Integration of Migrants
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Life of Native Born versus Migrants

- Subjective wellbeing: evaluative and experiential (Kahneman and Riis, 2005)

- In *Wellbeing: The Five Essential Elements*, Gallup researchers discuss the importance of career, social connections, personal economics, personal health, and community to a person’s overall wellbeing. (Rath and Harter, 2010)

- Used this framework to describe the migrant experience: Subjective wellbeing, physical, financial, career, social, religion, community, and national institutions.
Gallup World Poll

- Annually polling between 120-150 countries covering over 98% of the World’s adult population
- Nationally representative samples of size 1000 or greater of adult population 15 and older
  - In countries where data is collected face-to-face – multi stage stratified cluster samples
  - In countries where data is collected over telephone – RDD or nationally representative list of phone numbers
- Core questions asked across nations and over time to facilitate trend analysis
- Regional and local questions that provide contextual data
- Interviewed more than 800,000 adults worldwide
Life of Native Born versus Migrants


- 15 EU member states:
  Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxemburg, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom

- Migrants experiences in several domains: subjective wellbeing, physical, financial, career, social, community, and national institutions
Life of Native Born versus Migrants

- 25,380 interviews collected with individuals aged 15 and older via telephone or face-to-face
  - Native born (N=23,032)
  - Migrants who have lived in country five years or longer (Long-timers; N=1,928)
  - Migrants who have lived in country less than five years (Newcomers; N=420)

Were you born in this country, or not?
If not born in country, ask: In which country were you born?
If not born in country, ask: Did you move to this country within the last five years?

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Evaluative Wellbeing

- Please imagine a ladder with steps numbered from zero at the bottom to ten at the top. Suppose we say that the top of the ladder represents the best possible life for you, and the bottom of the ladder represents the worst possible life for you.

  - On which step of the ladder would you say you personally feel you stand at this time?

  - Just your best guess, on which step do you think you will stand in the future, say about five years from now?
Migrants’ evaluative wellbeing lower than native born

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Note: Data are adjusted by age, gender, and education

Based on Cantril Self-Anchoring Striving Scale
Experiential Wellbeing: Migrants more likely than native born to report negative experiences

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Migrants’ financial well-being improves over time, but do not reach level of native born

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Newcomers optimistic about job opportunities; migrants less likely than native born to say job is ideal

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*Data collected in 2010 only, among those working
Migrants are more likely to plan starting a business

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Migrants report fewer social connections than native born

- **Hours spent socially with friends and family yesterday**
  - Native born: 6.2
  - Long-timers: 5.7
  - Newcomers: 5.3

- **Number of close friends or relative you speak at least every two weeks**
  - Native born: 9.4
  - Long-timers: 7.3
  - Newcomers: 8.0

Note: Data are adjusted by age, gender, and education.
Data collected in 2010 only.
Long-timers international network wanes over time

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Institutional confidence highest among migrants, especially newcomers

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Strong majorities in all three groups are positive about personal freedoms, meritocracy and youth development

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Personal gains and losses from migration

- Compared the lives of migrants in the 15 European Union countries studied in 2009 and 2010 with the lives of those who fit the same demographic profile in their countries of birth.

- Migrants included in the analysis born in 106 countries

- Each migrant respondent was assigned “imputed” ratings based on his/her age, gender, education, and country of birth
Personal gains and losses from migration

Gains and losses that migrant long-timers experience largely depend on the level of human development in their home countries. The bigger development gap between their home countries and EU country, the bigger the likely gains and losses for these migrants.
Gain: Evaluative wellbeing (present life)

The Cantril Self-Anchoring Striving Scale
Loss: More likely to report negative experiences

Includes respondents born in HDI 3 / 4
Gain: lower corruption

Includes respondents born in HDI 3 / 4
Next Steps

- Application of model to worldwide migrants
  By region where sample sizes large enough
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