Economic insecurity, prejudicial stereotypes, and public opinion on immigration policy
Integration policies and public opinion in Europe: in conflict or in harmony? Society's view on immigration and integration, institutionalized through immigration laws and integration policies, influences the tolerance of ethnic minorities (Schlueter et al., 2013; Weldon, 2006). Both of the factors outlined previously - economic insecurity and prejudice - played a similar role here. We also found that ideological factors played a role in the very large differences in support for income targeted and ethnically targeted welfare policy. The ideological beliefs which encourage support for redistribution from rich to poor have a much weaker effect on views of ethnically targeted redistribution.