TERM 2 WEEK 5- Migration, integration and citizenship in the Berlin republic

* 1980s: large influx of ‘guestworker’ immigration. Foreign pop cont to rise due to unchecked family reunification despite no recruitment of ‘guestworkers’. Cond access to citizenship but was stuck in terms of social integration and growing no of people.
* Attempt to limit this and reverse this. ‘Ruckkehranreiz’- offer money to return back to home country. Outcry to this ‘Anreiz’.
* Seek to get to West: by getting Asylum and using their antecedence eg. Allow ethnic Germans to be able to return. Increase number of asylum seekers as this ‘gesetz’ by claiming asylum of two years whilst their cases where investigated but many remained as they were ‘tolerated’. Late 1980s to 90s’ saw huge influx.
* Auslandergesetz- provide beurocratic clarity, was able to ease naturalization procedures allowing those to become German citizens. Reaffirmed basis of G citizenship which is based on ‘law of the blood’. Must have certain proportion of G ancestry to be eligible. 1992- 1.2 mil admissions in one years.
* Series of significant attacks on foreigners. 91-93. Reflection of underline concerns.
* Public response: ‘Lichterketten’-
* Anyone could claim asylum as long as G was their first destination. If passed through country that was part of EU, could not claim in G because you can secure asylum in these other countries due to similar policies.
* By 2006, 21,0000 remained- only 0.8% were approved.
* Focus on immigration numbers apposed to concepts. Also conflated ‘auslander’ into one conglomeration of immigrants.
* What happens to those who have been in Germany for a long time and don’t have citizenship and who are off put getting citizenships due to the difficulties. Have been working, contributing to taxes, have children but as ‘non-Germans’.
* Prior to 2000, **naturalization** was possible. Needed 15 years in G for permanent residence. If you need to return to homeland past 6 months, need to restart again. Applies to children as well.
* Dual citizenship- more enticed to take G citizenship and also have citizenship from their homeland. Greens and SPD approval. Campaigned against on basis that it watered down people’s commitment to German citizenship (CDU). Proposal had to be dropped.
* Provisional dual citizenship- two passport till age of 23 then decide which citizenship they would take.
* 2000 Schroder Green card programme. Selected migration particularly skilled migration. Those who were skilled could get work permit of 5 years which they could extend. Boost a weak point eg. The IT Sector, targeted India. Countered by rightwing CDU/CSU under slogan ‘go and have babies’. Discontinued after 4 years. 15,000 permits issued. Didn’t aid economy nor address citizenship.
* ‘Zuwanderungsgesetz’- limited range. Law for controlled direction and limitation of immigration. Aimed at euro citizens, retained clear idea of Auslander.

The shadow of 9/11

* Regarding place of Islam in G,
* The building of mosques is ‘stille Islamierung’, ‘Parallelgeselschaft’- two societies that remain untouched from each other.
* Headscarf a ‘pol’ symbol of Islam.
* Should those who adopt islam be able to retain their G citizenship.
* Connection between violence and young foreign youth. 2007.
* Doner- Morde: attack specifically Turkish businessmen. Evidence of Turkish mafia as they were not robbed. Criminal ‘parallelgesellschaft’.
* Inbuilt judgements- crimes not regarded as a racist attack
* Verfassungshutz knew what the truth was. Collab of security forces which were perhaps more sided with neo-nazi organizations.

Group 1:

* Integration: mix of cultures
* Assimilation: change to adapt to culture.
* Multiculturalism: mix of equal importance of culture living together. Confusion: can’t always define cultures as Turks consider themselves as Germans. Form of integration.
* Expectations are different in terms of assimilation and integration. Eg. Adopt G culture but not being considered German.
* Maintain distinct identity but at the same time subscribing to other natures of society.

Group 2: Leitkultur

* Guiding culture that should be adopted by immigrants. Uncomfortable hist resonances eg. Treatment of Jews during the war. Question of religion.
* Brought up again due to influx of recent refugees.
* Nationality test
* Attempt to staging post between assimilation and multi-culturalism, rather than overriding culture.
* Neg connotations