizens of immigrant origin in the Bundestag

	Parliamentary party										Bundestag total	
	CDU/CSU		FDP		SPD		Greens		Left Party			
Legislative period	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%
1990-1994	3	0.1	0	0.0	2	0.1	0	0.0	1	5.9	6	0.8
1994-1998	3	0.1	0	0.0	4	1.6	1	2.0	0	0.0	8	1.2
1998-2002	3	1.2	0	0.0	5	1.7	2	4.2	0	0.0	10	1.4
2002-2005	5	2.0	0	0.0	4	1.6	4	7.3	0	0.0	13	2.1
2005-2009	3	1.3	0	0.0	7	3.2	5	9.8	4	9.3	19	3.0
2009-2013	4	1.7	4	4.3	4	2.7	7	10.3	7	9.2	26	3.9
2013-	9	2.9	-	-	13	6.7	7	11.1	8	12.5	37	5.9

Source: Pathways project

Note: Percentages are based on the total number of Members of the relevant parliamentary party group (last column: Bundestag as a whole)



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Descriptive representation in regional assemblies

Federal state	Legislators of immigrant origin (2011)		Population (in million)	Percentage of population with immigrant background
	N	%		
Baden-Württemberg	3	2.0	10.8	26
Bavaria	1	0.5	12.5	19
Berlin	15	10.0	3.4	24
Bremen	7	8.0	0.7	26
Hamburg	10	8.3	1.8	27
Hessen	3	2.5	6.0	25
Lower Saxony	3	2.0	7.9	17
North Rhine-Westphalia	9	5.0	17.9	24
Rhineland Palatinate	1	1.0	4.0	19
Saarland	0	0.0	1.0	17
Schleswig-Holstein	1	1.1	2.8	13

Source: Schönwälder, Karen: 'Immigrant Representation in Germany's Regional States: The Puzzle of Uneven Dynamics.' *West European Politics* 36, 3 (2013): 634-651.

Some breakthroughs ...



Philip Rösler. Federal Minister for Health 2009-2011. Deputy Federal Chancellor. Federal Minister of Economic Affairs. Leader of the FDP 2011-2013



Ekin Deligöz. Member of the Bundestag's Budget Committee



Cem Özdemir. Leader of the Green Party 2008-. first MP of Turkish parentage 1994



Aydan Özoğuz. one of six Deputy Leaders of the SPD and Minister of State in the Fed. Chancellor's Office for Migration, Refugees and Integration 2013-



Tarek Al-Wazir. Minister of Economic Affairs, Energy and Transport and Deputy Minister President of Hesse 2014-

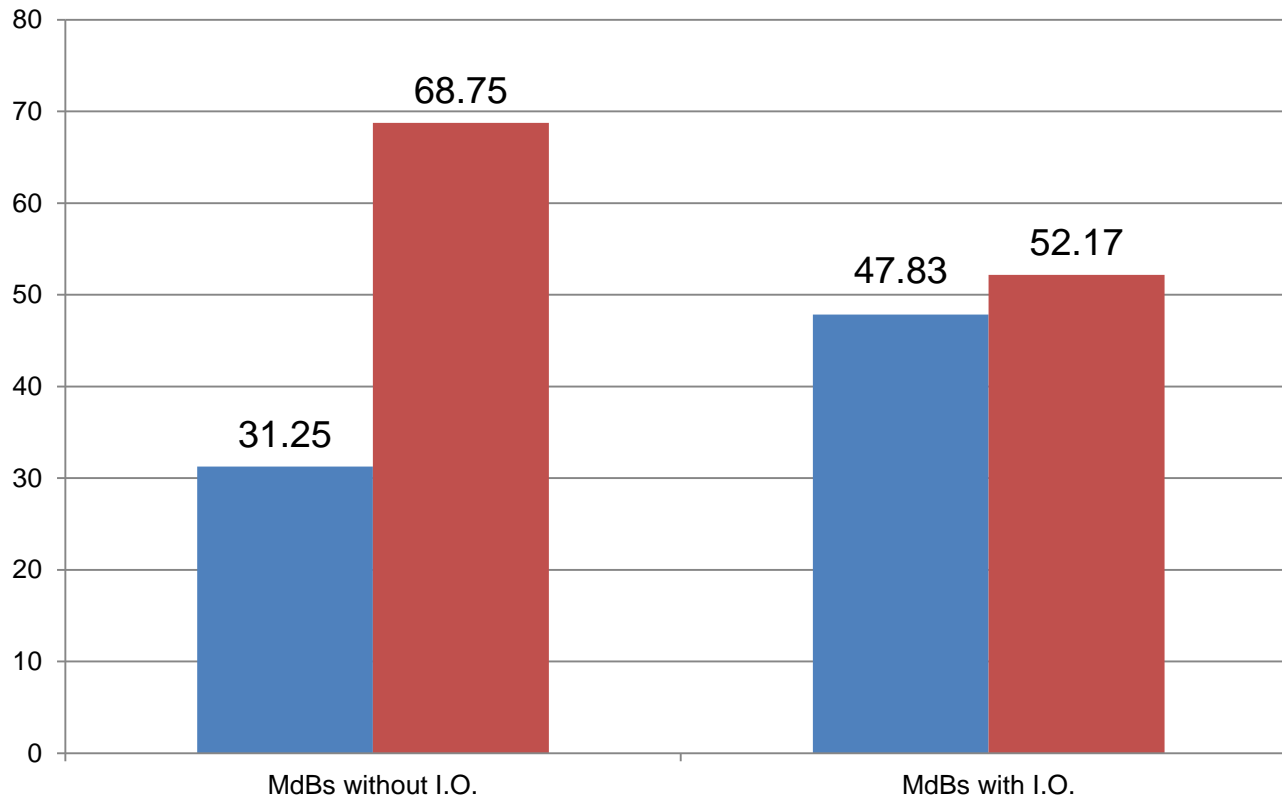


David McAllister. Minister President of Lower Saxony 2010-2013. MdEP 2014-



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Committee memberships, 1990-2013



Source: Pathways project (variables MigrComm1 and CIO2).

*Note: Data refer to MdBs' main committee; unit of analysis: MdB*legislative term; N=3,727 MdBs, including 92 MdBs of I.O.; $\chi^2=11.39^{***}$*

- Committees with high likelihood of covering immigration or integration
- Committees with low likelihood of covering immigration or integration



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Key observations

- Germany has lagged behind the Netherlands, the UK and Belgium in terms of descriptive representation
- Initially representation was strong in the Green and Left Party parliamentary groups
- Regionally, representation was strongest in big cities with a high proportion of immigrants
- Recent years have seen a catch-up in all parties
- Growing number of 'prominent' persons in leadership positions
- First data on committee membership suggest that the presence of MdBs of immigrant origin is consequential in behavioural terms
- Catch-up may be the result
 - Changes to the institutional framework (citizenship)
 - Changing attitudes amongst party selectorates



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