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Migrant Integration Policy Index International launch

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	Topic	Speaker
2PM-2.15PM	Welcome	Dr. Thomas Huddleston, Research Director, MPG
2.15PM-2.30PM	MIPEX 2020 Key Findings	Dr. Giacomo Solano, Policy and Statistical Analyst, MPG
2.30PM-2.50PM	Our international areas of weakness: education and political participation	Mialy Dermish, Head of Secretariat, SIRIUS Network Melis Ari, Member, Transatlantic Migrant Democracy Dialogue
2.50PM-3.10PM	Links between MIPEX and the new EU Integration Action Plan	Antoine Savary, Deputy head of unit, DG HOME, European Commission
3.10PM-3.30PM	Q&A	Carmen Clemente, Head of Communications, MPG

What is MIPEX? www.mipex.eu

- Most comprehensive tool to compare integration policies:
  - Number of indicators
  - Methodology with national experts & checks
  - Longitudinal scope (2007-2019)
  - Thematic scope (including health)
  - Geographic scope (52 countries)

- Most cited international benchmark by policymakers, NGOs, media & research
  - Example: Draft Global Compact on Migration

- Links between policies & outcomes: 130 peer reviewed scientific studies identifying 400+ links between MIPEX to integration outcomes for immigrants & the public

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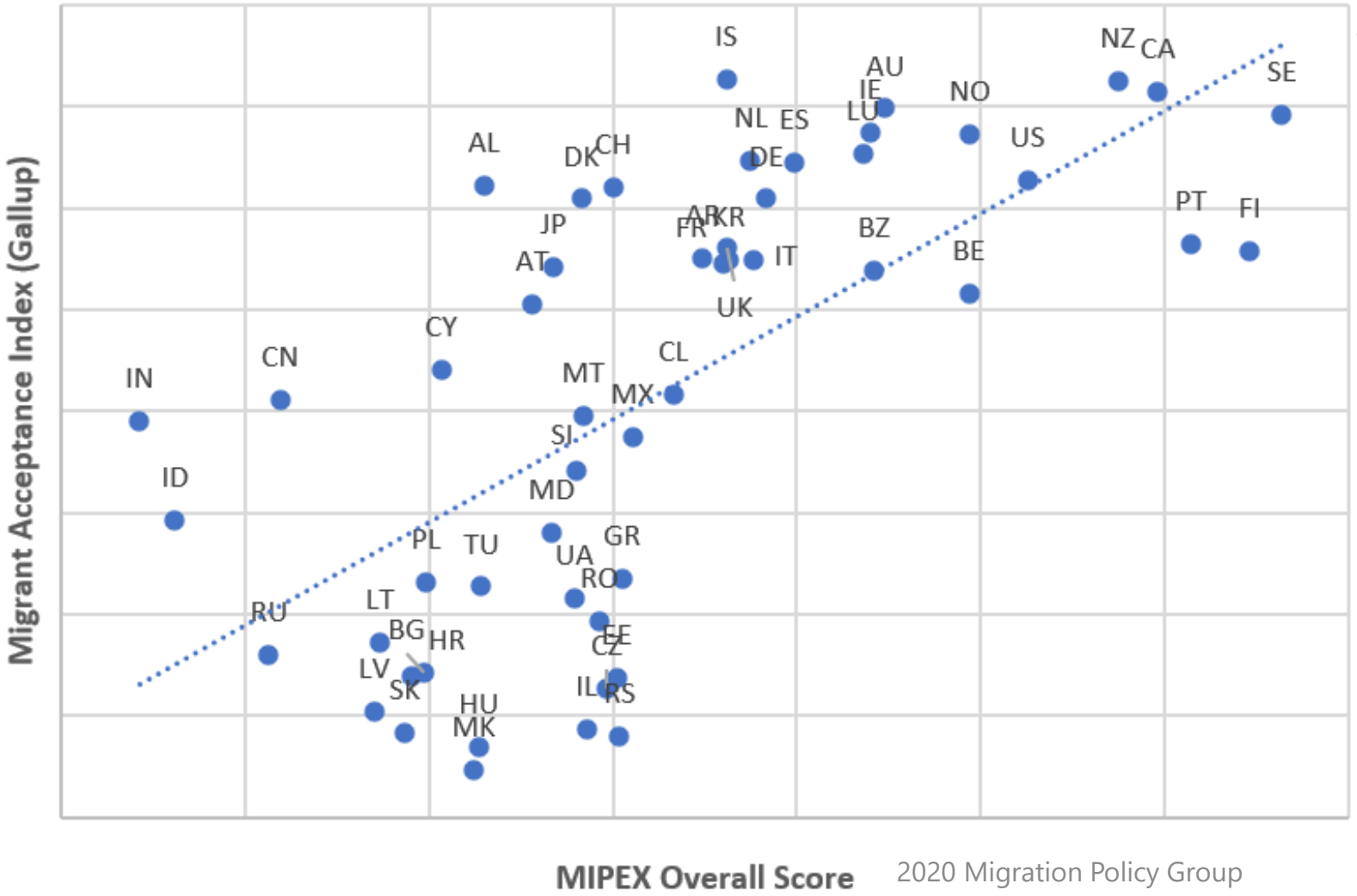
Integration policies as a key for public welcome

Studies link policies & public opinion



Virtuous vs. Vicious Cycle

- ***Anti-immigrant threat***
- ***Xenophobia***
- ***Islamophobia***
- ***Social trust***
- ***Interaction***

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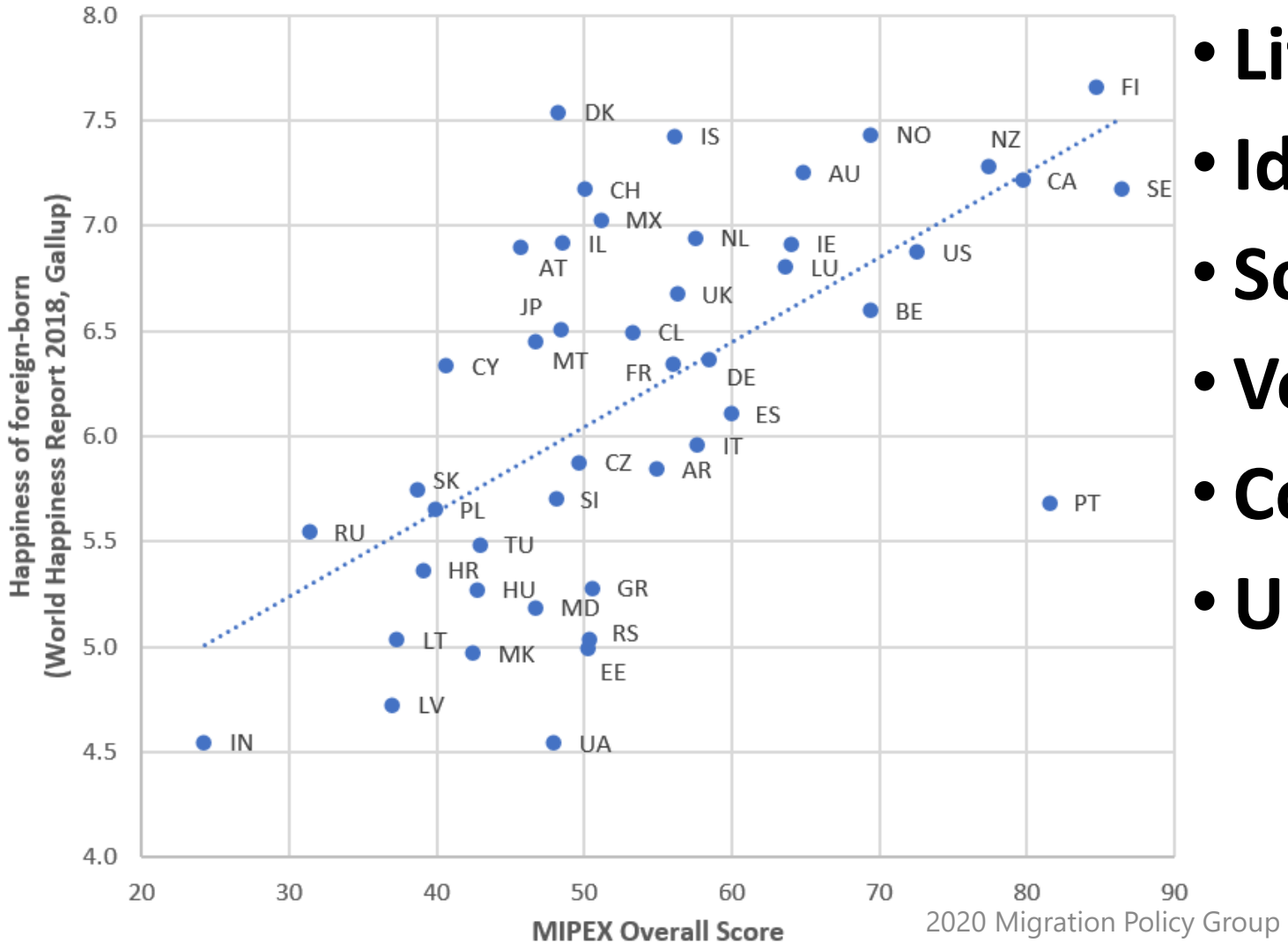
Integration policies as a key to immigrants' happiness

Studies link policies & immigrant attitudes/outcomes



- Life satisfaction
- Identity, belonging & pride
- Social trust
- Voting
- Conventional participation
- Unconventional participation

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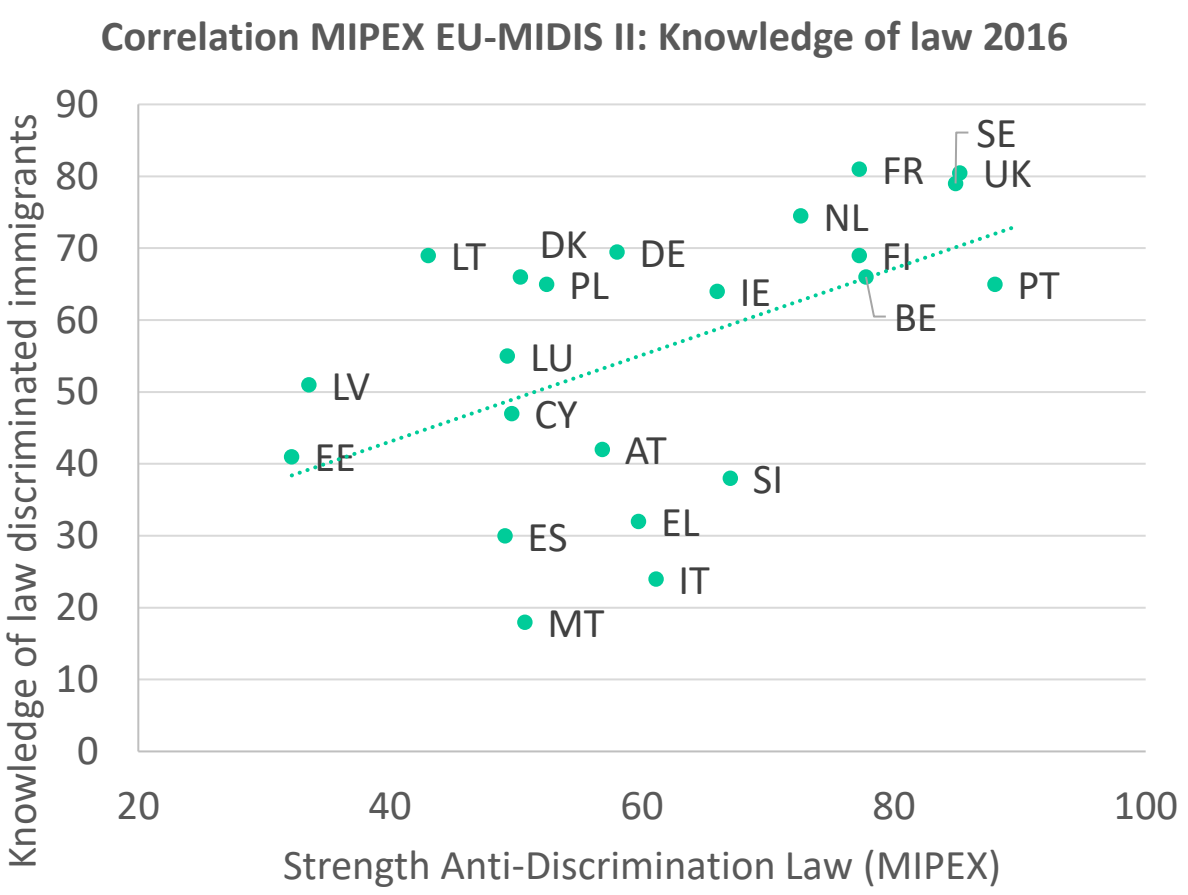
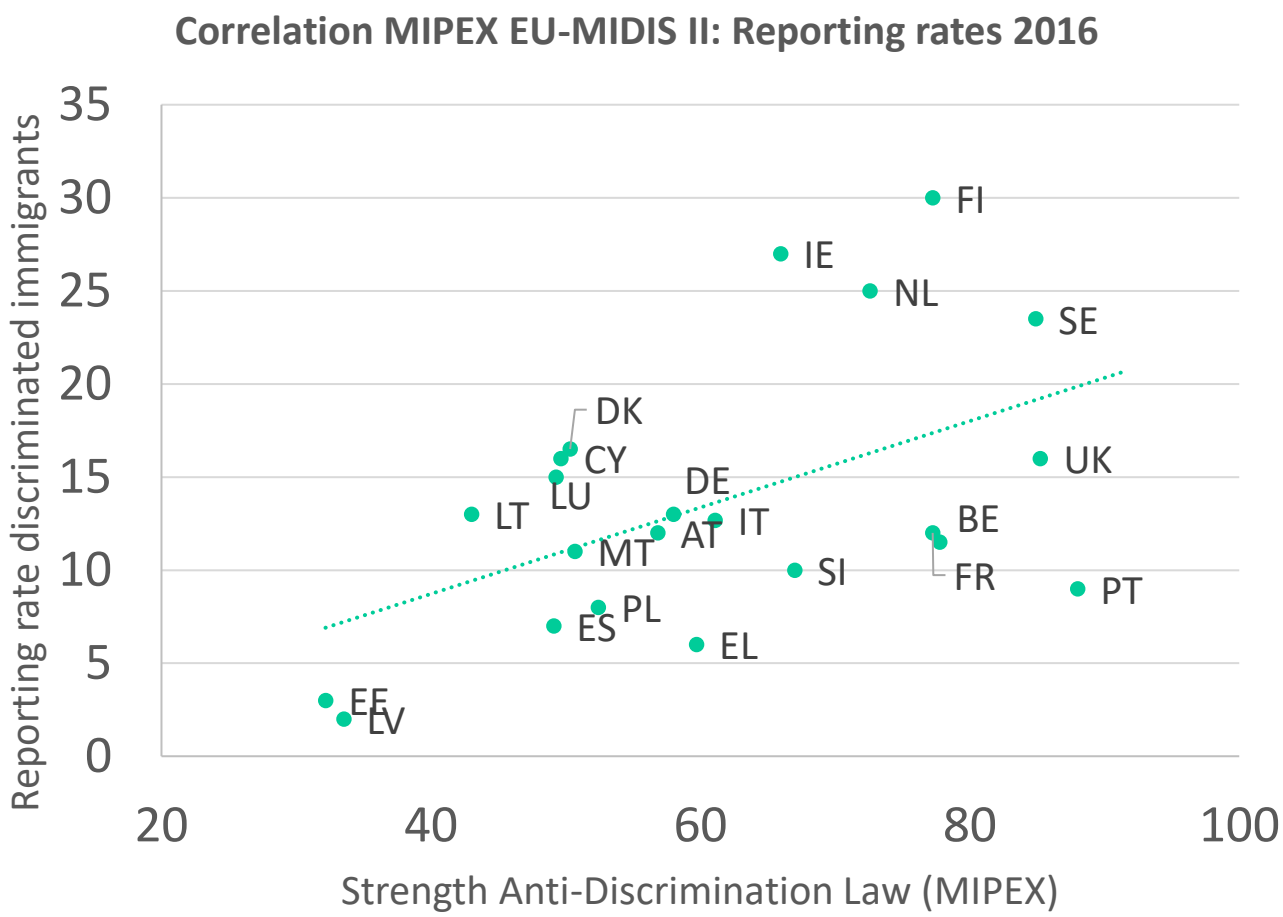
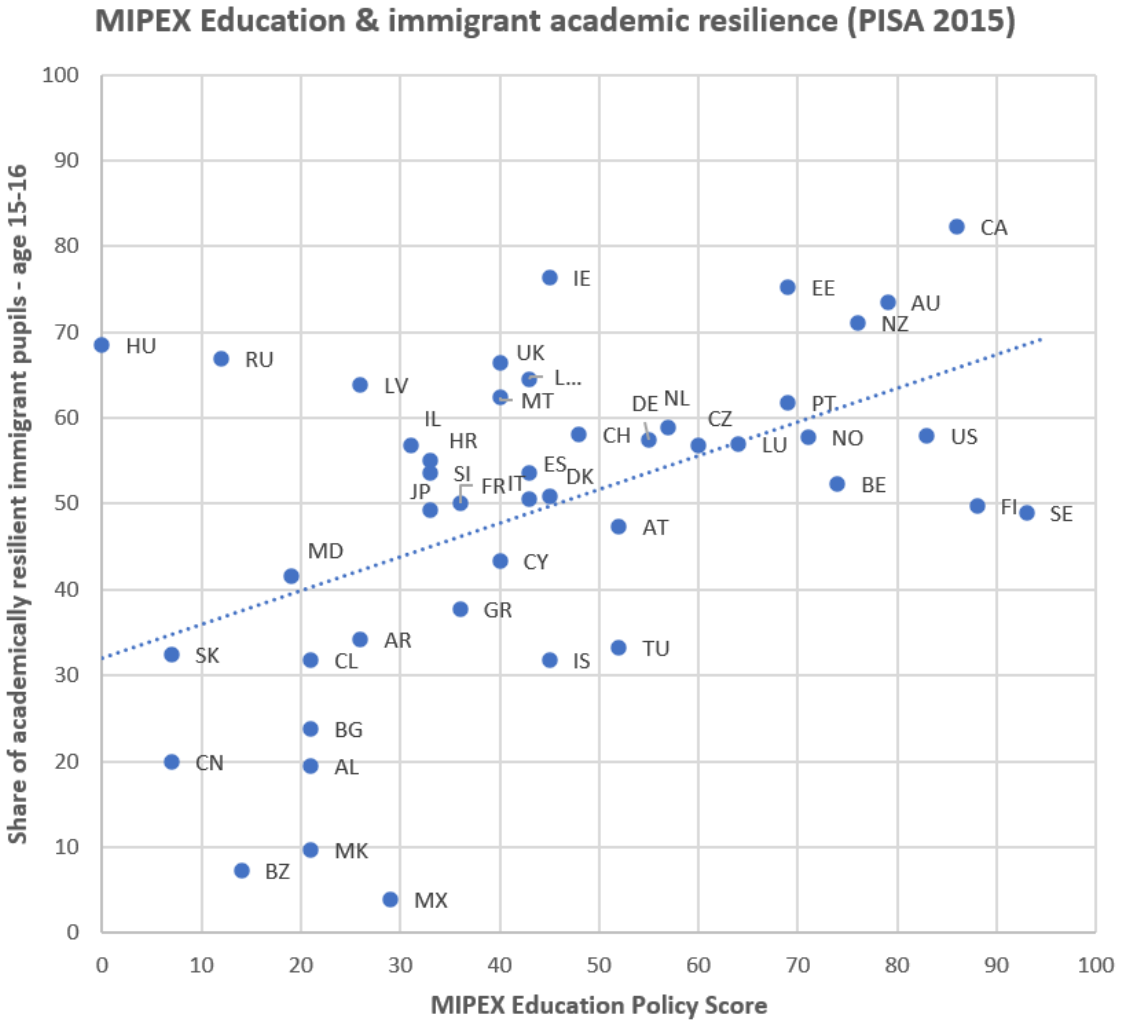
Strong anti-discrimination policies slowly improve awareness, reporting & trust (*work of Conrad Ziller*)





Dozens of studies link policies to health *(Jaurez, Malmusi, Ikram, Giannoni)* & education (*Cha & Ham*)

- *Self-reported health*
- *Chronic illnesses*
- *Diabetes,*
- *Old-age frailty*
- *Mortality*



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Key Findings

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- What are the main dimensions of integration policy?
- What are the different approaches to migrant integration?
- Which countries are the leaders on integration policy?
- Which countries have improved or undermined their policies?
- What are the international strengths and weaknesses?

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What are the main dimensions of integration policy?

MIPEX 2020 captures country's approach to integration on 3 dimensions:

1. **Basic rights:** *Can immigrants enjoy comparable rights as nationals?*
   e.g., equal rights to work, training, access to health, and non-discrimination

2. **Equal opportunities:** *Can immigrants receive support to enjoy comparable opportunities as nationals?*
   e.g., targeted support in education, support for health, and political participation

3. **Secure future:** *Can immigrants settle long-term and feel secure about their future in the country?*
   e.g., family reunification, permanent residence and access to nationality

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What are the different approaches to migrant integration?

- 5 approaches to integration based on the 3 dimensions:
  - **Top Ten countries** (EQUAL Rights + Opportunities + Security)
  - **Comprehensive integration** (MOST Rights + Opportunities + Security)
  - **Temporary integration** (Rights + Opportunities – Security)
  - **Equality on paper** (Rights + Security – Opportunities)
  - **Immigration without Integration** (Security – Rights – Opportunities)

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Which countries are the leaders on integration policy? Top 10

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wa65XXc0yCw&feature=youtu.be

Which countries are the leaders on integration policy? Ranking

Range of policies still differ within the 5 approaches

10 groups, ranked by average group MIPEX score

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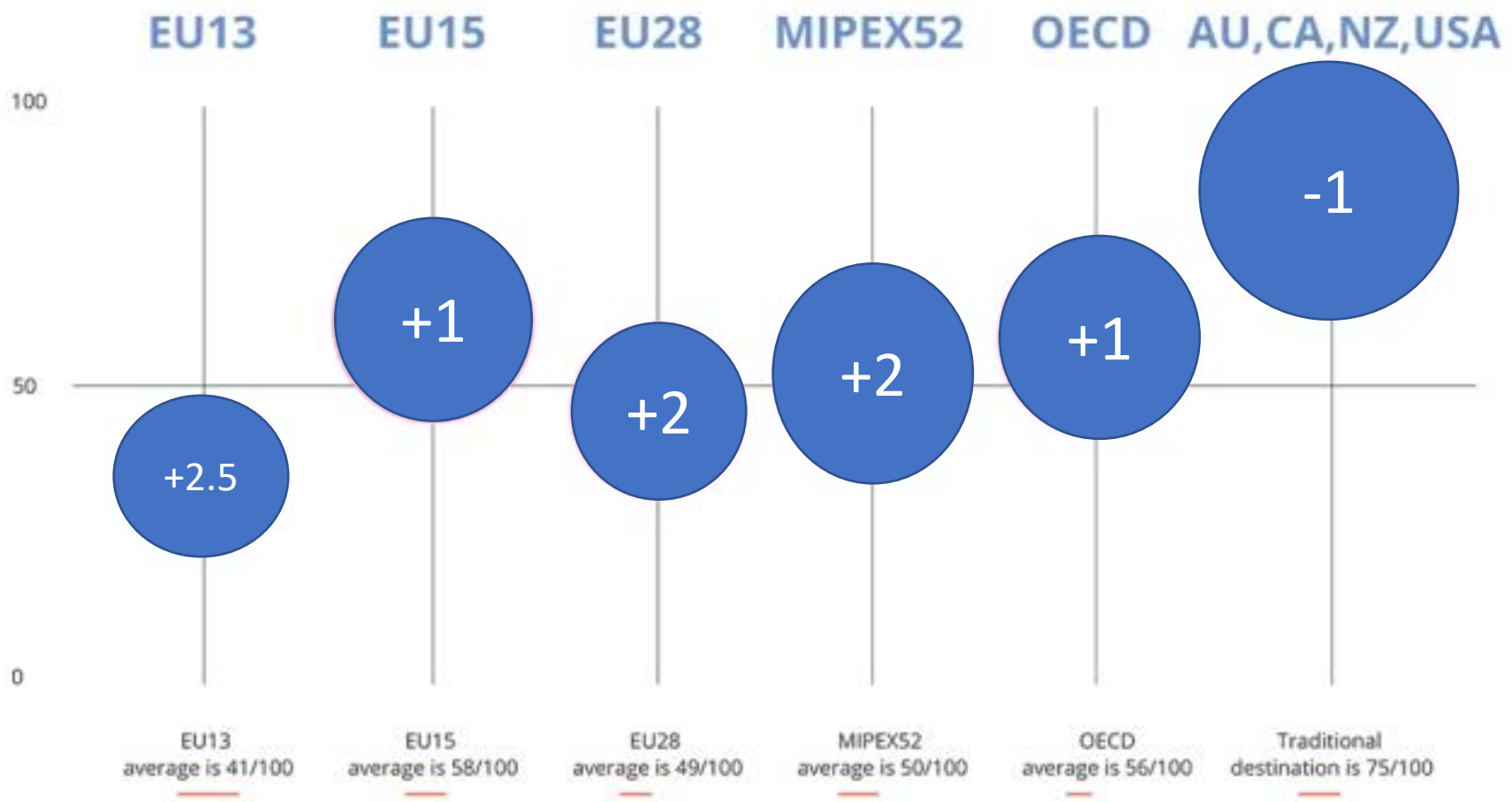

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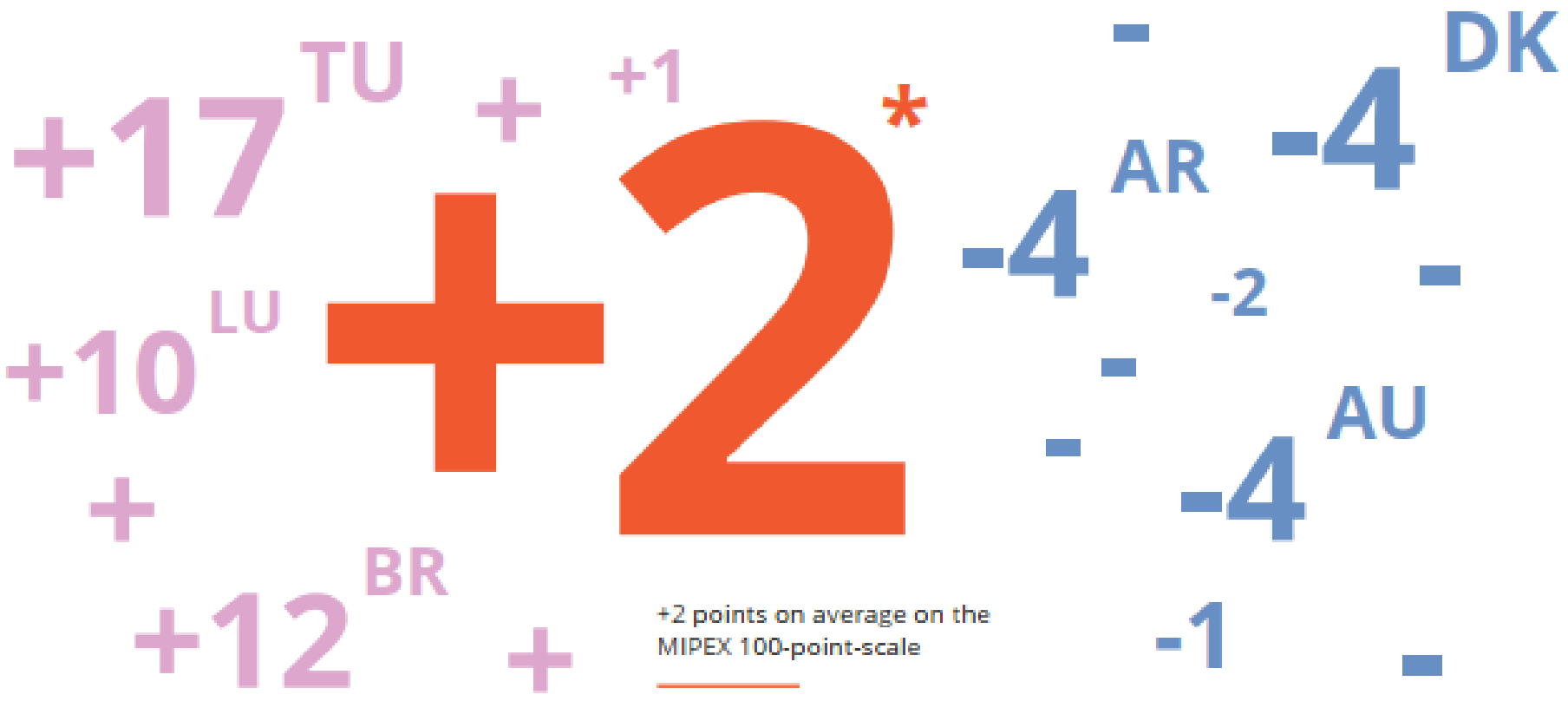

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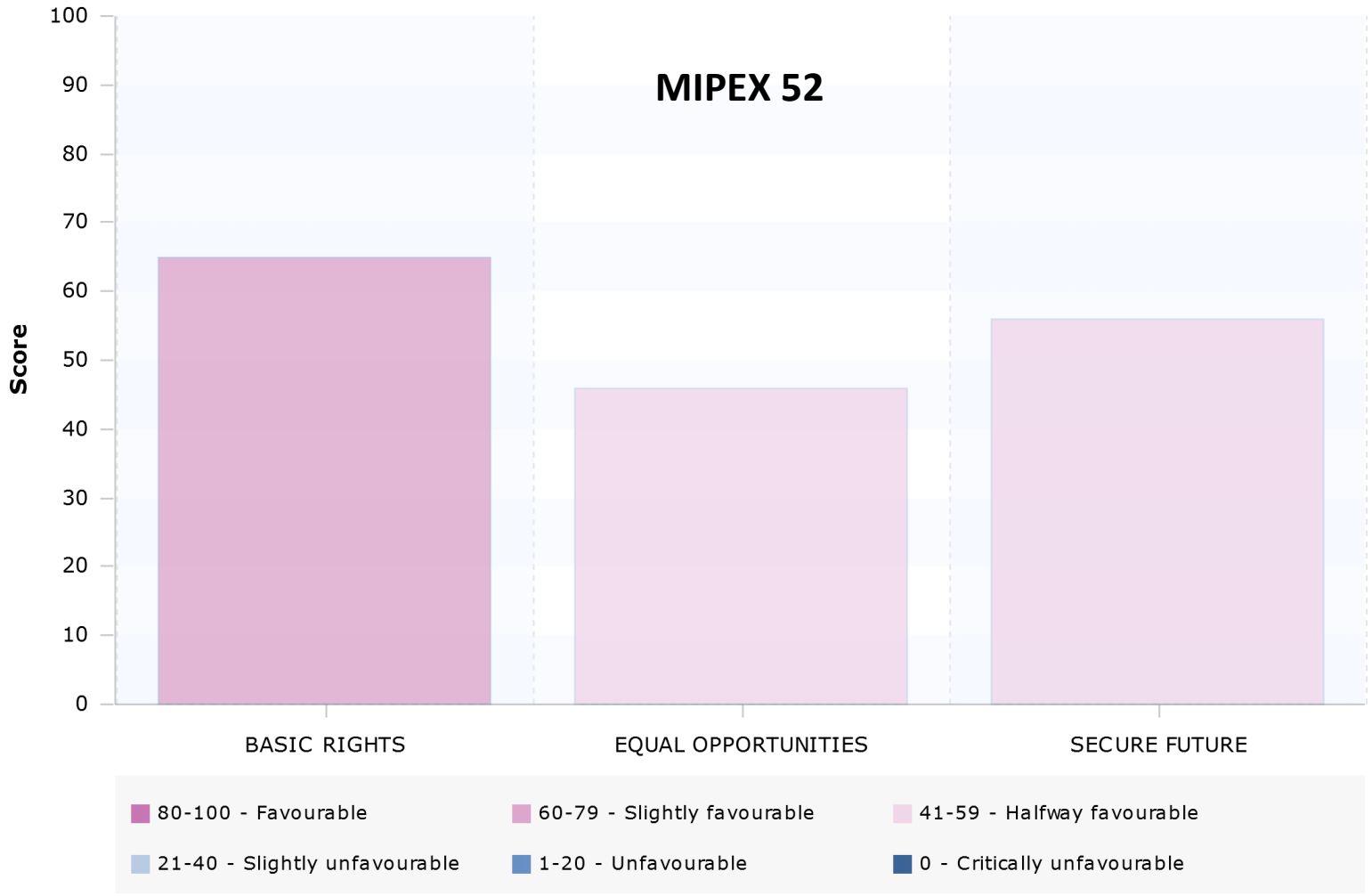

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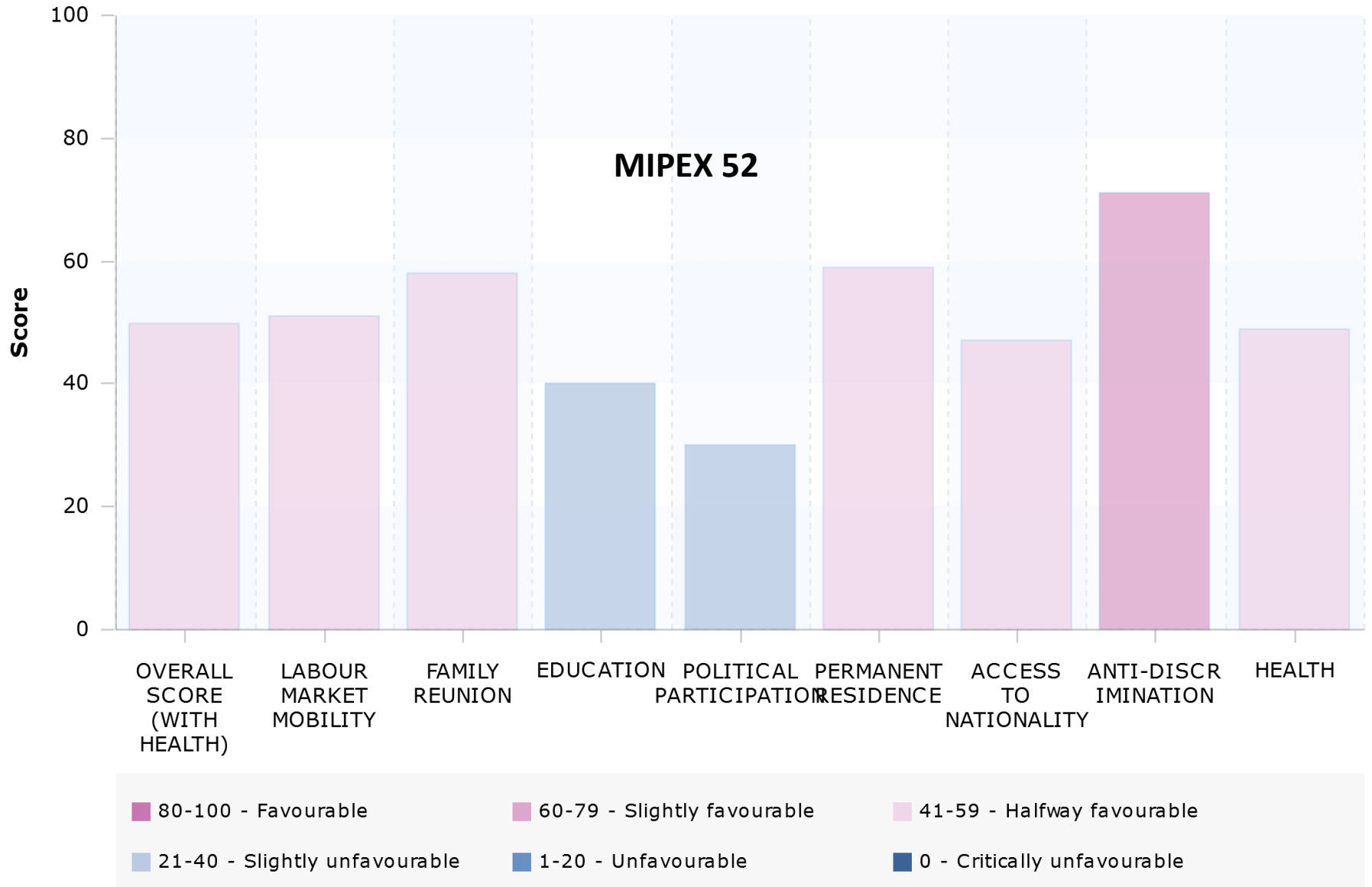

Conclusions

- Countries differ significantly in their approach to integration
- Different approaches to integration have different strengths and weaknesses
- Integration policies are very slowly improving over time
- Major international weakness is equal opportunities, especially in education & political participation
- Integration policies matter for integration as a two-way process for immigrants & the public

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Thank you!

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