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## European Public Opinion and the Challenge of Immigration

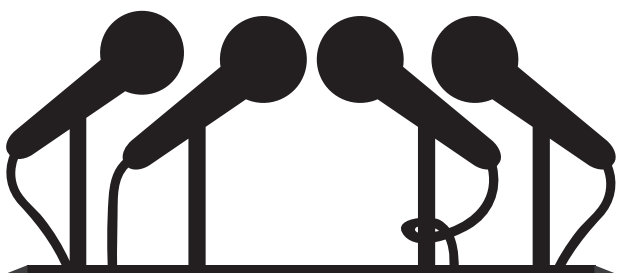
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Europe has been struggling to deliver sustainable and acceptable responses to the arrivals of the refugees who are forced to flee conflict and persecution in Syria. For the European Union (EU) such influx of immigrants continues on a scale unprecedented in recent history. While some EU member states received thousands of refugees particularly from Syria recently) and expressed their commitment to continue receiving those in need some other have declared their limited capacity and urged the EU for more support. At the domestic public level Europeans have remained quite polarized about the arrival of immigrants concerning mainly on the questions of identity, economic and societal security threats, and the integration of these immigrants into their host societies. These influxes of migratory movements pose serious cultural, economic and social security challenges as perceived at the mass public level. This paper explores into the public opinion in Europe on the crisis of immigrants with reference to realistic (employment and economic concerns) and symbolic threat (threat to the collective identity) perceptions (McLaren 2003; De Master and Le Roy 2000). Data come from the Transatlantic Trends Surveys conducted in 2013 and 2014. Analysis concentrates more on descriptive patterns of public opinion on immigration across the EU. In conclusion, this paper aims at contributing to the burgeoning policy making has been decisive in the way Turkish foreign policy literature on public opinion and immigration employing a descriptive analytical approach.

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