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I. Europeanization and Party Europeanization

Europeanization	Party Europeanization
"A set of top-down processes through EU's political, social and economic dynamics become part of logic of domestic discourse, identities, political structures & public policies" (Radaelli)	▪ Shapes parties' attitudes towards Europe ▪ Indirect process with the EU becoming a determinant for policy

II. Euroscepticism in the EU

In general: Opposition to the process of European integration

1. Euroscepticism in the Public

- From permissive consensus to Euroscepticism?

Central factors:

- Outlook on the economic future
- Definition of national Identity
- Additional unique national contexts

2. Classification of Euroscepticism

Taggart and Szczerbiak	**Flood and Usherwood:**
Soft Euroscepticism: Qualified opposition to certain policies Hard Euroscepticism: Principled opposition EU & integration Wish for national withdrawal from EU	Minimalists: Acceptance of present integration but rejection of further advances Revisionists: Wish for earlier state of integration Rejectionists: Overall Refusal of integration and denial of membership in particular

3. Central factors for Party Euroscepticism identified

- Cost/benefit analysis of economic impact

- General distrust of European institutions

- Threat to national identity

III. Euroscepticism in selected EU member states

Country	Party	Conviction	Classification
Bulgaria	Ataka	Bring Bulgaria back to the Bulgarians	minimalist soft Eurosceptic
Finland	The True Finns	Wherever the EU is, there's a problem	minimalist soft Eurosceptic
Hungary	Jobbik	Reunification of a Hungarian nation	revisionist hard Eurosceptics
The Netherlands	Freedom Party	Anti-Islamic & Anti-immigrant	revisionist hard Eurosceptic
United Kingdom	United Kingdom Independence Party	EU= Political project to control main functions of national governments	rejectionist hard Eurosceptic

IV. Eurosceptic arguments on national identity

- Anti- immigrant preferences

- Questioning the Schengen agreement

- Too much financial responsibility

- Role of minority governements pressurable for Eurosceptic policies

V. Conclusion

- More commonalities than differences among Eurosceptic parties

- Most arguments based on Eursceptic myths founded on a vague notion of exclusively national identity

Differences between Eastern & Western EU member states:

- Communist past
- Local minorities vs. immigrants as scapegoats