

The Politicization of Immigration

Insights from the 2018 Québec election

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The politicization of immigration

- Salience of immigration in the media and in elections
- Polarization of political parties on immigration
- Rise of anti-immigration movements and figures
- Changes in public opinion towards immigration

- Unemployment and other economic factors
- Changes in immigration levels and irregular migration
- Changes in social spending



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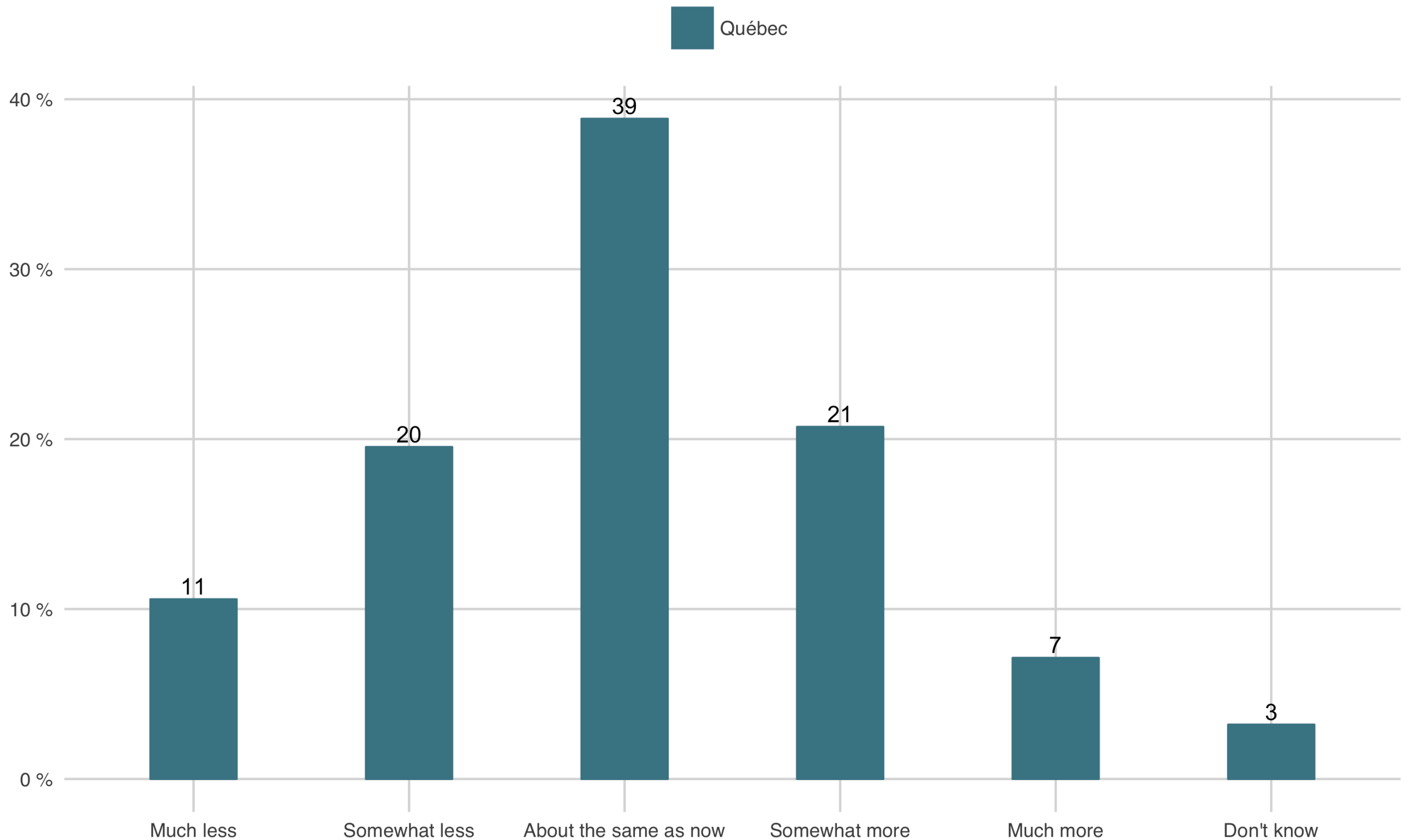
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- Decrease immigration by 20%
- Limits and conditions on family reunification
- Two step immigration program; removal if conditions aren't met
- Mandatory French language and value tests
- Mandatory control of job search
- Mandatory French training and budget increase
- One-stop shop for integration services
- Increased support for immigrants outside of Montreal



How many new immigrants should Quebec admit?

Overall



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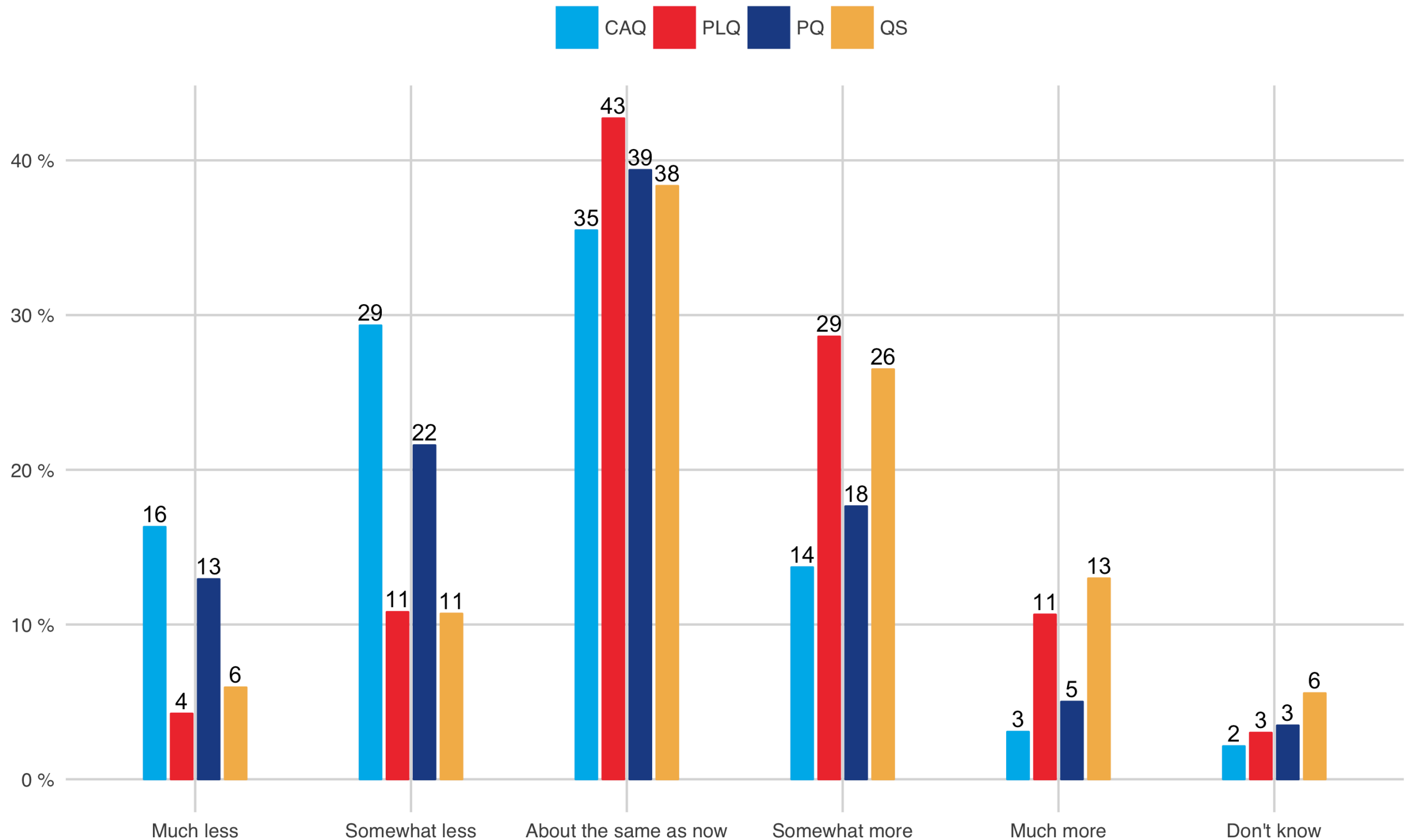
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By vote intention



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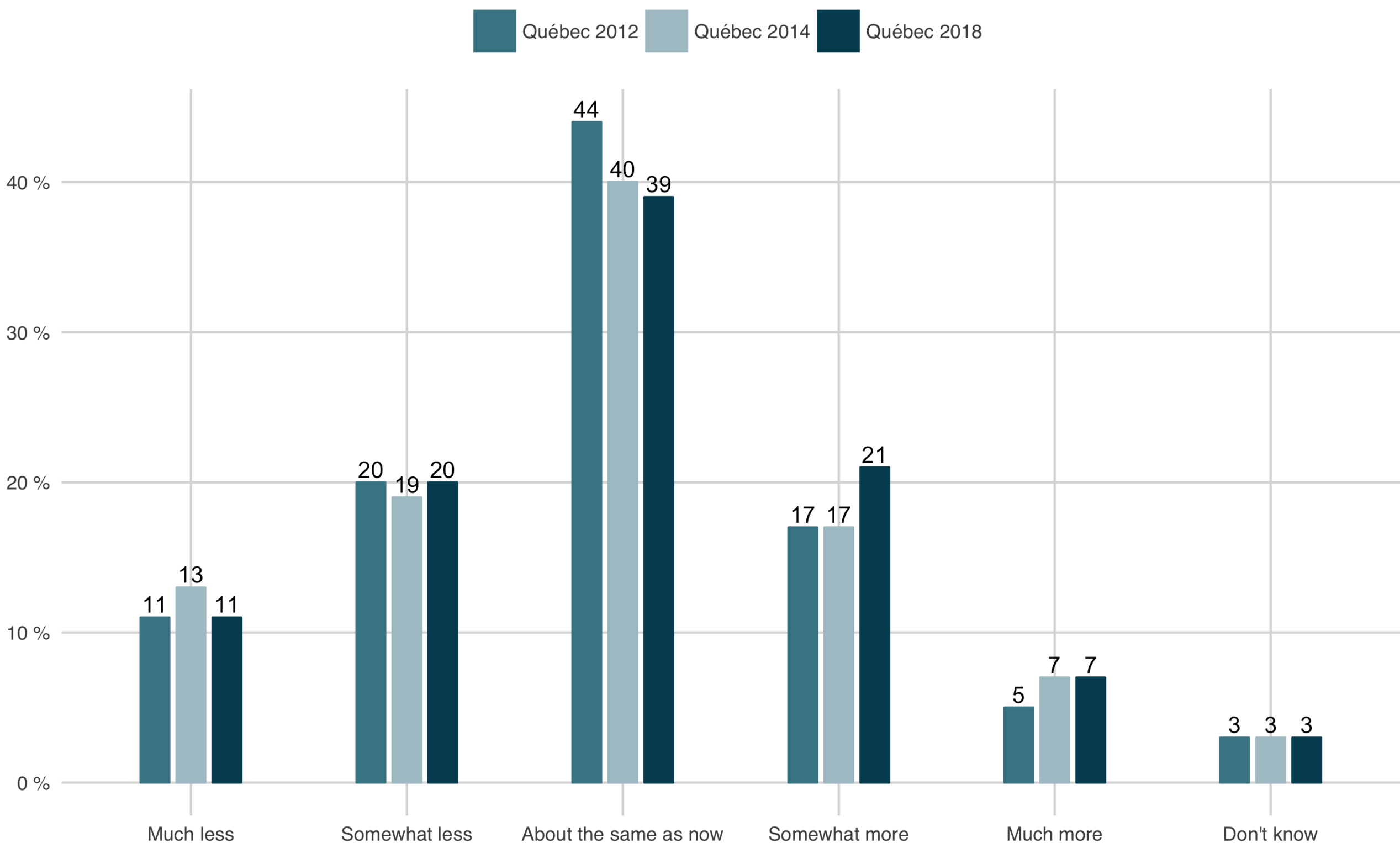
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Historical perspective



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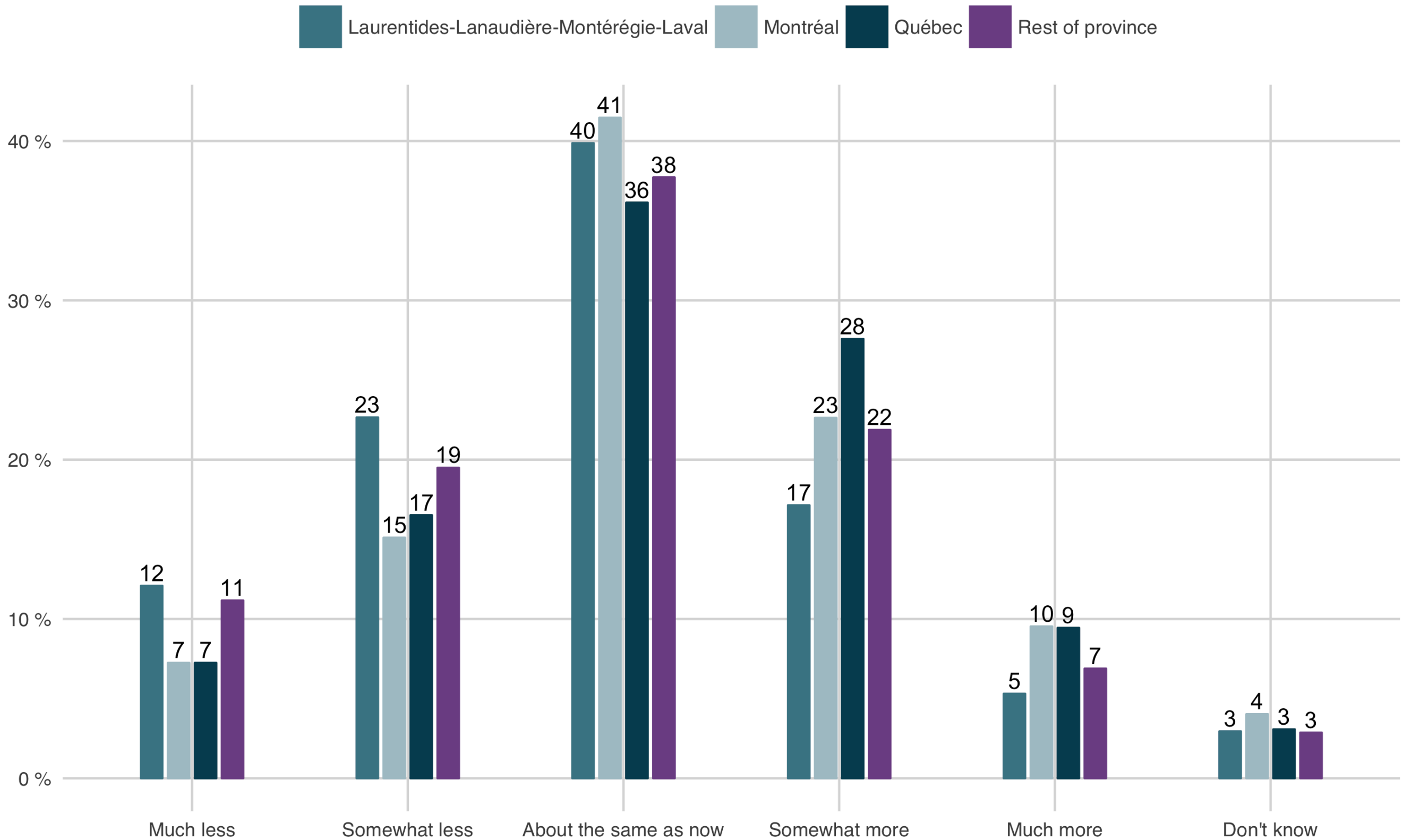
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Lessons

- Beyond elite consensus
- Political parties as pressure valves
- Prepare for contagion and for the long-lasting effect of issue entrepreneurship

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By region



How many new immigrants should Quebec admit?

By native language

