The press, persuasion and prejudice.

The challenging and re-enforcing of mechanisms of cultural inclusion and exclusion of migrants in Italy and Britain in recent newspaper coverage.

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Introduction

Hungarian soldiers clearing up a barbed wire fence on the Slovenian-Hungarian border. Source: The Guardian
People’ perception and feelings

Perception percentage of immigrants
Italy: perception 30%; reality 7%
UK: perception 24%, reality 13%

Source: Ipos-Mori, 2014

Degree of confidence about EU
Italy: 27.4%
UK: 28%

Source: Demos & Pi, 2015
Focus of research

Inter-relationship between immigration and Euroscepticism

- EU migration (mainly UK issue)
- EU responses to the migration crises (UK and Italy)
- Hard Euroscepticism (UK)
- Soft Euroscepticism (ITALY)
Our analysis

- Cameron demanding restriction of free movement within the EU (and UK’s renegotiation)
- Intransigence of Cameron regarding Syrians refugees

- Renzi’s fury at the lack of help from EU at Lampedusa’s crisis
- Renzi’s attack on other EU Prime Ministers concerning immigrants-quota

- Both of the national responses to the picture of the dead boy on a Turkish coast
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Some findings

A new surge of illegal immigrants threatens the European Union. Six rowing boats and a further 16 dinghies are steering towards Italy

(Il Giornale, 22 August 2015)

Italy’s coastguard has successfully coordinated the rescue of about 3,000 migrants in the Mediterranean, after receiving distress calls from more than 20 overcrowded vessels drifting in waters off Libya

(The Guardian, 22 August 2015)