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# Geography 140 World Geography, Europe Preconception Check Spring 2018

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Misconception/Preconception Check: Europe

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How many migrants applied for asylum in the European Union in 2015?

1,000

10,000

100,000

1,000,000

How many migrants died in 2016 attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea?

500

1,000

3,000

5,000

The country where the largest number of migrants originated from is:

Libya

Afghanistan

Syria

Nigeria

Circle the two countries which have accepted more refugees than other European countries:

Albania

United Kingdom

Hungary

Estonia

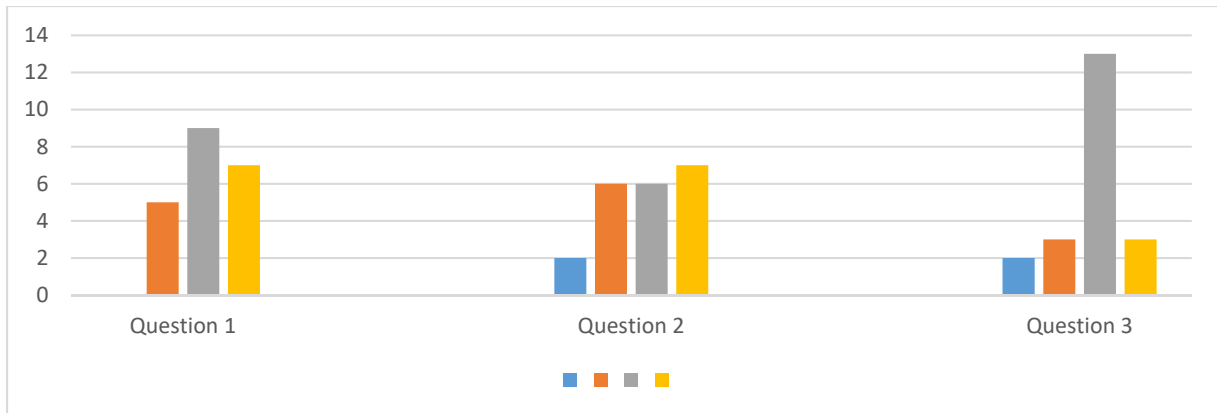
Greece

Sweden

Germany

Italy

Misconception/Preconception check results:



1 - How many migrants applied for asylum in 2015 in all of the EU?

1,000

10,000

100,000

1,000,000

2 - How many migrants died in 2016 attempting to cross the Mediterranean Sea?

500

1,000

3,000

5,000

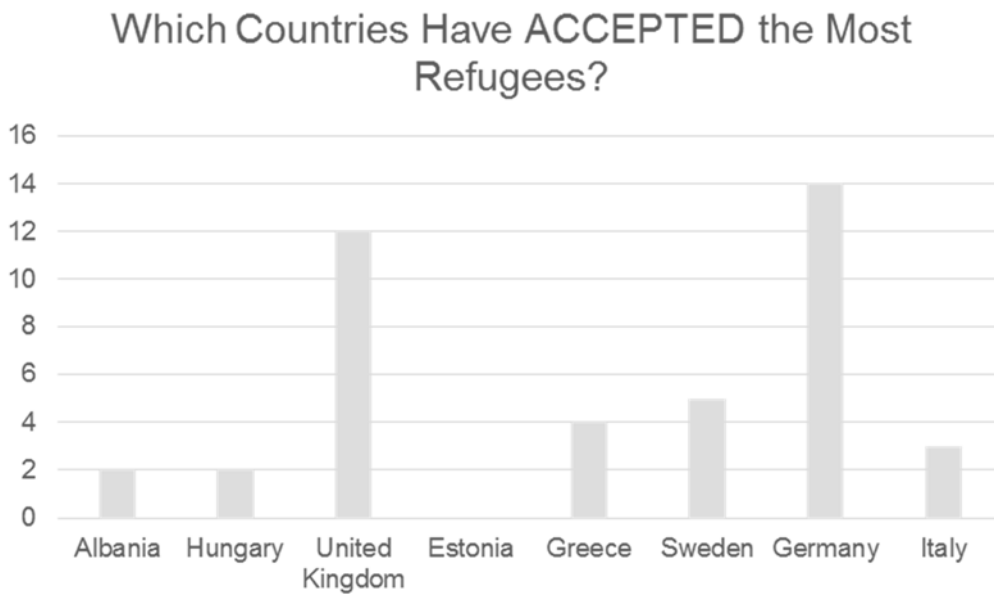
3 - The country where the largest number of migrants originated from is:

Libya

Afghanistan



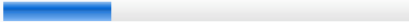
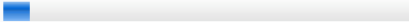

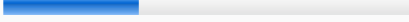

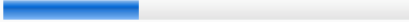
Syria

Nigeria



Question 4 (Correct answers at the time were Germany and Sweden)

Source we referenced after the check: [Migrant crisis: Migration to Europe explained in seven charts](#)

Question 1			
I had _____ correct answers on the Europe misconception/preconception test			
1		6	(40 %)
2		4	(26.67 %)
3		4	(26.67 %)
4		1	(6.67 %)
Question 2			
I had heard about the migrant crisis in Europe before taking this course.			
True		10	(66.67 %)
False		5	(33.33 %)
Question 3			
My attitude concerning the issue of the Europe migrant crisis has changed after completing this exercise.			
True		10	(66.67 %)
False		5	(33.33 %)

Explain if/how this exercise challenged any misconception you had about the European migrant crisis:

- ▶ I don't think the exercise changed my view much about the migrant crisis. My views remain the same, that these people both need and deserve to be helped, and not only by countries in Europe.
- ▶ It didn't really challenge anything I knew about the migrant crisis beforehand. It still is surprising to me how many people live and are moving from the middle east though. Syria's population was huge! It's an unrelated change though, but due to thinking about the state of the EU, I think a balance of immigration is due. Too little immigration into Europe and there will be no way to keep the European workforce stable. However, unlike the U.S., a country built by immigrants that has long since past the point that it can preserve native (as in Native American aboriginal) culture, too much immigration without assimilation into individual European culture may damage European countries national identity and culture much more than EU bureaucracy.
- ▶ I was aware before of the crisis but not many specifics especially in regards to which countries took in the most immigrants as I got that answer wrong.
- ▶ I shot low on my numbers guessing, it showed the correct numbers
- ▶ Before this test I did not realize that there were so many people that were involved and affected by this situation. Another fact that shocked me was the number of deaths of the people trying to cross. I did not know much about this crisis but I did know of it. Learning more about it and how serious it really is has changed my thoughts towards it.
- ▶ I have no idea that people die when crossing regions
- ▶ To begin, I was unaware of how extreme the problem was. I knew very little about the whole issue until we began discussing it in class. Within the few class periods that we have discussed it, I have learned that it is a current, on going issue. I learned what countries the migrants are coming from. I also learned that they are literally risking their lives, millions dying, to get to Europe. Their current living situations must be absolutely awful for them to do this. I'm looking forward to learning more about the issue!
- ▶ To be frank, I had a vague notion of the magnitude of the migrant crisis, though I didn't know much about anything beyond "this is a problem". Statistics such as how many migrants were accepted into certain countries and how many came from what country I simply didn't know. Also, I was under the impression that Germany had decided to deny many immigrants entry for fear of hurting the country's welfare.
- ▶ I think what was most surprising about the preconception check was the amount of numbers of migrants in the first two questions. I didn't realize there were near as many refugees that were fleeing their home countries, nor that many had died in the process. I'm excited to learn more about the crisis and to rid some of these misconceptions.
- ▶ I thought that the United Kingdom would take in more refugees than my previous conception.
- ▶ I had never heard of the European migrant crisis so I did not have any preconceptions of this.
- ▶ Well, I thought asylum was referring to psychiatric hospitals, so that changed my understanding on this preconception check a lot.
- ▶ I did not realize there was a migrant crisis in Europe. I don't normally watch or listen to the news. I listen to the radio but that is just local news. I had no idea about what was going on.
- ▶ This exercise challenged my knowledge of what is truly going on around the world outside of the united states. With that being said these checks will better my knowledge so im not oblivious when it comes to outside factors of the united staes.
- ▶ This article did not change my mind on any previous knowledge I had about the migrant crisis. I think it did allow me to see both sides of the topic better in a comparative, non judgemental way. As bad as I feel for the migrants trying to provide a better life for themselves, I do not think mass migration is a good strategy. Speaking from experience, I believe the grounds to which the UN invades coutries is based primarily on economics and then they evaluate the loss of life in the meantime. I do believe we can help refugees in a more progressive way if we focused our efforts more on economic stability instead of invasions.