



# The Importance of Ancestry for Being „a true Czech“

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# Myth of common ancestry

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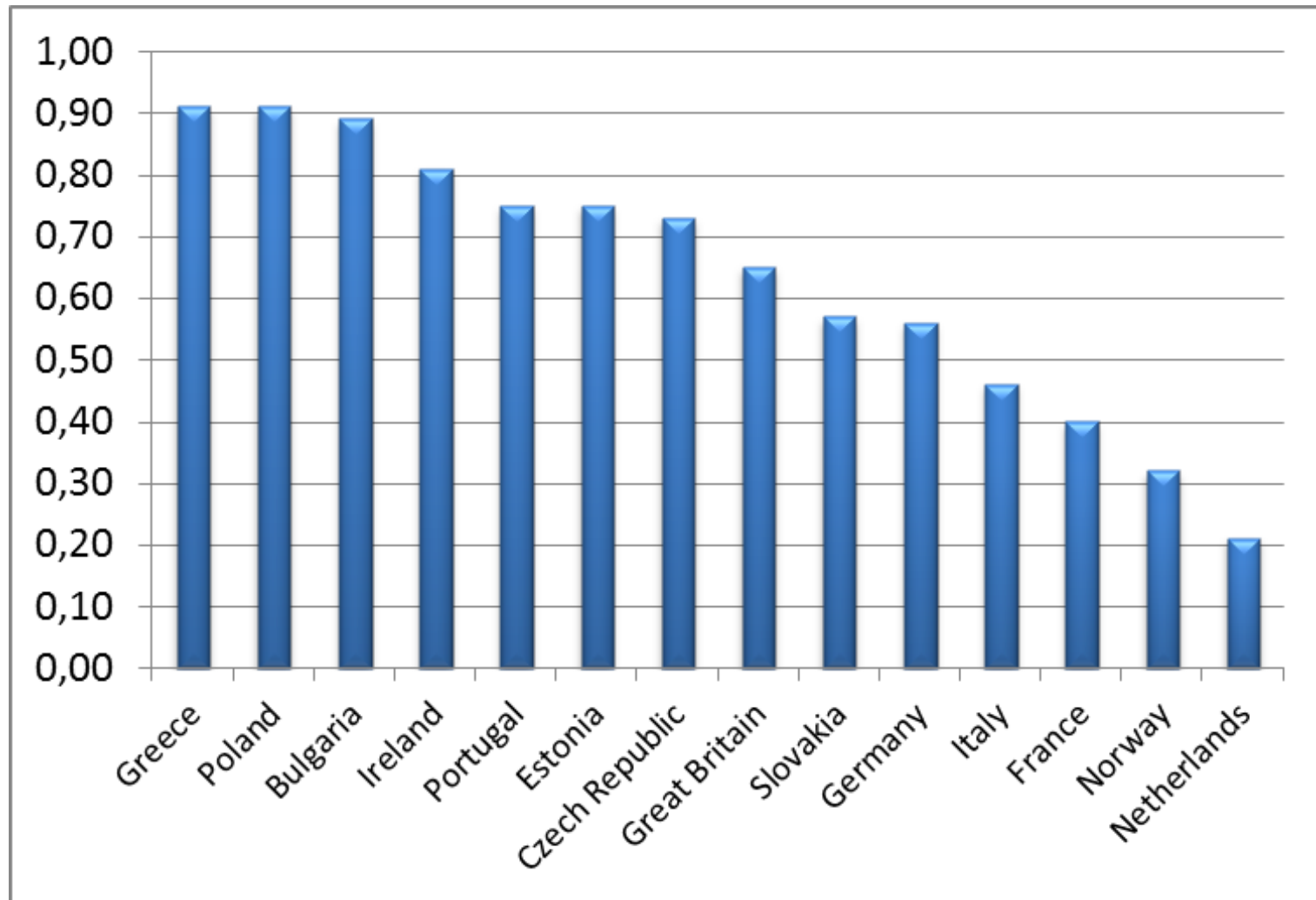
- **Nations are perceived as collections of inter-related families** having common ancestors or forefathers (Connor 1994).
- It is an important **part of psychological dimension of national identity** (Guibernau 2004).

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- It is **part of ethno-cultural concept of national identity** (c.f. Smith 1983, Jones and Smith 2001a, Jones and Smith 2001b, Haller, Kaup and Ressler 2009).
- In Europe, it is a **dominant principle of citizenship** – citizens are people having parents who are citizens of the state

# Importance of ancestry for being „a true [national]“ (%)

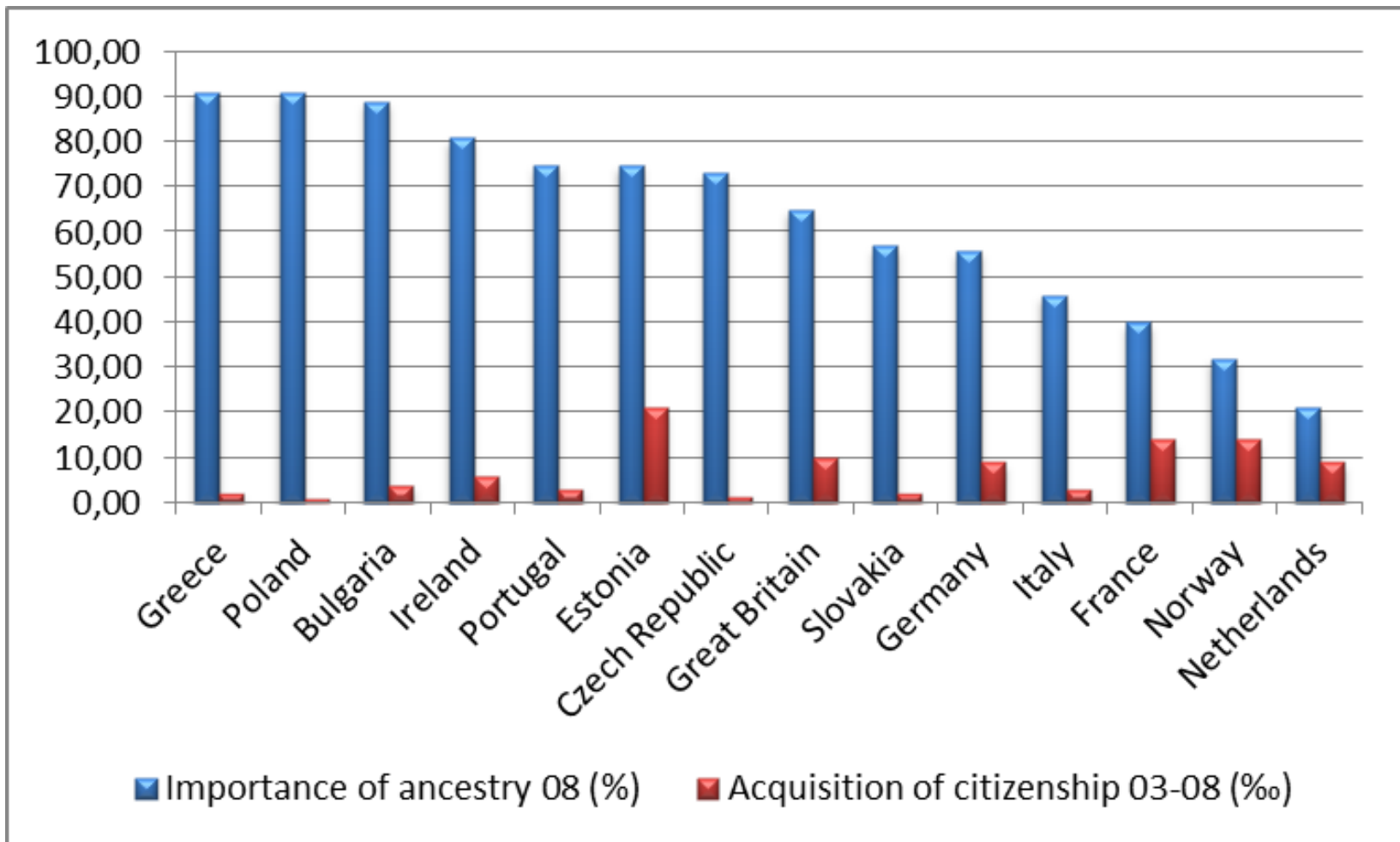


# Attitudes toward Descent-based National Identity

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- effect of **individual-level socioeconomic factors,**
- effects of **country's legal citizenship practices.**

# Importance of Ancestry/ Acquisition of Citizenship



# Things important for being “a true Czech”

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	2003	2013
to be able to speak Czech	92	96
to have Czech citizenship	87	91
to feel as a Czech	88	89
to be born in the CR	79	84
to respect Czech political institutions and laws	81	82
to have lived in the CR for most of one’s life	82	81
<b>to have Czech ancestry</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>71</b>
to be a Christian	29	29

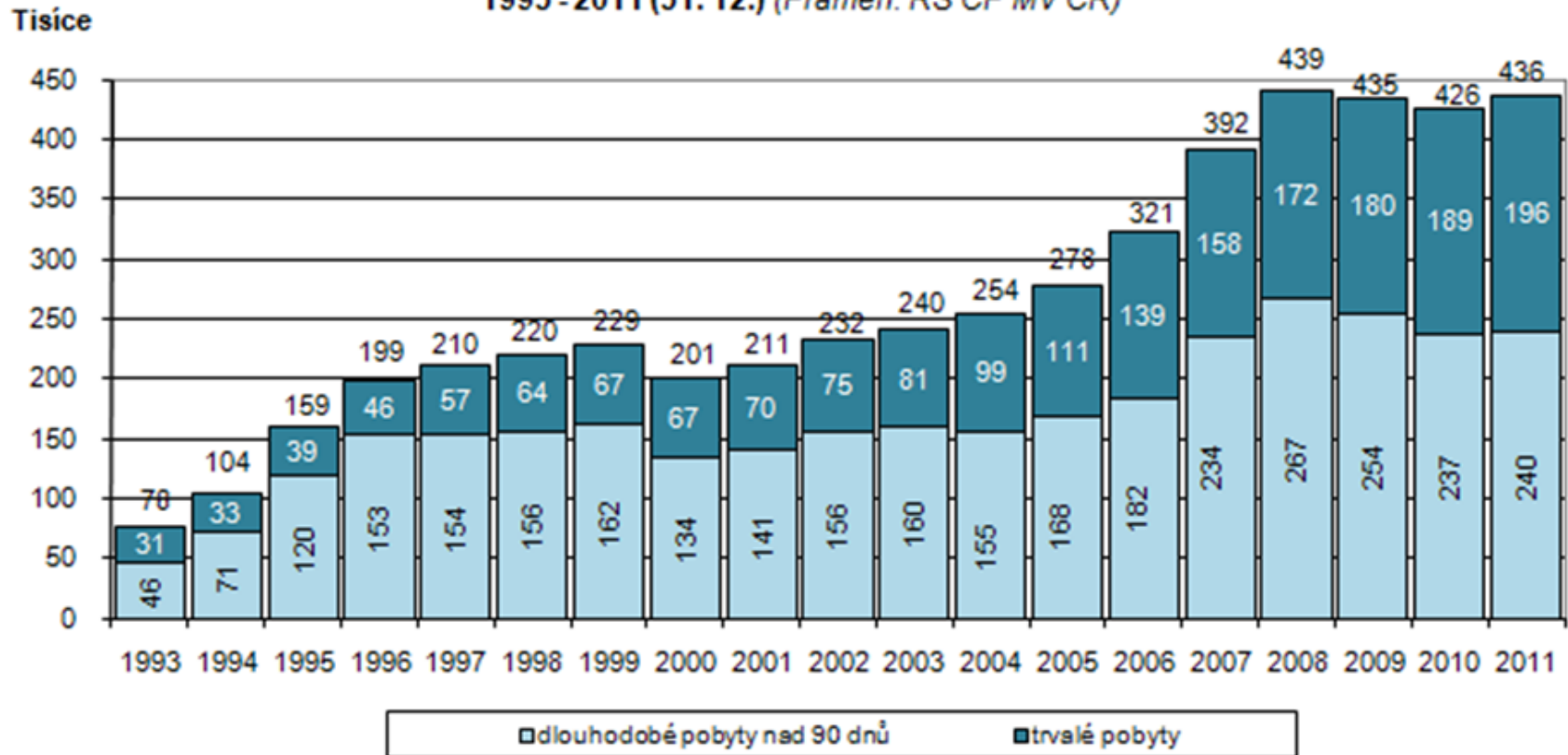
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Source: ISSP 2003 a ISSP 2013

Note: Percentages of “very important”, and “important”.

# Legal immigrants in the CR

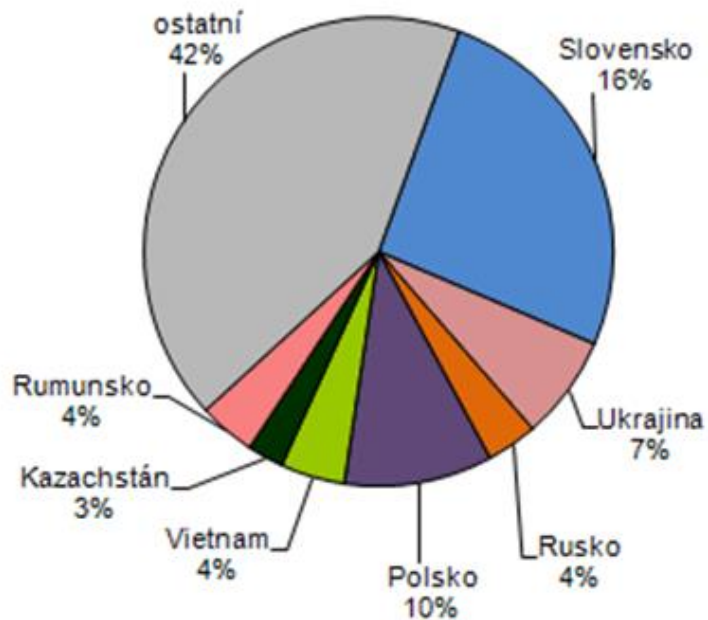
Vývoj počtu cizinců s pobyty trvalými a dlouhodobými pobyty nad 90 dní v ČR  
1993 - 2011 (31. 12.) (Pramen: ŘS CP MV ČR)





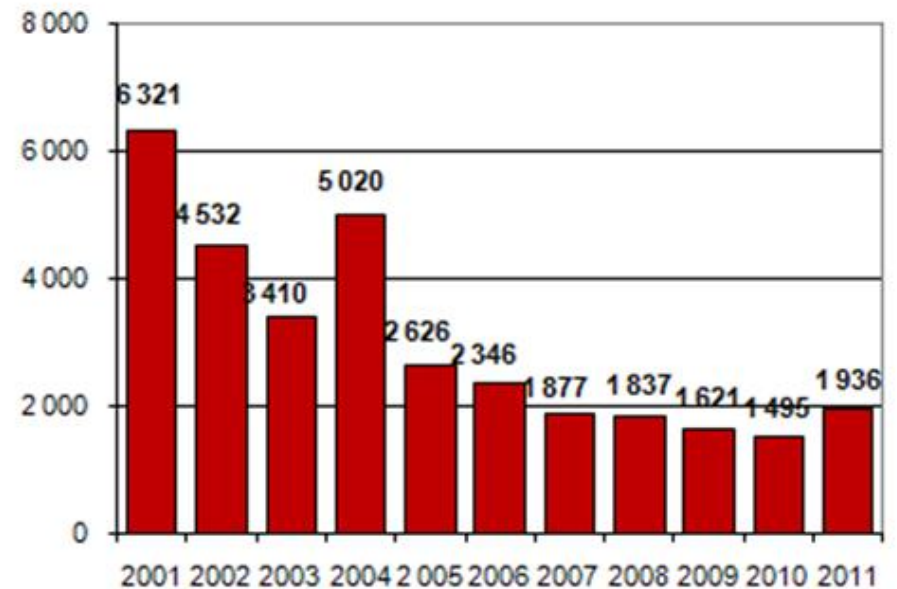
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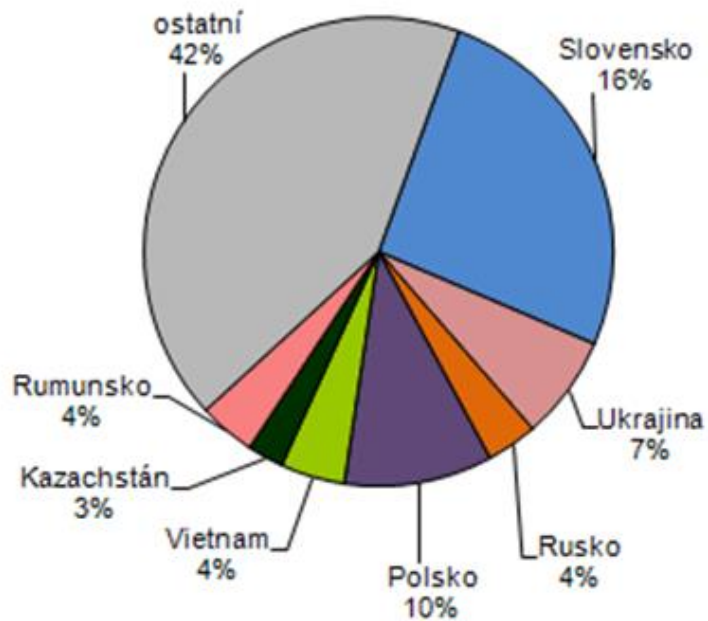
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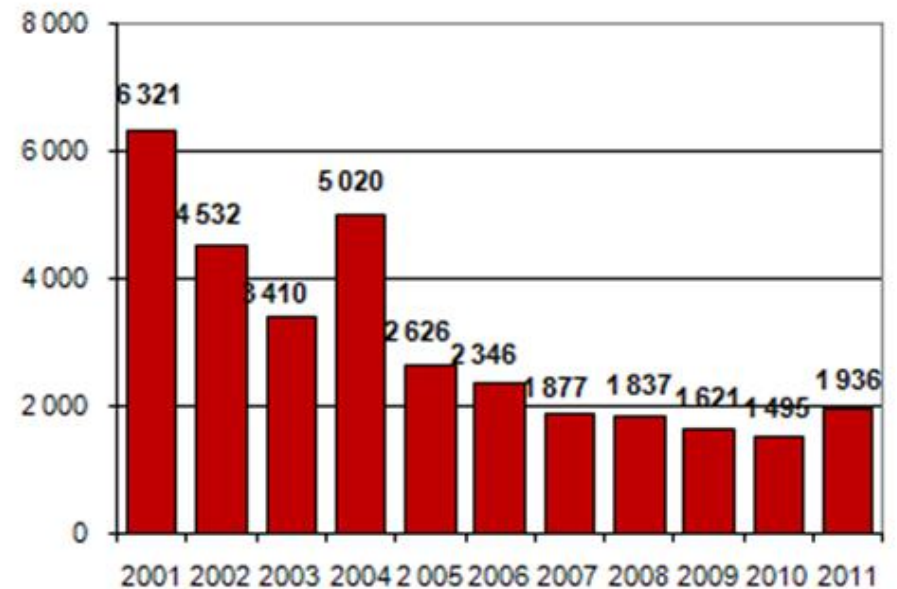
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# Importance of ancestry: models for CR and NO

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	CZ	NO
Man	0.770*	1.222
<35	0.730*	1.002
60<	1.091	1.891
Secondary educ.	1.149	0.683
Tertiary educ.	0.798	0.337***
Few immigrants	0.585***	0.505**
Many immigrants	1.330**	2.428***
-2 Log likelihood	1896.463	1101.171
Cox & Snell	0.036	0.166
Nagelkerke R2	0.052	0.232

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Source: EVS 2008

# Conclusion

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- **change of people's values,**
- **changes in loyalty to the state.**

Thank you

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