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Czech political parties' positions and discourses on foreign and security policies in the shadow of war in Ukraine

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Czech Parties and Foreign Policy

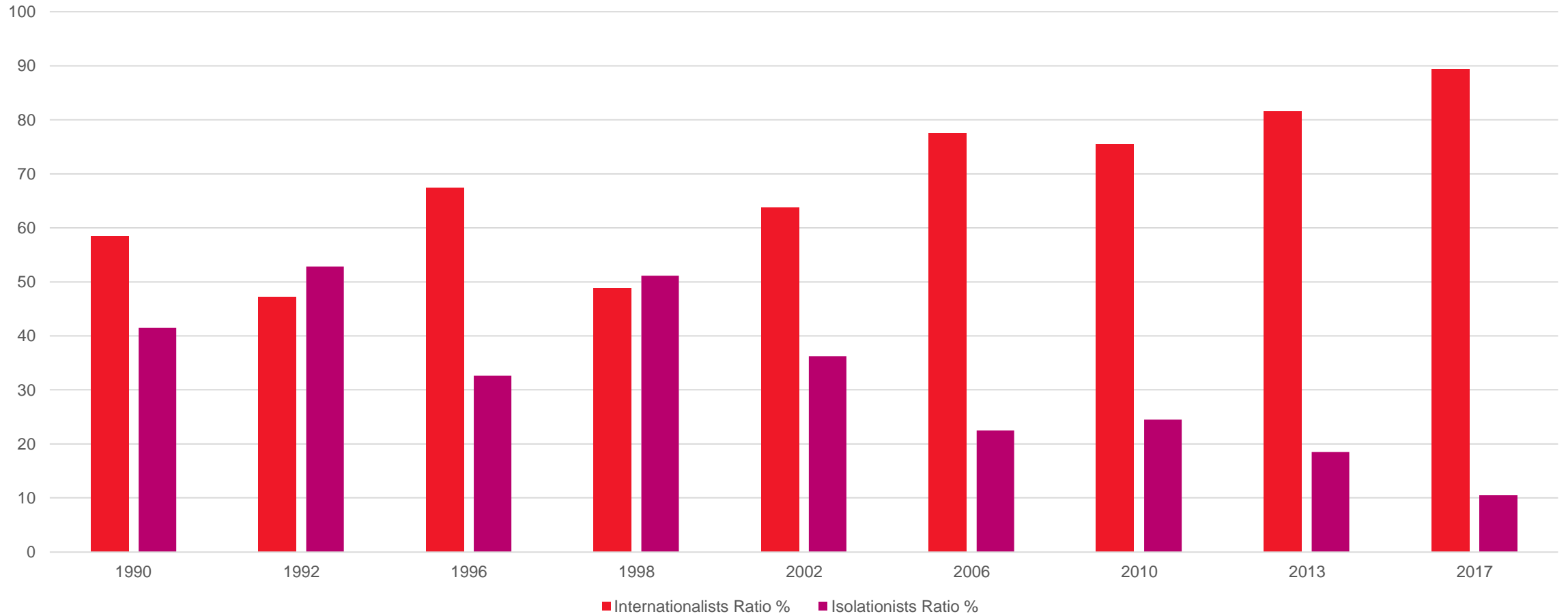
- Extensive literature...leads to conceptualization

| Approach | | | |
|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | | Internationalism | Isolationism |
| Trajectory | Europeanist | Europeanist internationalism | Europeanist isolationism |
| | Atlanticist | Atlanticist internationalism | Atlanticist isolationism |
| | Multilateralist | Multilateral internationalism | Multilateral isolationism |
| | Eastern | Eastern internationalism | Eastern isolationism |

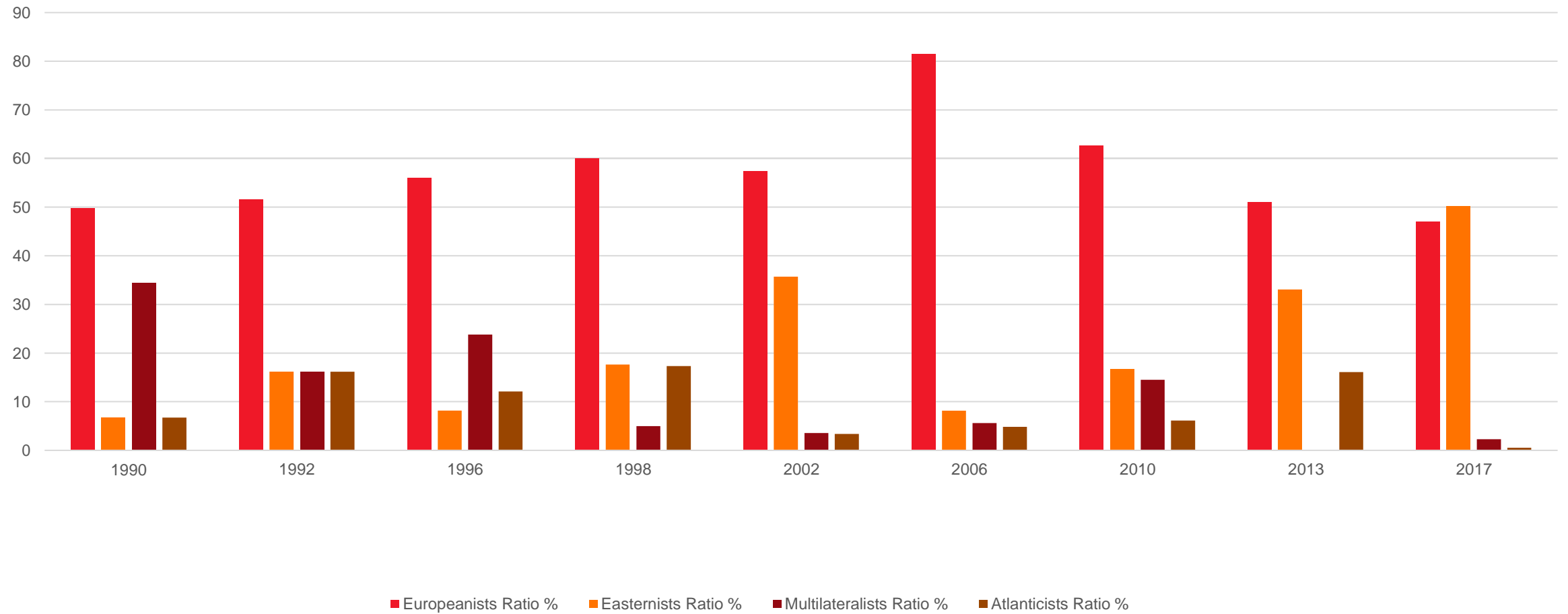
Analysis 1990 - 2017

- Development of parties' foreign policy approach since 1990
- What does cause preference for particular stance?
- Comparative Manifesto Project as point of departure
- Descriptive statistic...and a bit of regression

1990 – 2017: Be Isolated or Be International?



1990 – 2017: Where To Go?



1990 – 2017: Where Parties Can Be Found?

| Type | 1990 | 1992 | 1996 | 1998 | 2002 | 2006 | 2010 | 2013 | 2017 |
|-------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| European Internationalist | 2 | 7 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| European Isolationist | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Multilateral Internationalist | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Multilateral Isolationist | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Atlantist Internationalist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Atlantist Isolationist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Eastern Internationalist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Eastern Isolationist | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 4 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 9 |

1990 – 2017: A Small Explanatory Story: Deviants...

| | B(SE) | Wald | Exp(B) |
|--|-------------|------|--------|
| Postmaterialism | -.47 (.05) | .79 | .95 |
| Righ-Left placement | .00 (.02) | .00 | 1.00 |
| Governmental status: opposition | 1.5 (.75) | 4.06 | 4.52 |
| Responsibility: Having function | -.97 (.90) | .28 | .38 |
| Constant | -1.18 (.91) | 1.67 | .31 |

Elections 2021

- 2018 – 2021: minority government ANO/ČSSD
- Political turmoil prior elections
 - ANO: European Isolationism
 - ČSSD: Multilateral Internationalism
 - SPOLU (Together) + Pir/STAN (Pirates and Mayors): European Internationalism
 - SPD: Multilateral Isolationism
 - KSČM: Eastern Isolationism

War 2022

- 24th February – 31st March 2022
- Immediate reaction to war
- Official statements available at the parties' websites
- 9 parties
- Trajectory x Approach

How Were Parties Interested In the War?

| Party | No. of entries |
|---------|----------------|
| ČSSD | 24 |
| KSČM | 9 |
| SPD | 14 |
| ANO | 16 |
| KDU | 22 |
| TOP 09 | 16 |
| ODS | 99 |
| Pirates | 16 |
| STAN | 10 |
| Total | 226 |

Government

- ODS: value-based approach, the most active
- KDU-ČSL and TOP 09: firm commitment mixed with domestic aspect
- Pirates: firm commitment mixed with domestic aspect...and disinformation
- STAN: the most „practical“

Opposition

- ANO: European Isolationism
 - „Our people“ motive
- SPD: (Multilateral) Isolationism
 - „Our people“ come first
 - Refugees as a threat
- ČSSD supporting cabinet
- KSČM...in Kremlin service?

Explanation of Findings

- Ideological reasons
- Government/opposition placement
- Specific strategical factor (EU Council Presidency)
- Multiple factors beyond substantial deviations
 - Strategy
 - Belief
 - Payroll

Conslusion and Discussion

- How solid is the Czech (current) position?
- Ideology as the key predictor?

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