

# Temporal and Country-level analysis

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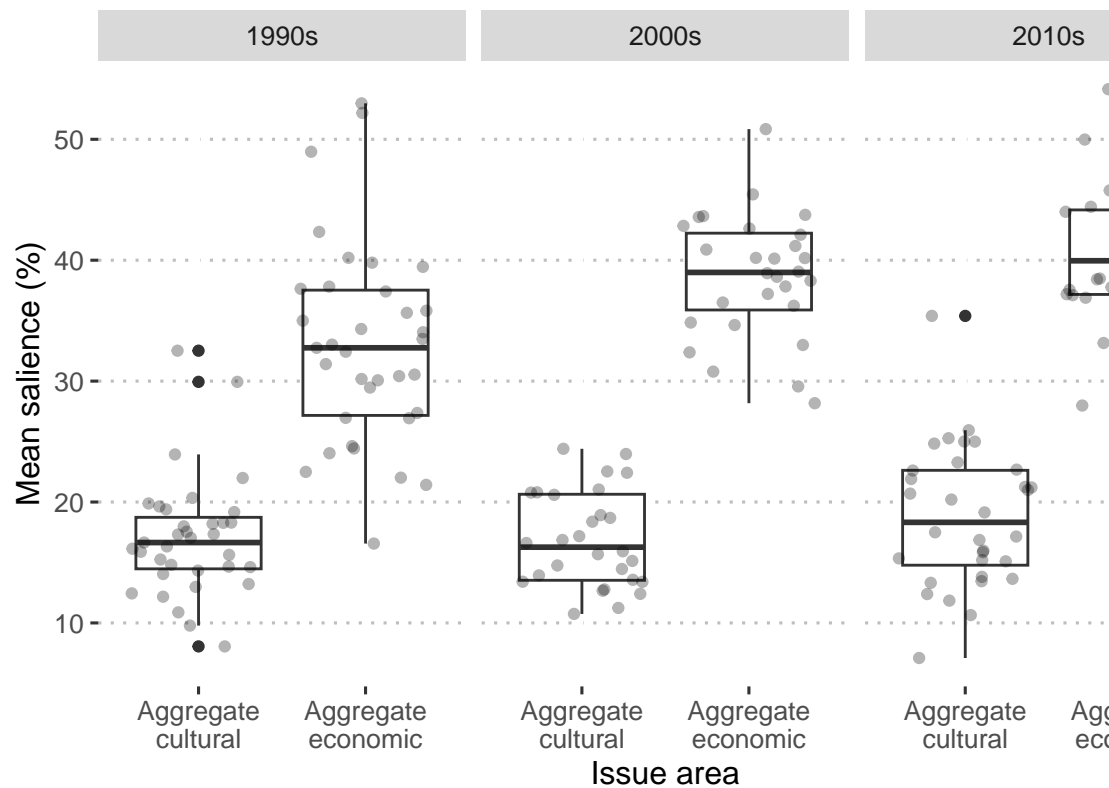
## Empirical tests

### Salience of cultural vs economic issues

**OI:** At the aggregate level of party systems, cultural issues have been relatively less salient than economic issues throughout the whole studied period.

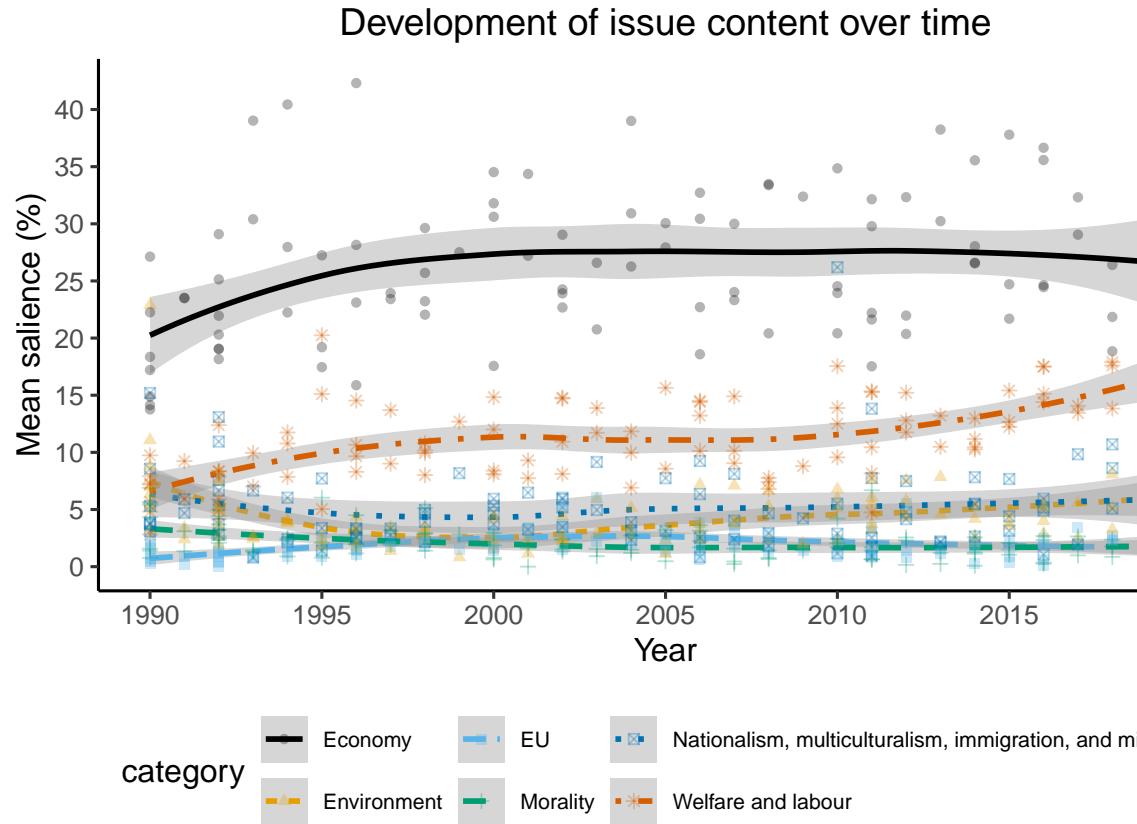
First, I compare the salience of cultural issues in the aggregate (including multiculturalism, morality, EU, environment, law and order etc.) with the salience of aggregate economic issues

### Salience of different issue areas at elections



at the level of elections.

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Line graph with loess

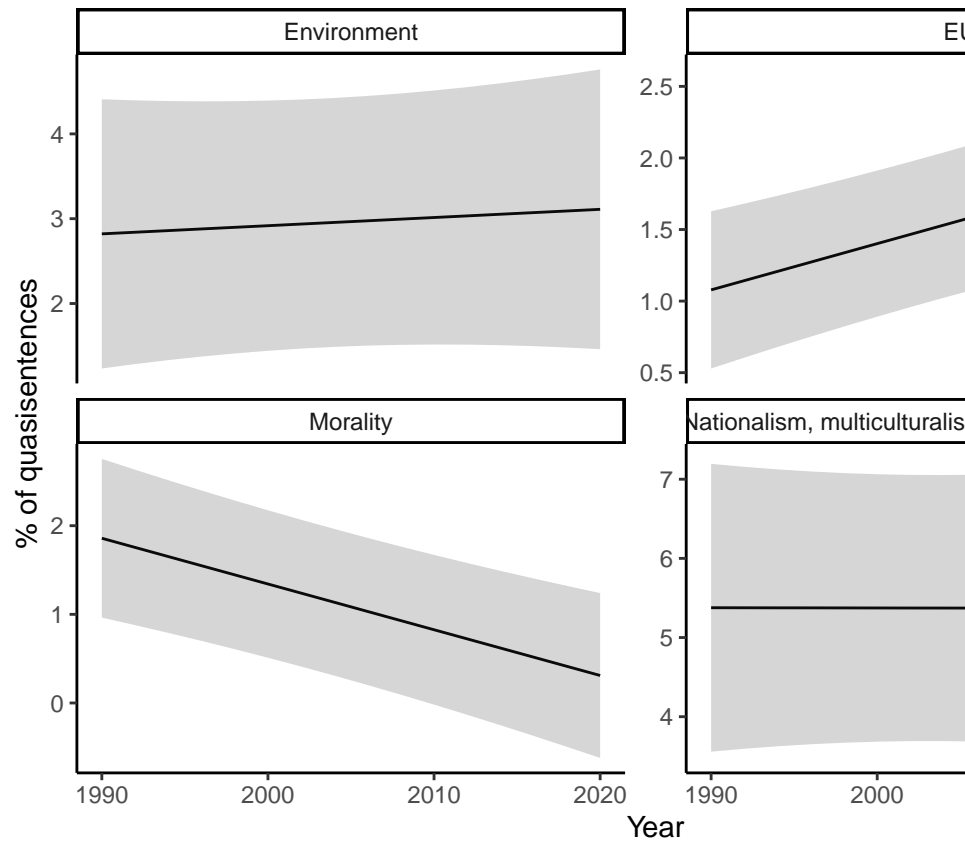
### Is the salience of cultural issues increasing over time?

**OI:** The relative salience of cultural issues is increasing over time in CEE party systems.

	Nationalism, multiculturalism, immigration, minorities	Morality	Environment	EU
year	-0.00 (0.03)	-0.05 *** (0.01)	0.01 (0.03)	0.03 *** (0.01)
N	696	696	696	696
R2	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.08

Standard errors are heteroskedasticity robust. \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$ ; \*\*  $p < 0.01$ ; \*  $p < 0.05$ .

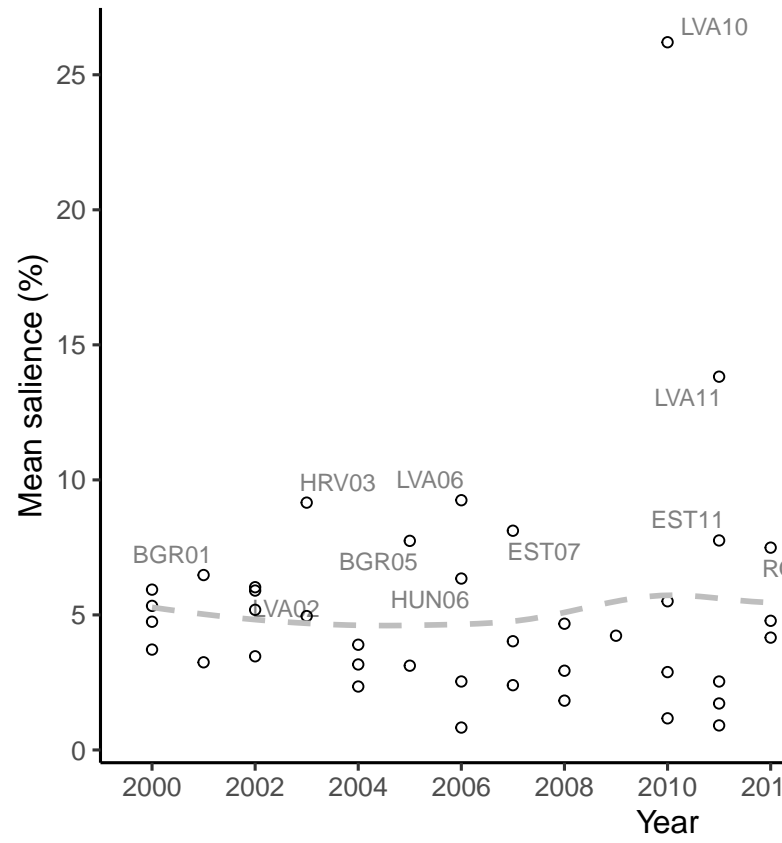
**OLS regressions of party issue salience, country dummies included**



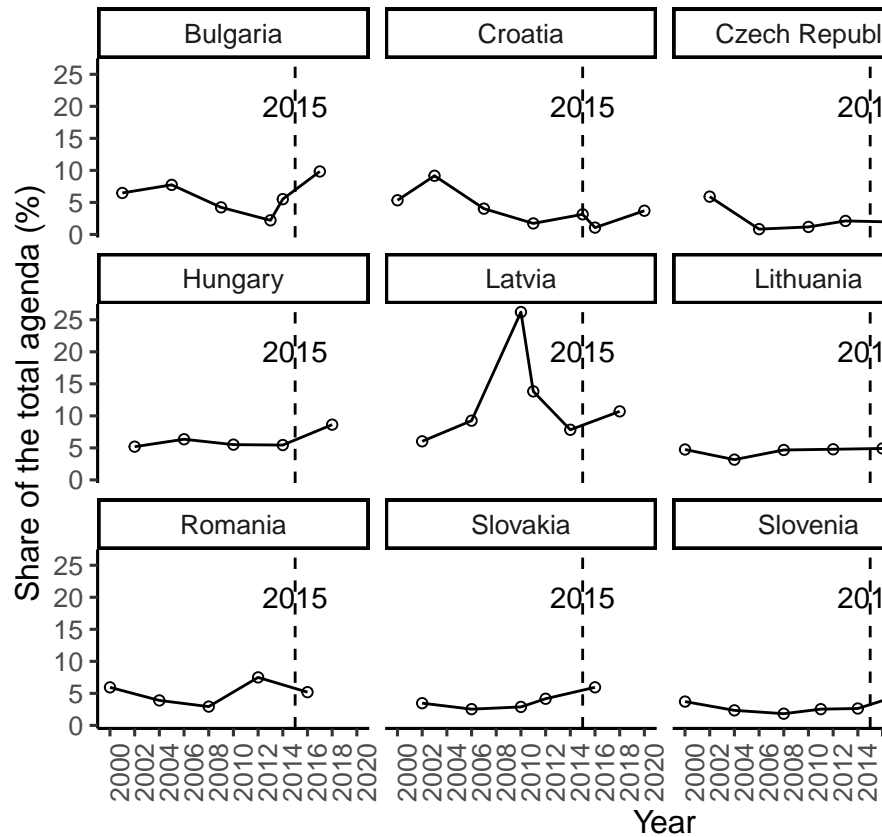
predictions from the models above

### Was the migration crisis associated with an increase of multiculturalism salience?

OI: The period following the migration crisis associated with an increase in the salience of multiculturalism and immigration.



Salience of multiculturalism - elections over time



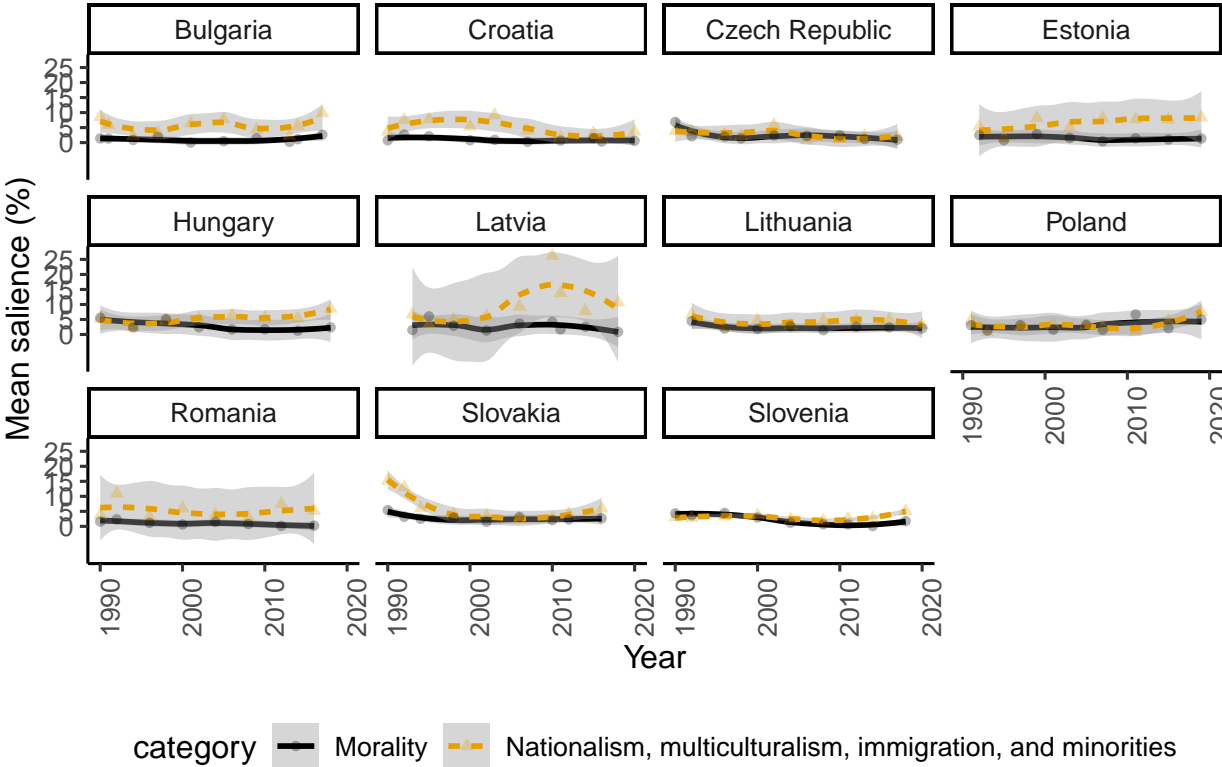
Salience of multiculturalism - by country

### Does the salience of cultural issues differ conditional on ethnic minorities, religion, or communist legacies?

OI: The salience of multiculturalism should be higher in countries that have politically significant ethnic minorities

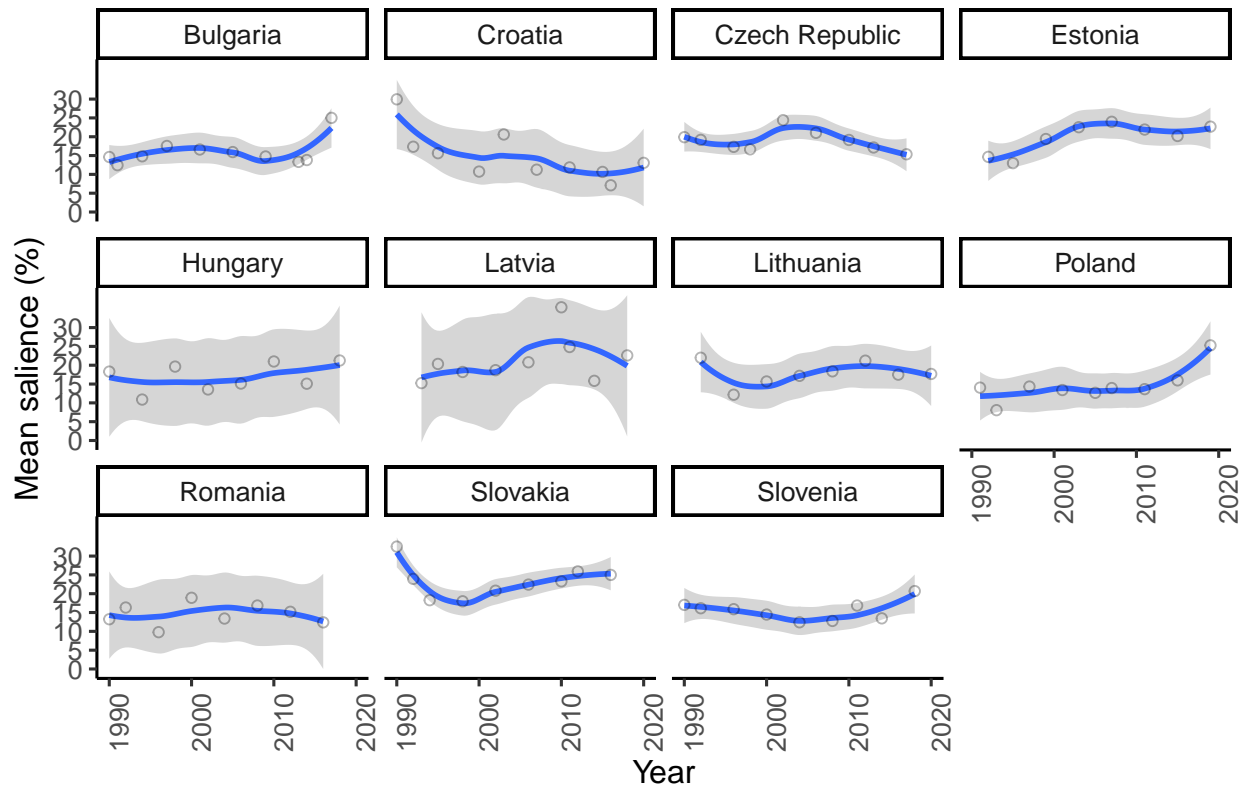
BUT also in those that have a legacy of national accommodative communism

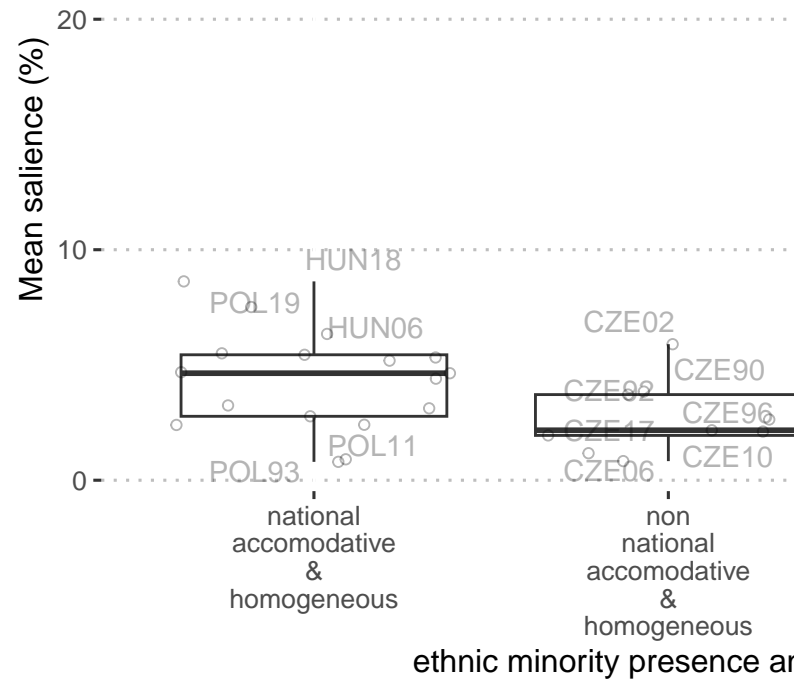
Development of issue content in CEE – two categories



General plots

## Development of issue content in CEE – Aggregate cultural issues





Differences in election means - multiculturalism

Religion and the salience of morality issues OI: Countries' religiosity levels are positively associated with the salience of cultural issues, especially those related to morality.



