

# Prejudices in Poland



The main prejudices in Poland concern the following groups of population:

- sexual minorities,
- Jews – antisemitism,
- Gypsies ,
- immigrants.

- Sexual minorities

Many Poles, especially the older ones don't like gay and lesbian people, because :

- more right-wing parties are generally against any changes in legislation in favour of LGBT. The governing party, Right and Justice, takes the strongest oppositional stance on homosexual issues;
- Poland is a catholic country and many Poles don't approve behaviour of LGBT persons;
- Polish society is conservative and for the most part remains hostile towards the LGBTQ community.





But they also get strong support from other people.  
The Equality Parades organised in many Polish cities are more and more popular.



## ANTISEMITISM

There is a general opinion, that Poles aren't tolerant to Jews.

Many Polish people believe that Jews are:

- rich,
- materialistic,
- nerdy,
- spoiled,
- nagging...



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I'M INTOLERANT  
OF YOUR  
INTOLERANCE!



TOLERANCE

# ANTIGYPSISM

In Poland there are several stereotypes and prejudices about Gypsies

They are thought to be:

- lazy;
- cunning, mysterious outsiders;
- thiefs;
- sly, unscrupulous people.





# Prejudices against immigrants

are caused by

- ◎ European migrant crisis 2015;
- ◎ terrorist attacks in many European cities in 2015-17;
- ◎ fear that immigrants can bring crime and terror to the new country;
- ◎ belief that immigrants are an economic burden.







# European migrant crisis

The period beginning in 2015 is characterized by high numbers of people arriving in the European Union from across the Mediterranean Sea or overland through Southeast Europe following Turkey's migrant crisis.



Most of the migrants came from regions south and east of Europe, including the Greater Middle East and Africa. The majority of people arriving in Italy and Greece especially have been from countries mired in war.



Both the government of Poland and President Andrzej Duda rejected the European Union's proposal of compulsory migrant quotas, the latter stating: "I won't agree to a dictate of the strong. I won't back a Europe where the economic advantage of the size of a population will be a reason to force solutions on other countries regardless of their national interests".





# European Migrant Crisis 2015

## Top Countries of Origin



### Quellen:

- Asylum applicants: eurostat dataset migr\_asypptcm
  - Migratory routes: FRONTEX Migratory Routes Map
  - Population data: eurostat dataset tps00001
- Data extraction date was 12 Sept. 2015

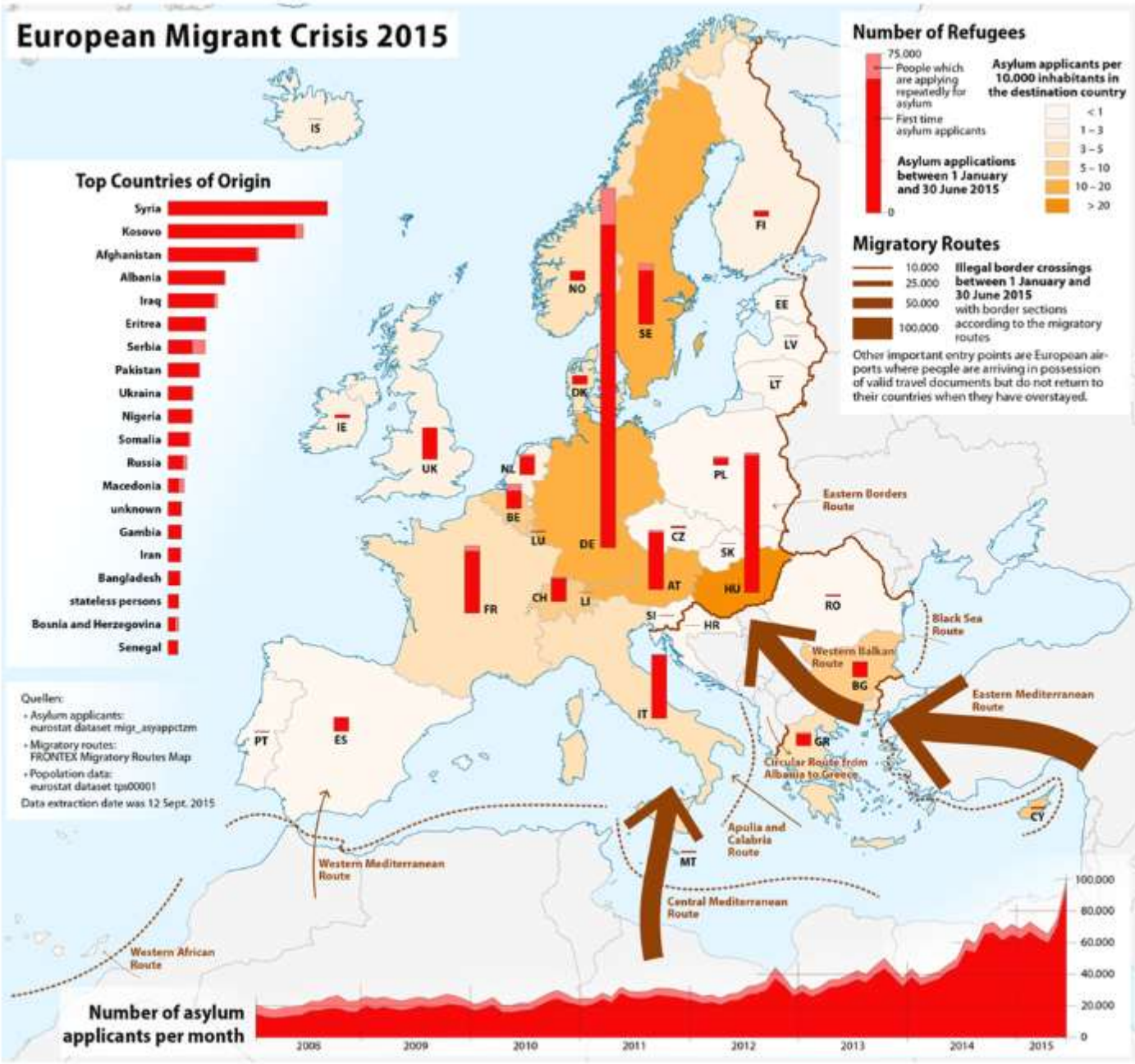
## Number of Refugees



## Migratory Routes



Other important entry points are European airports where people are arriving in possession of valid travel documents but do not return to their countries when they have overstayed.

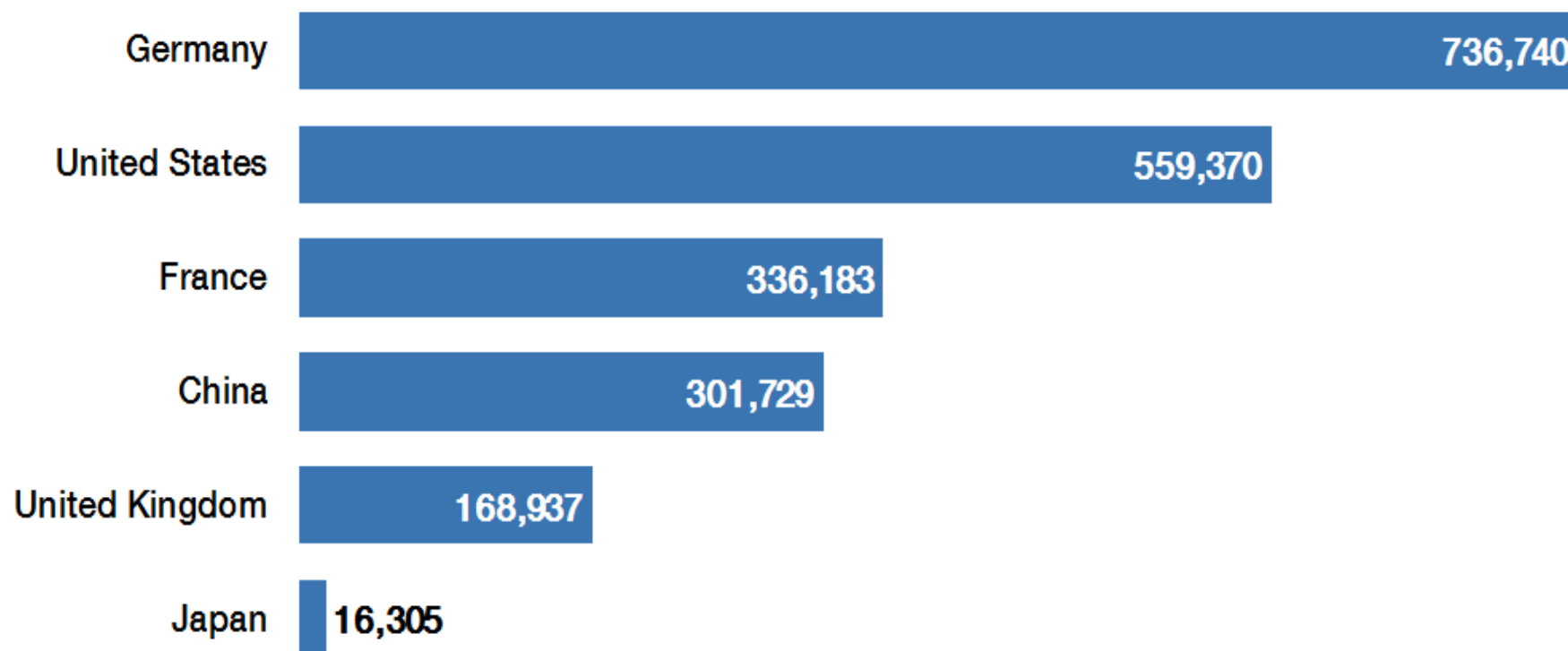


## Number of asylum applicants per month



# World's wealthiest 6 countries host just 9% of refugees

Refugees and asylum seekers hosted, UN figures June 2016



Source: Oxfam / UN

# Terrosist attacks in European cities

- ◎ Paris
- ◎ Berlin
- ◎ London
- ◎ Strasbourg





# PARIS – OCTOBER 2015

Number of deaths: 137 persons

Number of injured: 300+ (99 heavily injured)





# Berlin – Weihnachtsmarkt am Kurfürstendamm – December 2016

Number of injured: 49-56 persons

Number of deaths: 12 persons



# LONDON – June 2017

Number of deaths: 11 persons, including 3 terrorists

Number of injured: 48 persons





# Strasbourg – Weihnachtsmarkt – December 2018

Number of injured: 10 persons  
Number of deaths: 5 persons



# Impact of these events on the Polish population

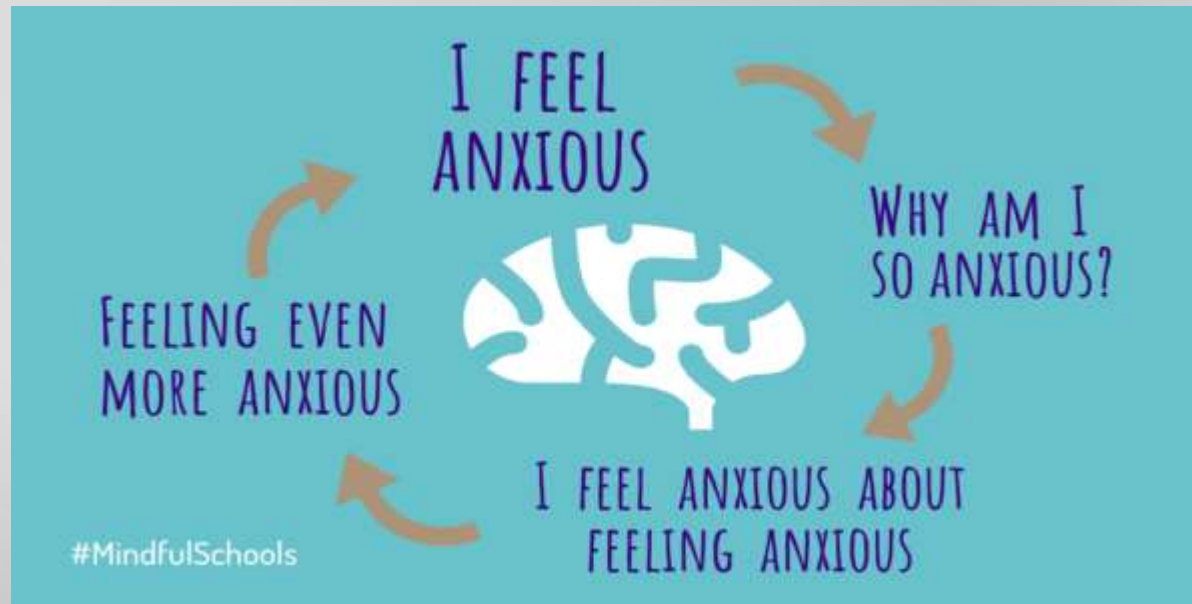
People in Poland fear that similar events will happen in their country. They also fear that the immigrants who came to Poland would not want to integrate and there would be riots or rebellion.





# Causes of prejudices

Poland is culturally and linguistically homogeneous country. There aren't too many immigrants. Poles don't know different cultures so they are anxious about meeting immigrants.





**It is hard to deny that the problems mentioned above do not exist at all – of course they do, like in any other European country. However, they are being extremely exaggerated, especially by those who tend to ridicule the image of Poland in the public eye...**

# Thank you for your attention!

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