Appendix

Descriptive Statistics on Participants

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*ns = the null hypothesis of no differences between the three group averages cannot be rejected at 5% level of significance

Description of Variables

Information
Average of 11 factual questions coded 1 if answer is right, -1 if answer is wrong and 0 if answer is 'I don't know'

No canton gives foreigners eligibility rights at communal level
No canton gives foreigners voting rights at cantonal level
No canton gives foreigners eligibility rights at cantonal level
Percentage of foreigners in Geneva more than 35%
Most foreigners in Geneva have C (long-term residency) permit
France doesn't give political rights to Swiss citizens resident in France
Austria doesn't give political rights to Swiss citizens resident in Austria
Percentage of foreigners in Geneva greater than in all other cantons
Residence period for naturalization application longer than in EU27 + Norway
Foreigner resident in Geneva for 8 years has right to vote at communal level
Some time ago people of Geneva refused proposal to extend cantonal vote to foreigners

Opinions re Political Rights of Foreigners
Scale from 0 'do not agree at all' to 10 'totally agree'

“If 0 means “total disagreement” and 10 means “total agreement,” with reference to foreigners legally resident in the Canton of Geneva for 8 years or more, please indicate below your agreement or disagreement with the following propositions:

Foreigners should have the right to vote/eligibility at the communal/cantonal/federal level” (6 items)

Crombach’s alpha = .93 at T0 and .91 at T1.
Speech Act Coding Rules

**Speech act:**
Unit of analysis: the full intervention of a participant.

**Position taken:** (1-0)
I if participant takes an explicit stance (positive or negative) concerning the extension of political right to foreigners

**Justification of position:** (1-0)
Coded only if Position taken = 1.
0: *No justification*:
Participant states her position without giving any reason.
1: *Justification*:
At least one argument is given for position.

**Relevant factor provided:** (1-0)
Participant brings at least one relevant factor to the debate
Coded only if Position taken = 0
0: No reference to facts or principles; no pertinent comment on the discussion.
1: Pertinent facts, principles, or considerations brought to the debate (including questions and answers)

**Story telling:** (1-0)
Speech act with some personal or group story. Coded when "I" and some biographical elements appear.

**Arguments on extension of political rights**
0: clear statement against extension of political rights to foreigners (local, cantonal, federal level)
1: neutral statement (or un-decidedness) with regard to extension of political rights to foreigners (local, cantonal, federal level)
2: clear statement in favour of extension of political rights to foreigners (local, cantonal, federal level)

Favourable argument: 2 vs. 1 and 0; unfavourable argument: 0 vs. 1 and 2