



NATIONAL ATTACHMENTS AND ATTITUDES TOWARD ETHNOCULTURAL DIVERSITY IN CANADIAN PROVINCES

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ETHNOCULTURAL DIVERSITY: UNDERSTANDING THE VIEWS OF CANADIANS

- What makes Canadians more positive (or negative) toward ethnocultural diversity?
 - Economic and cultural insecurity; xenophobia and racism; quality contact
- What about national attachment?
 - Strength of national attachment relates to how one feels about ethnocultural diversity
 - Mixed evidence about the direction of relationship
 - Citrin et al (2012): negative in US, positive in Canada

BEYOND NATIONAL ATTACHMENT

- Political communities are fragmented
 - Canada and the provinces
- Attachment to the province does not necessarily translate into attachment to Canada (and vice versa)
- Research has paid little attention to the role of attachment to subnational political communities



RESEARCH QUESTION

HOW DO ATTACHMENT (TO CANADA AND TO PROVINCES) RELATE TO ATTITUDES TOWARD ETHNOCULTURAL DIVERSITY ACROSS CANADIAN PROVINCES?

ATTACHMENT TO CANADA

- Toward a more civic and inclusive definition of Canadian identity since the 1960s (in all provinces)

More attached
to Canada

=

More positive toward
ethnocultural diversity

ATTACHMENT TO PROVINCE

- Acceptance of multiculturalist model in most provinces, but competitive nation-building and refusal to adhere to policy of multiculturalism in Quebec

More attached
to province

=

In most provinces:
More positive toward
ethnocultural diversity

In Quebec:
?

PROVINCIAL DIVERSITY PROJECT

- Survey of 6400 Canadians, stratified by province
- Attachment to Canada and to province (0-10)
- Attitudes toward ethnocultural diversity
 - Immigration (0-10)
 - Multiculturalism (0-10)
 - Restrictions on minority religious symbols (0-10)
- Analyses to isolate relationship between attachment (to Canada and to province) and ethnocultural diversity for each province

FIGURE 1. ATTACHMENT TO CANADA AND ATTITUDES TOWARD ETHNOCULTURAL DIVERSITY

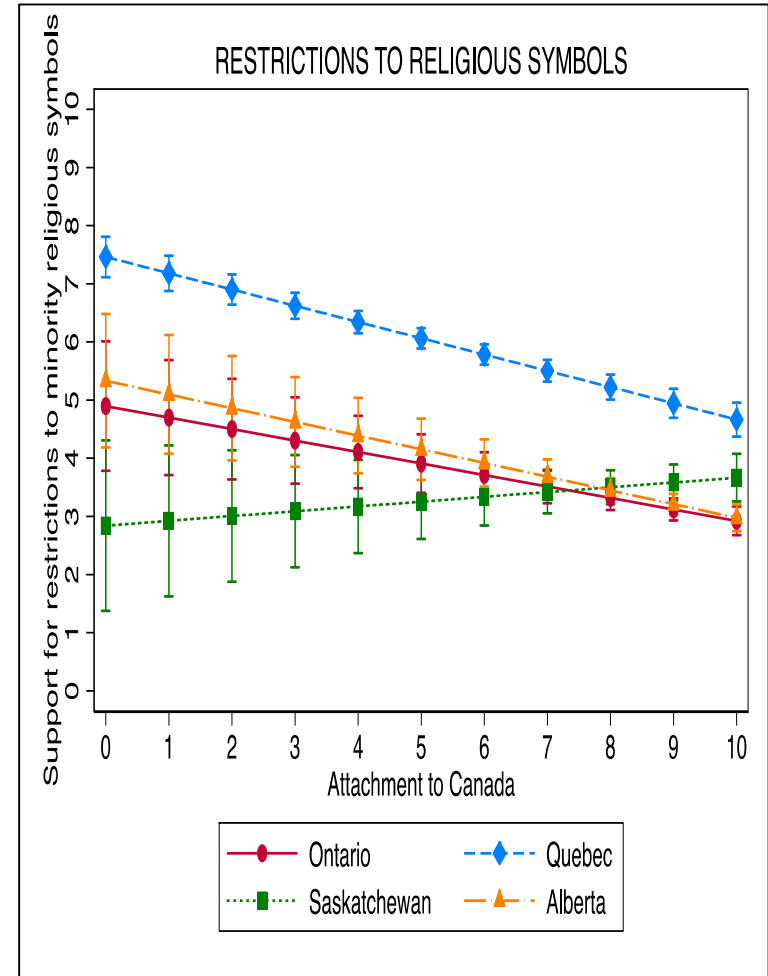
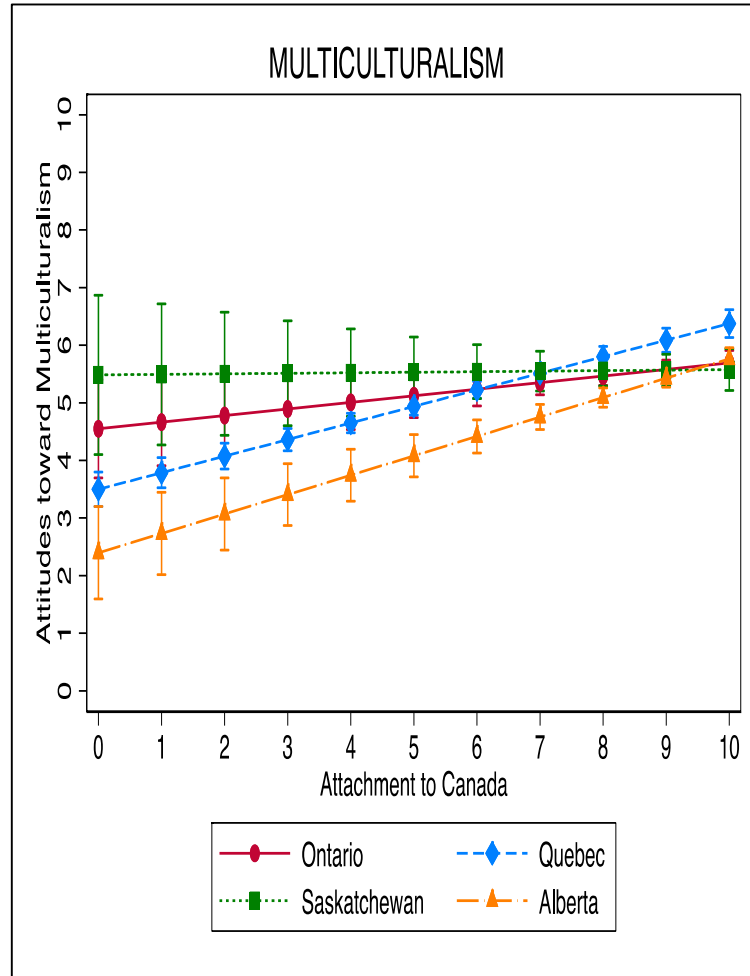
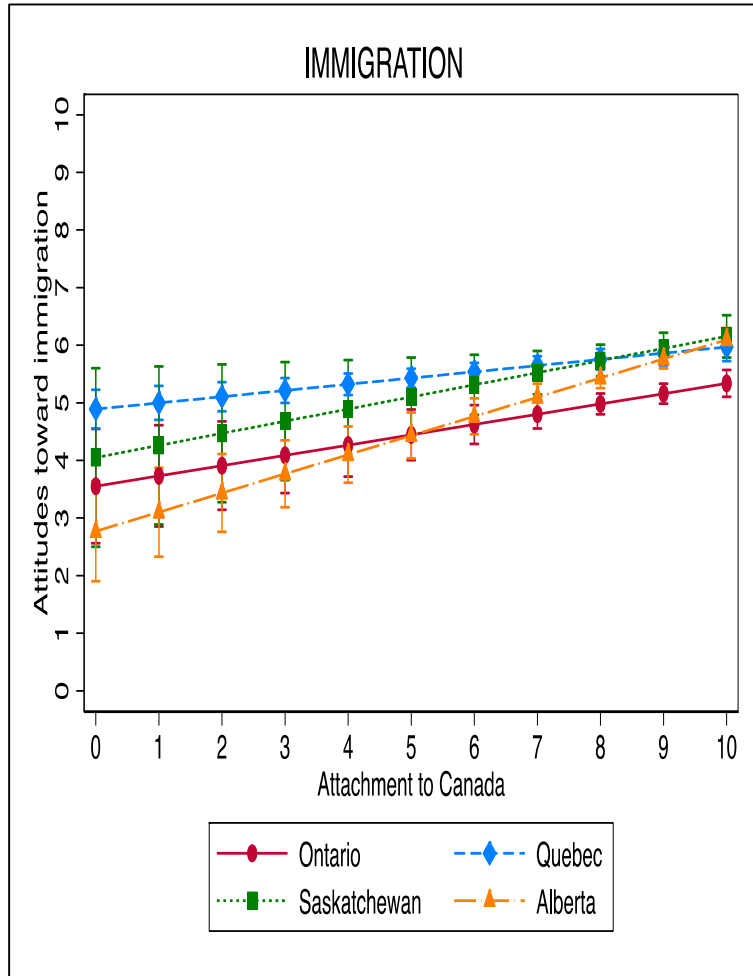


FIGURE 2. ATTACHMENT TO PROVINCE AND ATTITUDES TOWARD IMMIGRATION

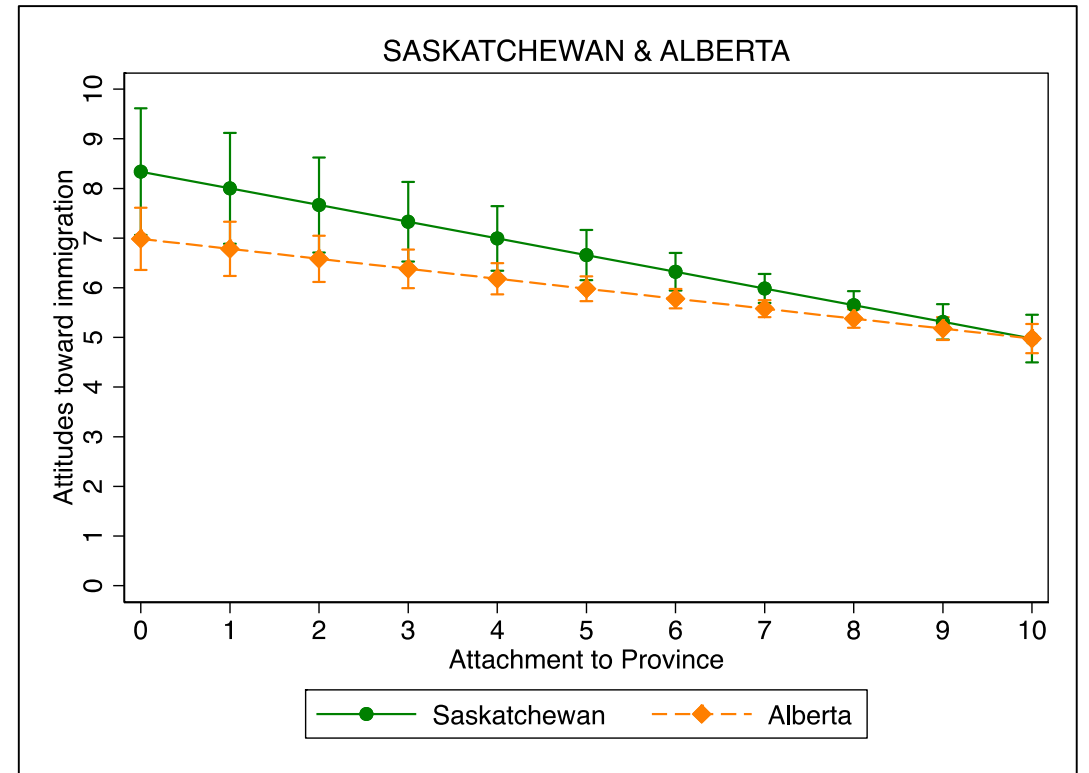
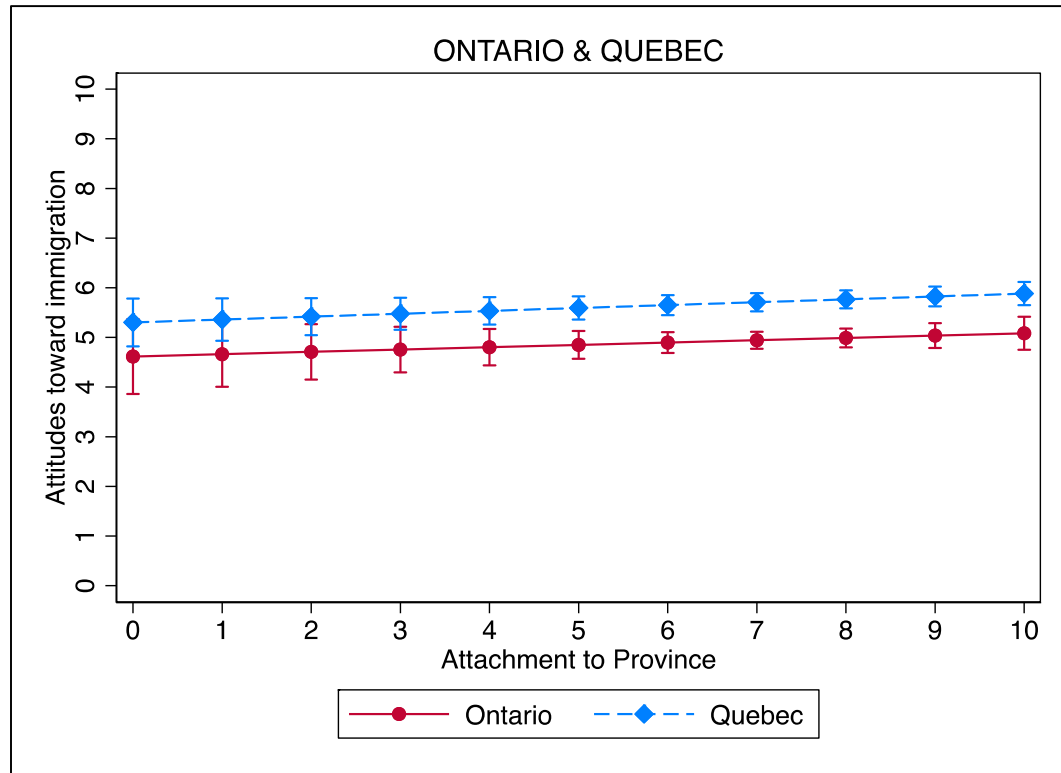


FIGURE 3. ATTACHMENT TO PROVINCE AND ATTITUDES TOWARD MULTICULTURALISM

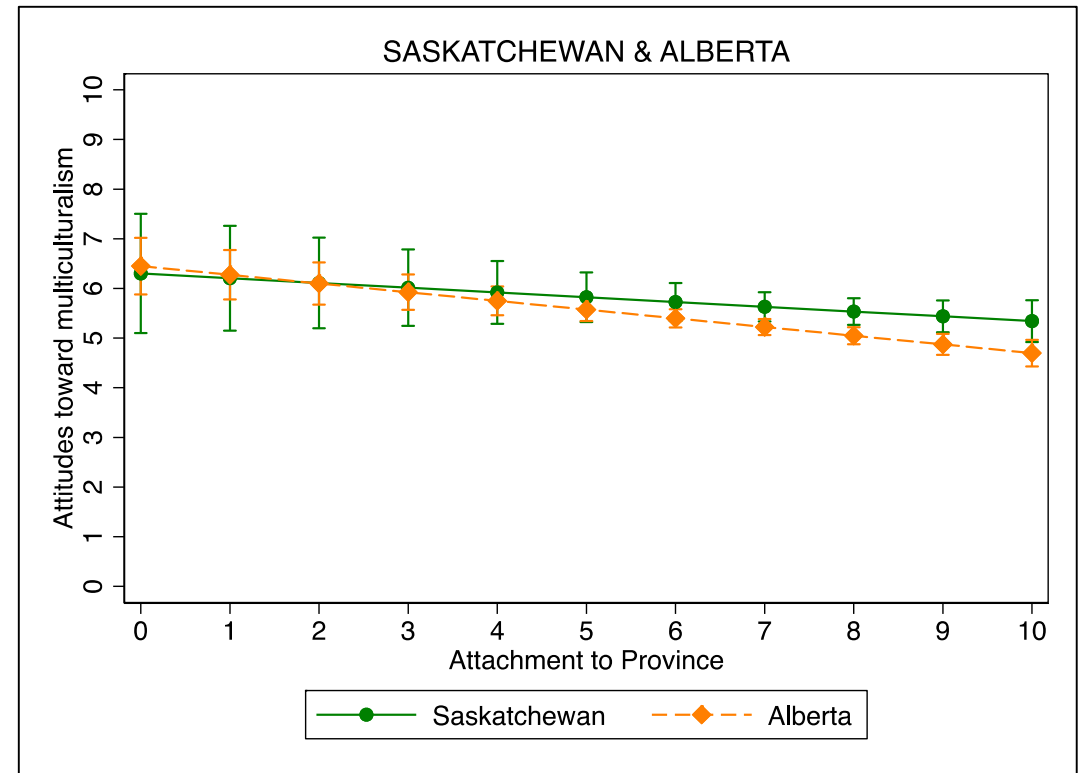
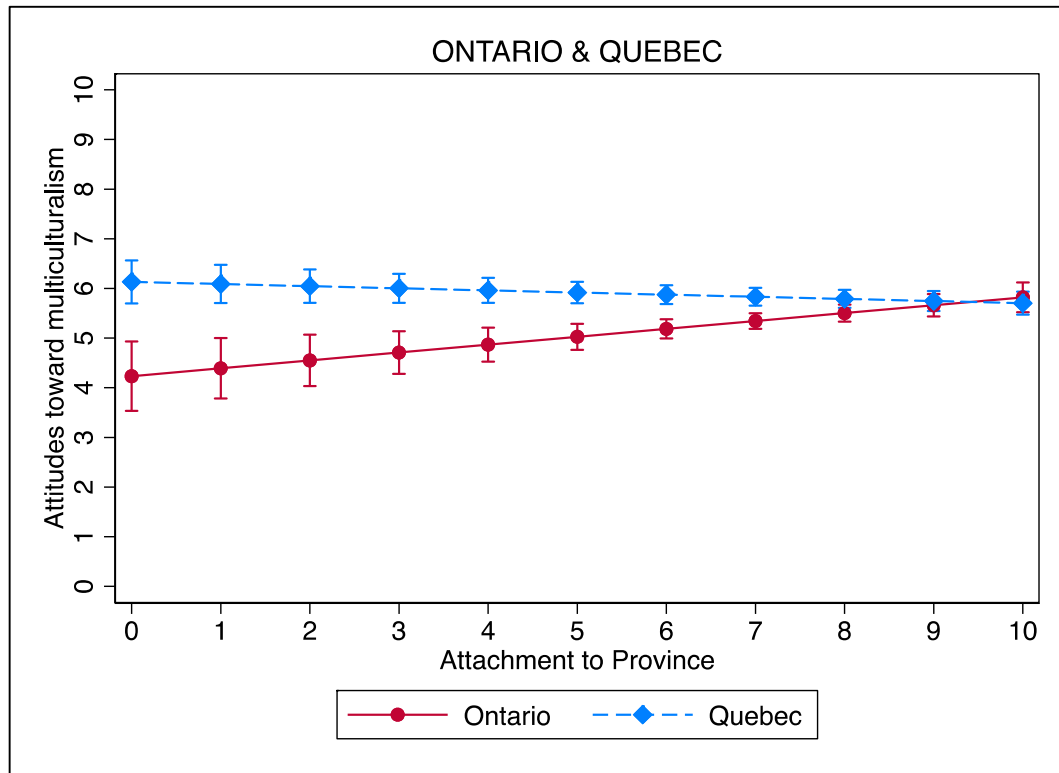
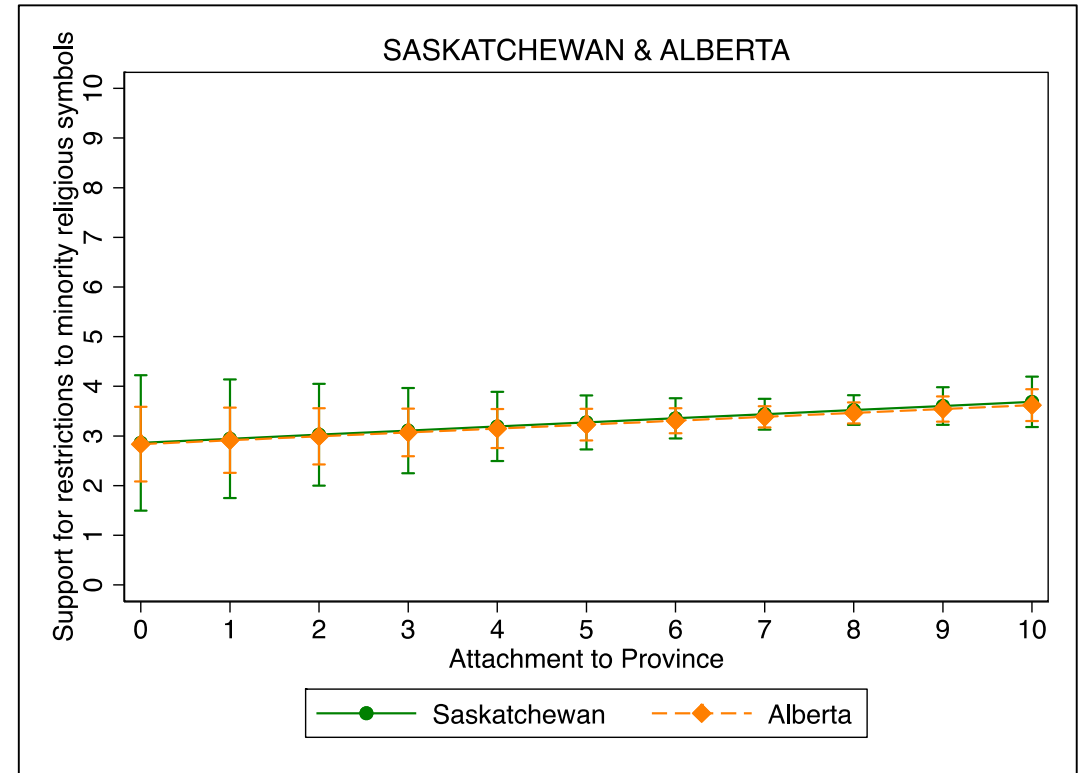
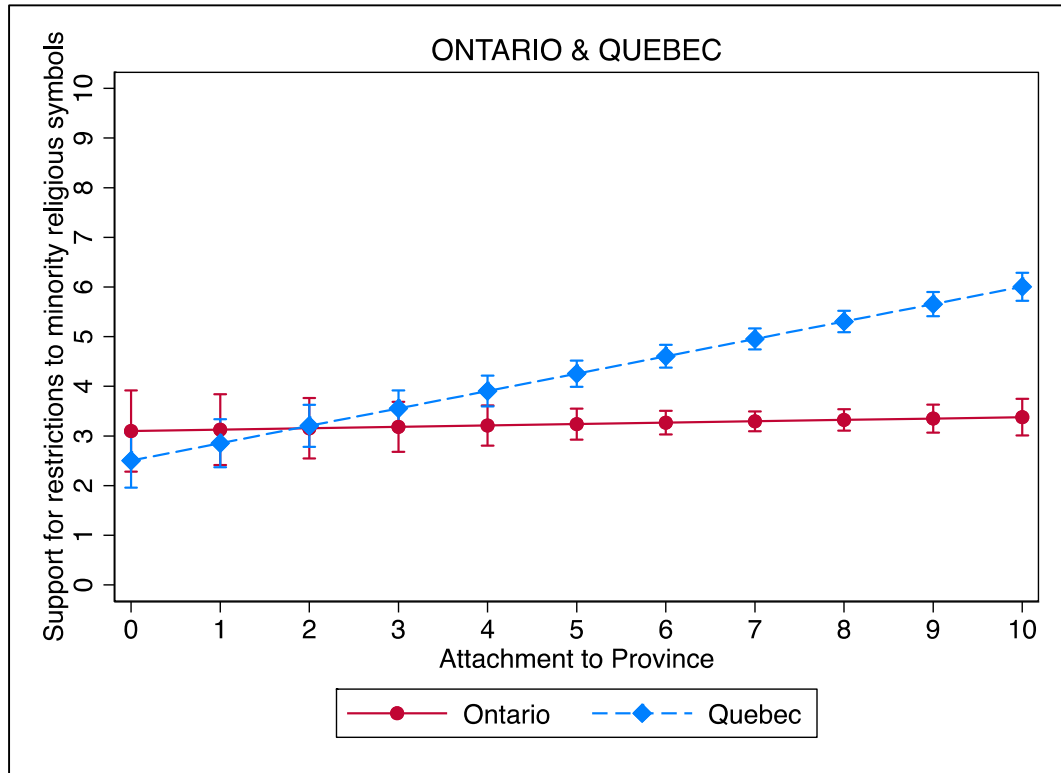


FIGURE 4. ATTACHMENT TO PROVINCE AND SUPPORT FOR RESTRICTIONS TO MINORITY RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS



CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Attachment to Canada relates to attitudes toward ethnocultural diversity, but provincial attachment matters too
 - Direction and salience of relationship vary across provinces
- Beyond the dominant pan-Canadian model of ethnocultural diversity, parallel ones are sustained in provinces
- Provinces are meaningful political communities with their own dynamics with regards to ethnocultural diversity



THANK YOU

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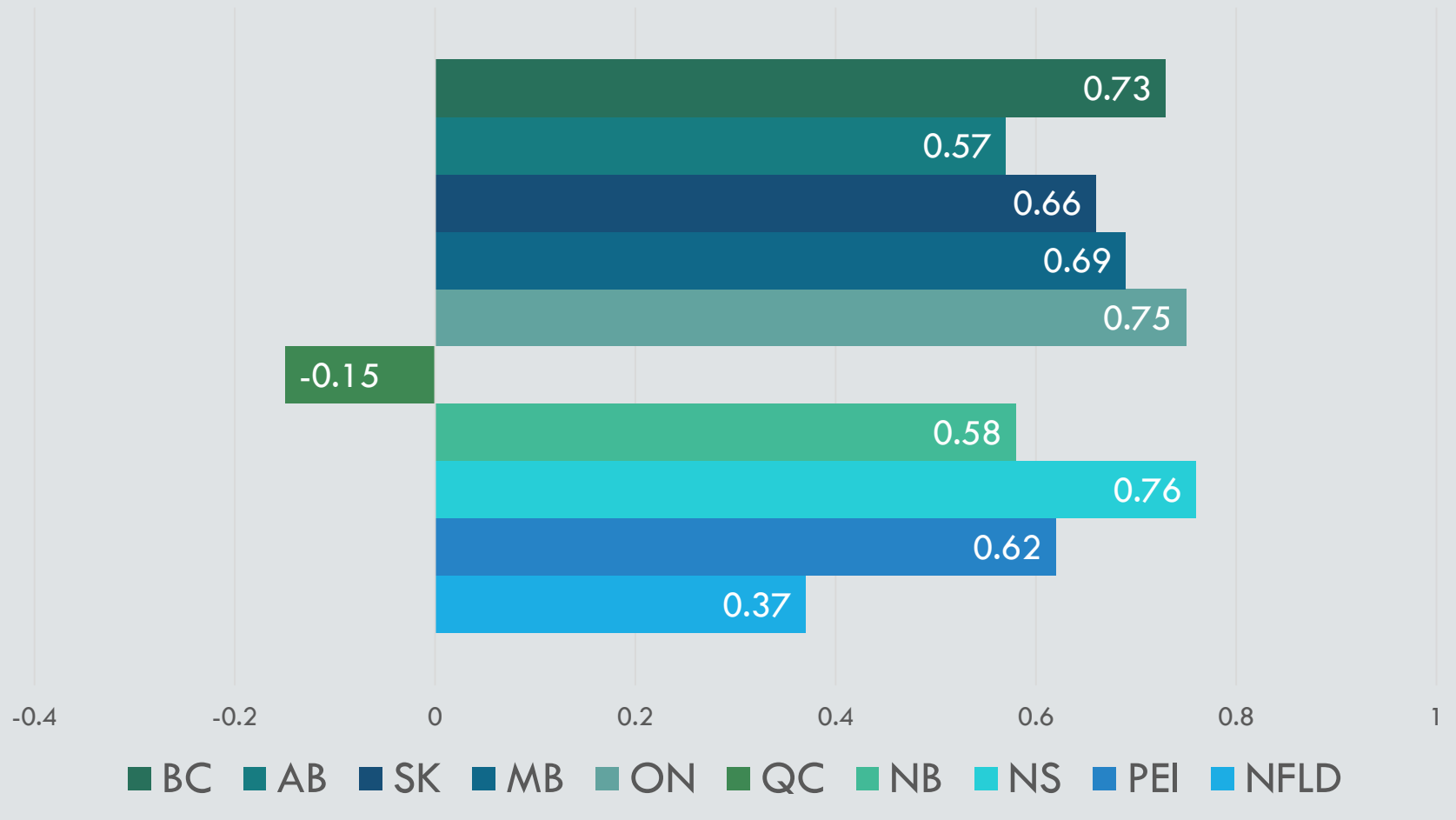
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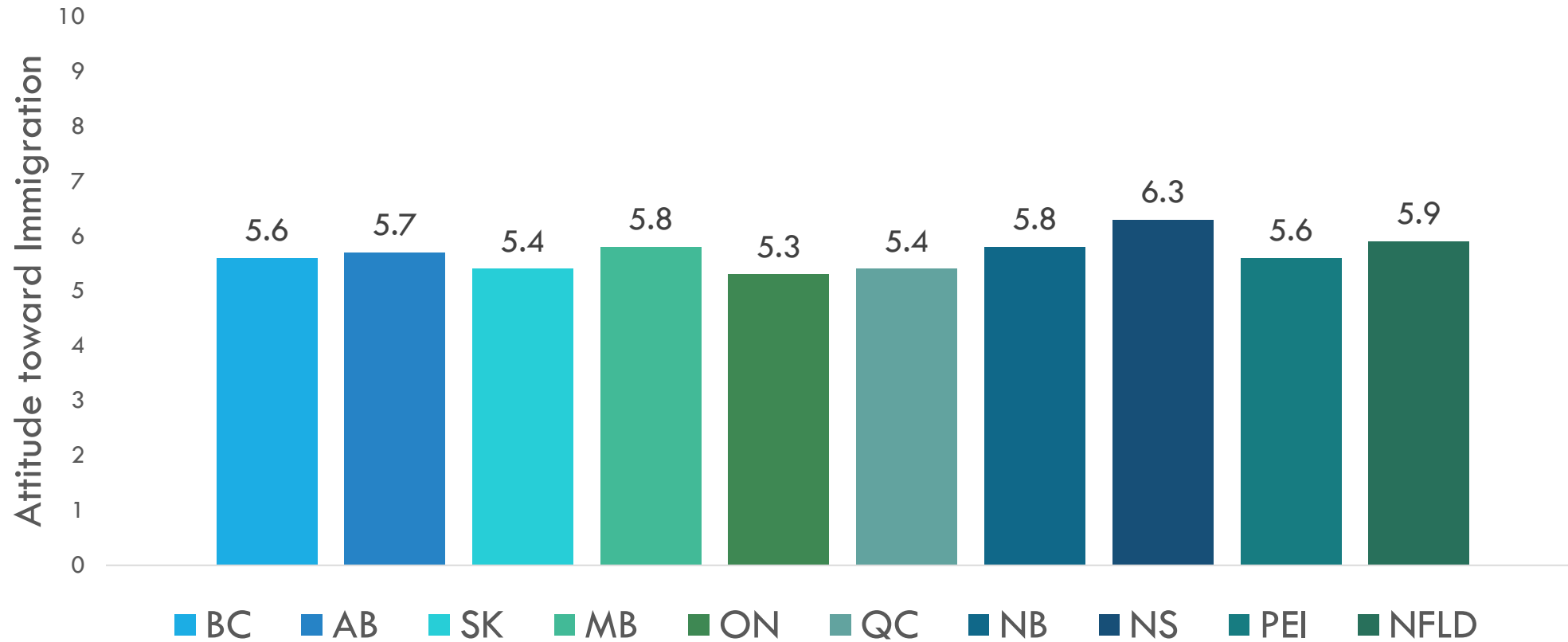


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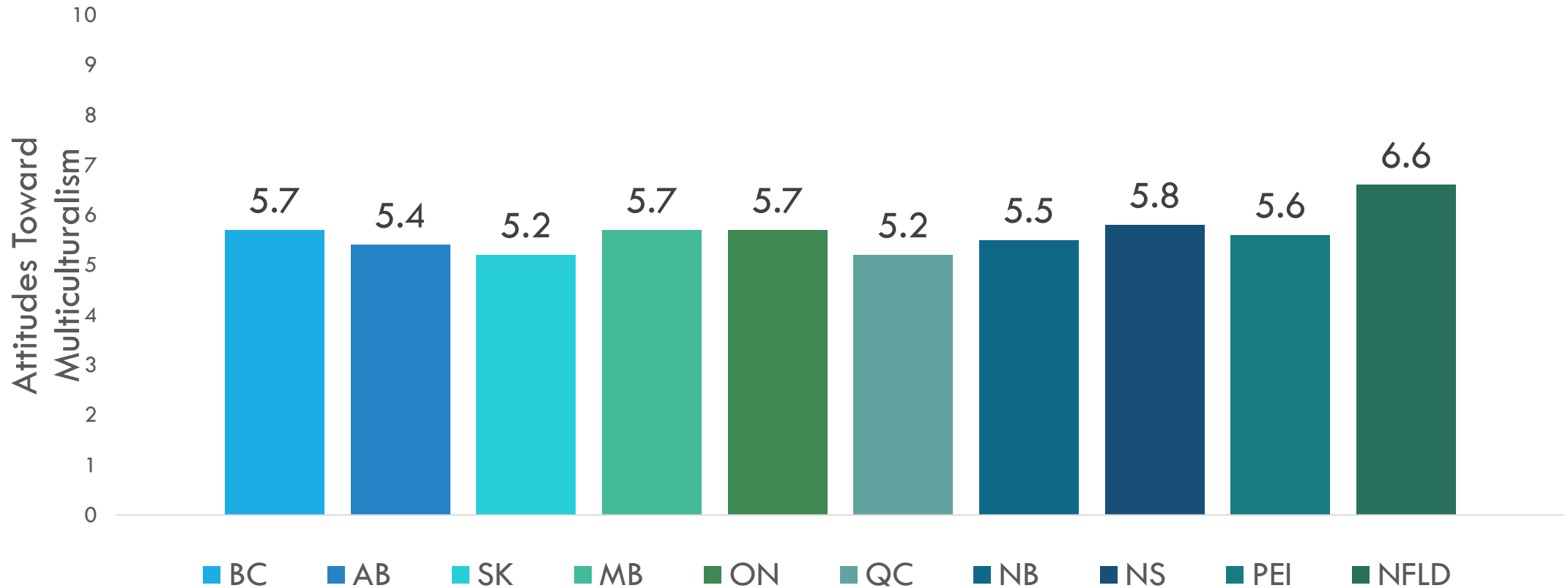
Correlation between Attachment to Canada and Attachment to the Province (-1 to 1)



ATTITUDES TOWARD IMMIGRATION (0-10)



ATTITUDES TOWARD MULTICULTURALISM (0-10)



SUPPORT FOR RESTRICTIONS ON MINORITY RELIGIOUS SYMBOLS (0-10)

