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Employment, education and attitudes toward immigration: South Africa in comparative perspective

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Abstract

The research report uses cross-national survey to compare attitudes toward immigration in different countries. The general conclusion is that anti-immigrant sentiment runs across all states. It is the conclusion of this research that people of low value system-variables, for instance, education and employment, tend to hold higher anti-immigrant views than people of high value system-variables. Comparatively, South Africa is high up in the anti-immigrant sentiment charts. This together with 2008 xenophobic attacks, South Africa is the main case study of this research.