

# Culture Learning and Culture Shedding: Acculturation Expectations Among Quebecers

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# Immigrant integration

- Liberal democracies are increasingly multicultural
- Cultural diversity generates debates about how immigrants should integrate and what receiving societies should do to accommodate them
- Quebec is no exception:
  - Recent political debates about immigration and immigrant integration (Xhardez and Paquet 2021; Gagnon and Larios 2021)
  - Selecting immigrants who will "integrate" into Quebec society, i.e. learn Quebec culture (Rocher 2023)

# Acculturation expectations in Quebec

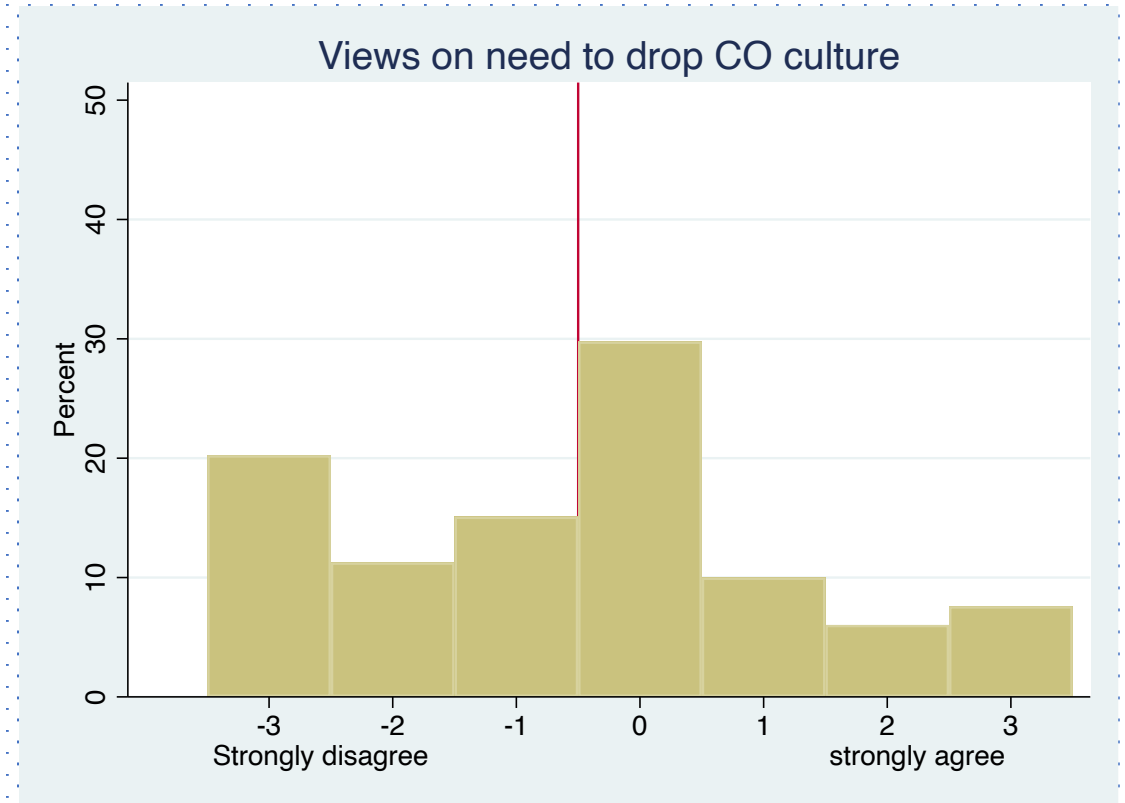
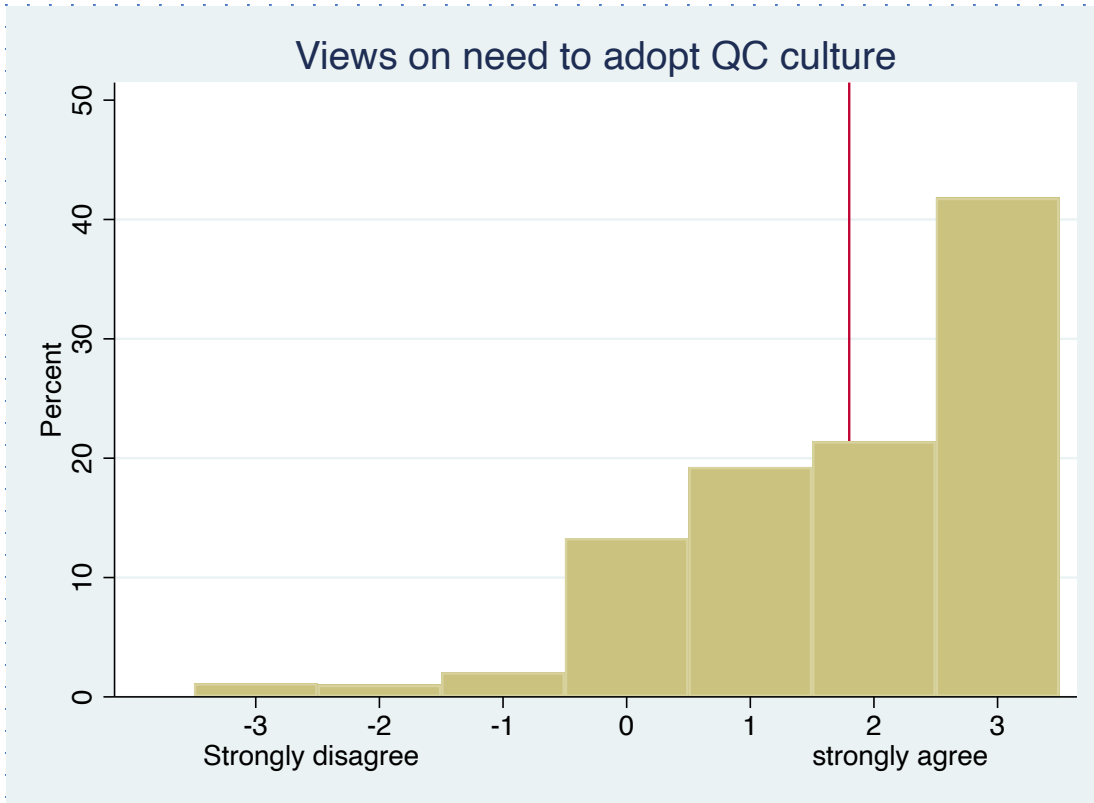
- What are Quebecers' acculturation expectations for immigrants?
  - Culture learning? Culture shedding? (Berry 2001)
- Can acculturation expectations help us understand opinions about immigration?
  - Preferences for immigrants of certain origins?

# Data and Methods

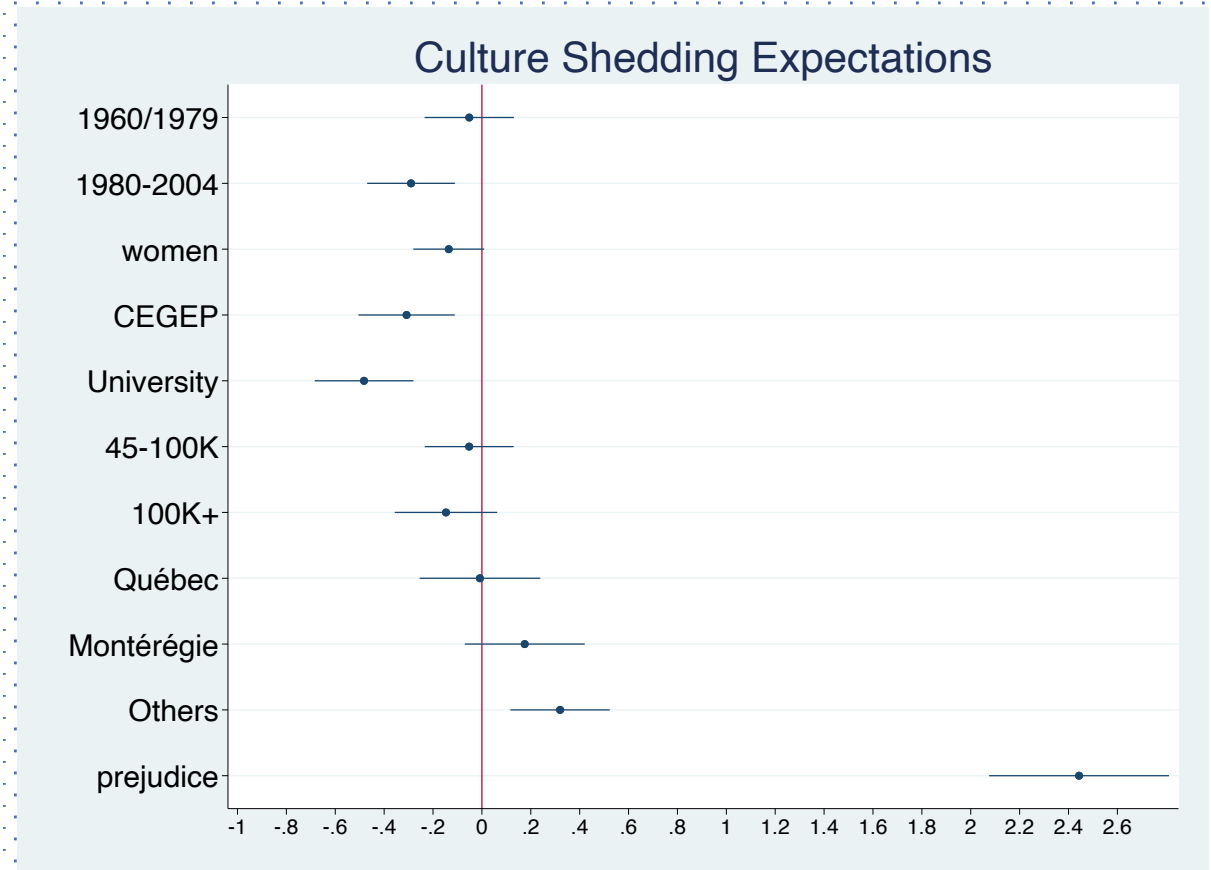
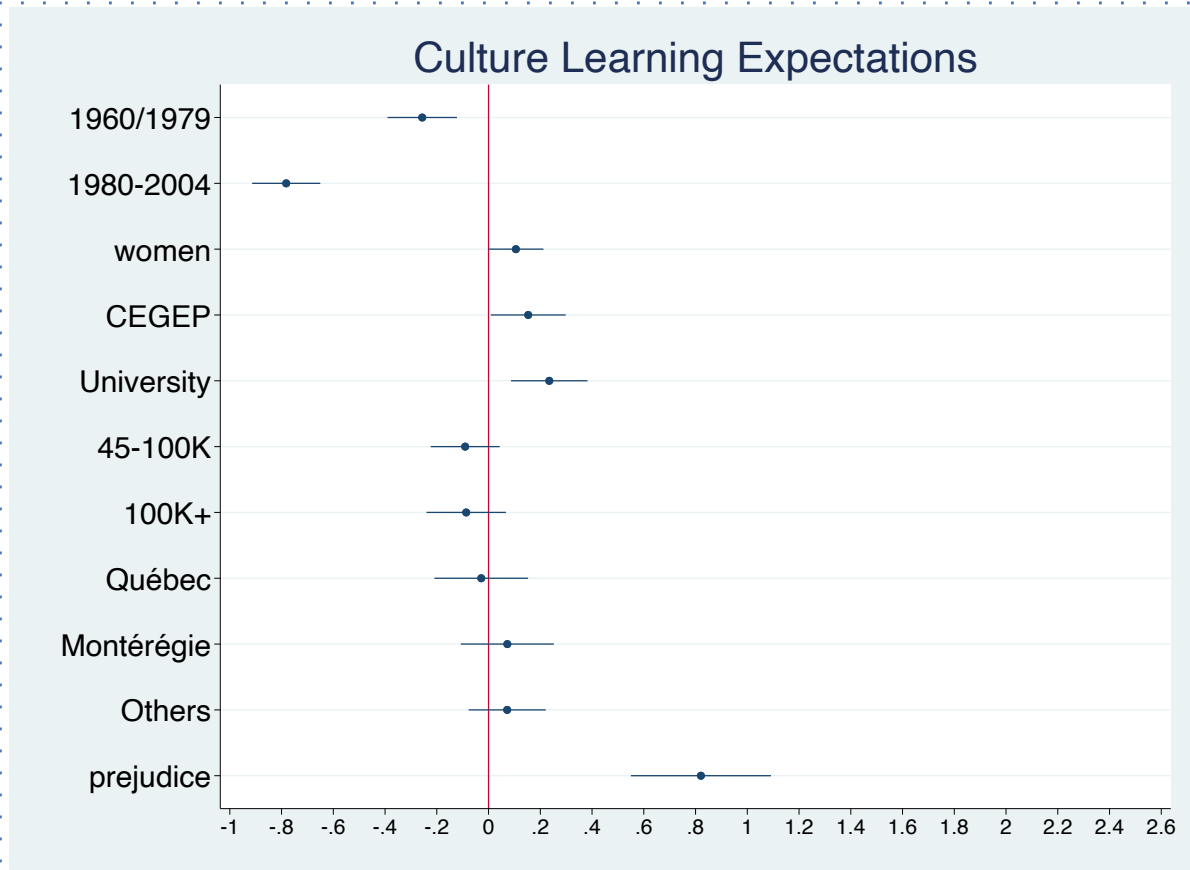
- Online survey of 2400 respondents (Spring, 2022)
  - Majority group Quebecers (white, born in Canada, French mother tongue)
- To integrate into QC society, it is important for immigrants to... (1 “disagree” -7 “agree”)
  - adopt Quebec culture
  - abandon their origin culture
- Do you think QC should receive more/fewer immigrants from....? (1-5)
  - France, Algeria, Haiti, China, Syria, and India

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# Acculturation Expectations



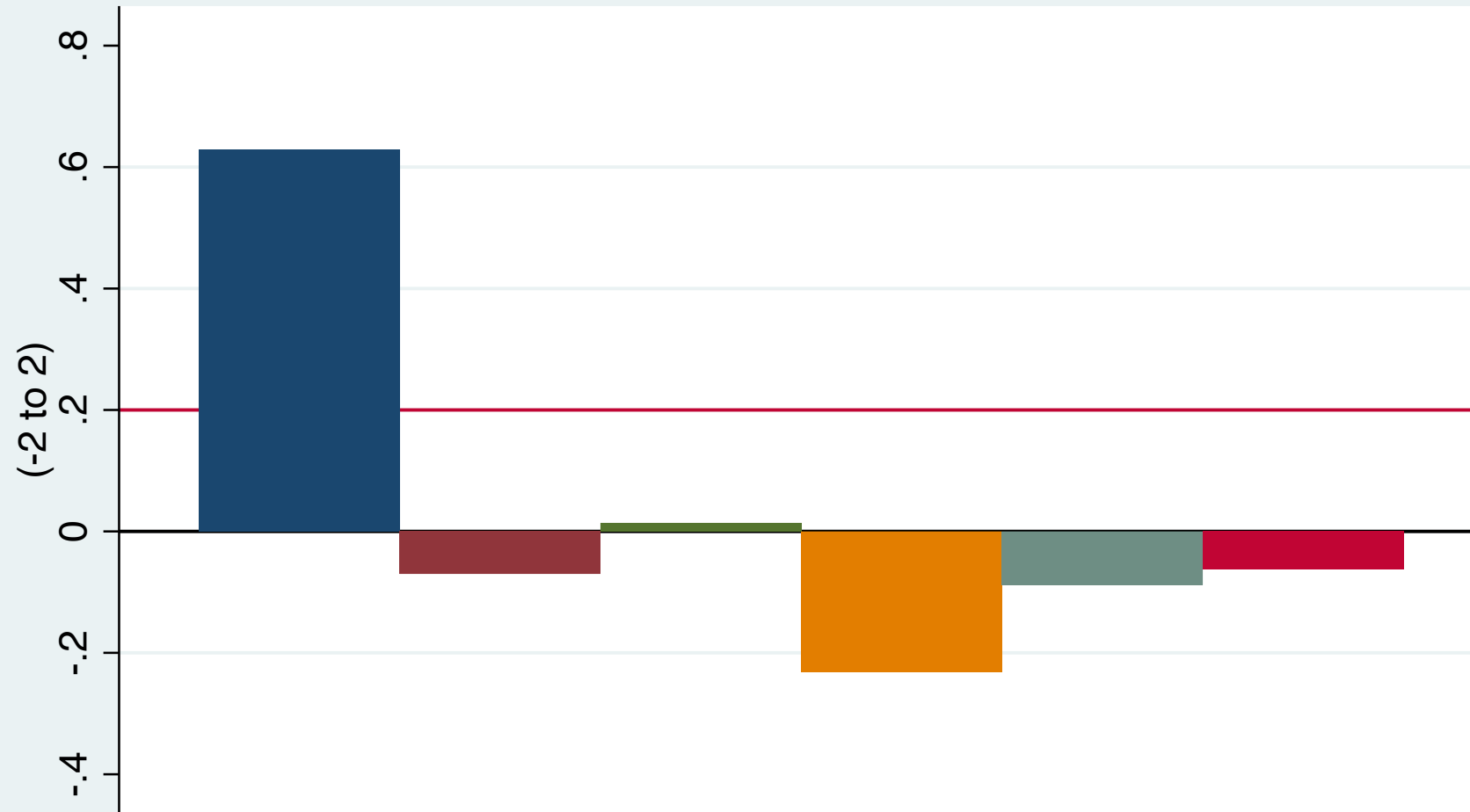
# Acculturation Expectations: Predictors



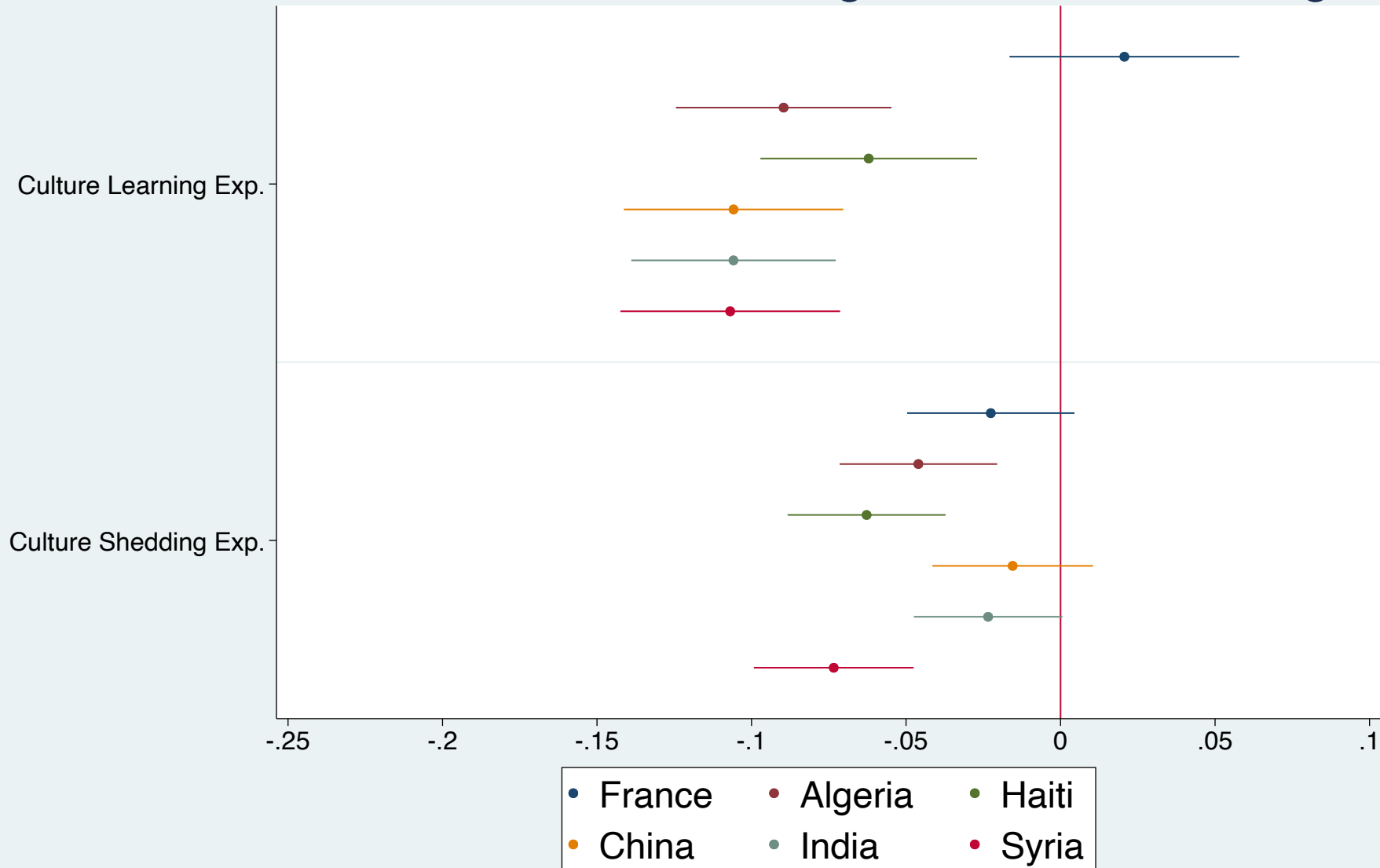
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## Preferences for immigration intakes of different origins



# Acculturation Expectations and Preferences for Immigrants of Various Origins



\*The analysis controls for ethnic prejudice and sociodemographic variables

# Concluding Remarks

- Majority group QC have strong expectations for immigrants to adopt QC culture, but mixed views with regards to immigrants abandoning their culture of origin
  - No strong sociodemographic cleavages explaining these views
- Acculturation expectations are helpful to better understand debates about immigration intakes in QC
  - Helpful predictor, above and beyond ethnic prejudice
  - Help explain why French immigrants are preferred, but not other French speaking groups
  - Highlight the centrality of culture, beyond language, in immigration debates in QC
- What about the acculturation expectations of other Canadians and their role in shaping immigration debates?