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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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Outline

- Context

- Foreign policy naratives 1990-2017
- Foreign policy positions 1990-2017

- Elections 2021

- Reaction to war

Czech Parties and Foreign Policy

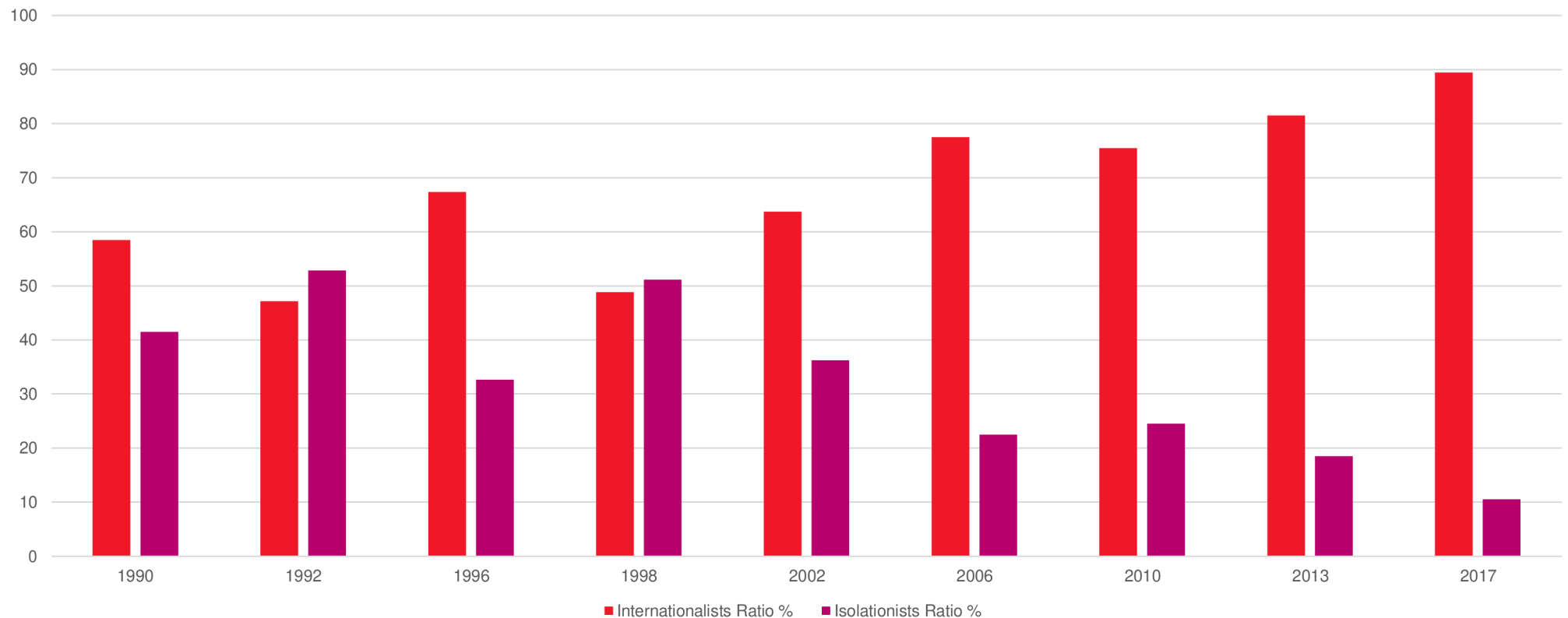
Extensive literature... leads to conceptualization

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

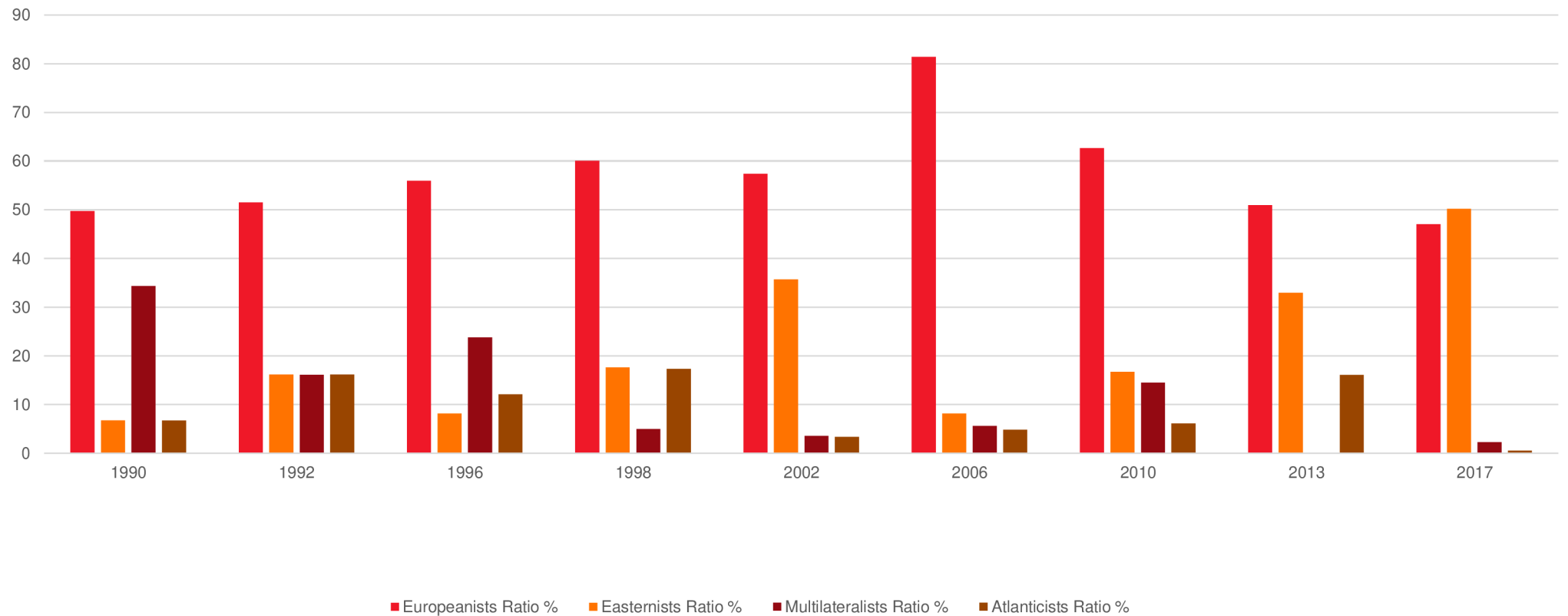
Analysis 1990 - 2017

- 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
- KSCM...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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