Week 6

• Current EU news
• German guest worker program
• German educational system and apprenticeship system
• Euro crisis
Did the UK have a referendum before joining the EU?

• No: there was no referendum in the UK until 1975, two years after joining
• Ireland and Denmark did have referenda
• Norwegian voters rejected EC membership in 1972 and in 1994
• Greenland, which had joined as part of the UK, withdrew in 1985 after a referendum in 1982
1973 Denmark, Ireland, and UK Added
Belarus sends immigrants to Lithuania

- Belarus dictator Lukashenko reportedly sending immigrants to Lithuania in retaliation for EU sanctions
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIWoBk7YfTA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nIWoBk7YfTA)
Polish Leader defies EU

• Poland is in a dispute with the EU over the primacy of EU law over national laws.
• Deutsche Welle (German Frequency) English new
• BBC World News
German Guest Worker Program

- 50’s 60’s 70’s Federal Republic of Germany signed bilateral recruitment agreements with Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey, and other countries
  - Allowed recruitment of guest workers due to labor shortage generally for 1 to 2 years
  - Many did not return due to no jobs in home countries
  - Children of immigrants legally in Germany for 8 years granted citizenship (not automatic as in U.S.)

- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zw9NNORIl3Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zw9NNORIl3Q)
- [https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x84ptw3](https://www.dailymotion.com/video/x84ptw3)
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PscutHgrzJY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PscutHgrzJY)
German educational tracking system

• Currently about 30% of German students go to college (had been only 8-10% in the 1960’s)
• In the U.S. that figure is 69.1%
• There is no tuition in Germany but admission is very competitive
• What do the students who don’t go to college do?
German Educational System

• Generally controlled by the states
• Kindergarten optional
• Primary school mandatory from age 6 to 11
• Five different types of secondary schools
  • Gymnasium prepares for university (Abitur)
  • Realschule  middle students exam after grade 10
  • Hauptschule vocat. Educ. to grade 9
  • Gesamtschule combines 3 schools above
  • Forderschule  schools for children with learning difficulties
German Educational System II

- Abitur examination at the end of Gymnasium must be passed to enter university
- Tuitions are very reasonable but students must pass exams to show they are qualified.
German Apprenticeship System

- Hauptschule has exam after grade 9 and another after grade 10
- In service training begins as students attend Hauptschule
- Close cooperation between companies and vocational schools
- Standardized training for apprentices ending in certificates
- Overview of apprenticeship
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzNM2BqKsxs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzNM2BqKsxs)
- Video on apprenticeship program at Siemons
- German apprenticeship program in the U.S.
- [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxoOyo4IJzQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxoOyo4IJzQ)
German apprenticeship system

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Apprenticeship II

• Used for 330 occupations
• Steady stream of highly qualified applicants
• Workers are trained with skills companies need.

• Disadvantages
  • Must choose career path much earlier
  • difficult to change careers (“locked in for life”)
  • Hard for immigrants to get into these jobs
Requirements for adopting the Euro

- EU deficit limit 3% of GDP
- EU debt limit 60% of GDP
Euro crisis Time Line

- December 2008 EU leaders agree on 200 billion euro stimulus plan to help boost EU growth following global financial crisis
- April 2009 EU orders France, Spain, Ireland, and Greece to reduce budget deficits
- October 2009 George Papandreou’s socialists win a snap election in Greece
- November 2009 Greece admits its debt has reached 113% of GDP
- 2010 Greece’s budget deficit reaches 12.7% of GDP
- Feb 2010 the EU tells Greece to enact further spending cuts. Strikes and riots in the streets in Greece result
Euro Crisis Time Line (cont)

- Papandreou insists no bailout is needed
- April 2010 – EU agrees to provide 30 billion euros in emergency loans
- May 2010 – 110 billion euro bailout package to rescue Greece
- Nov 2010 – 85 billion bailout for Ireland
- 2011 Eurozone finance ministers set up a permanent bailout fund with 500 million €s
- May 2011 78 billion € bailout for Portugal
- June 2011 new bailout for Greece. EU forces Greece to adopt new austerity measures
Euro Crisis (cont.)

- 2012 January – credit rating agency Standard & Poor’s downgrades France and eight other eurozone countries, blaming the failure of eurozone leaders to deal with the debt crisis
- February Greece passed the unpopular austerity bill in parliament – two months before a general election
- March eurozone backs a second bailout for Greece
- April Italian borrowing costs increase as well as Spain’s
- May a majority of Greeks vote in a general election for parties that reject the country’s bailout agreement
- June in another Greek election the pro-austerity party New Democracy got the most votes, allaying fears that Greece was about to leave the eurozone.
2012 analysis of Eurozone crisis

• Wall Street Journal overview of the crisis
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0FxFvQ_NJ3E

• Foreign policy association analysis
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LpwpIiU-5n0
  Video on how the euro works and how the crisis was created
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKffc7WboS4&list=TLPQMjIxMDIwMjHap5JZ34Fivg&index=2
Week 7

• News updates
• Immigration crisis
• EU country energy policy and response to global warning