

ADVANCING COMMUNITY  
SOCIAL COHESION

# Interpreting tolerance

Historical and modern narratives and  
conceptions of tolerance

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# Social capital

- ‘Because what happens in the neighbourhood influences our public and social disposition... Social capital refers to features of social organisation such as networks, norms and trust that facilitate co-ordination and co-operation for mutual benefit.’

(Forrest and Kearns 2001: 2137).

# Tolerance

- ‘Tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of the world’s cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human. It is fostered by knowledge, openness, communication and freedom of thought, conscience and belief. Tolerance is harmony of difference. It is not only a moral duty, it is also a political and legal requirement’

(Article 1.1).

# Tolerance

- Tolerance is not concession, condescension or indulgence.

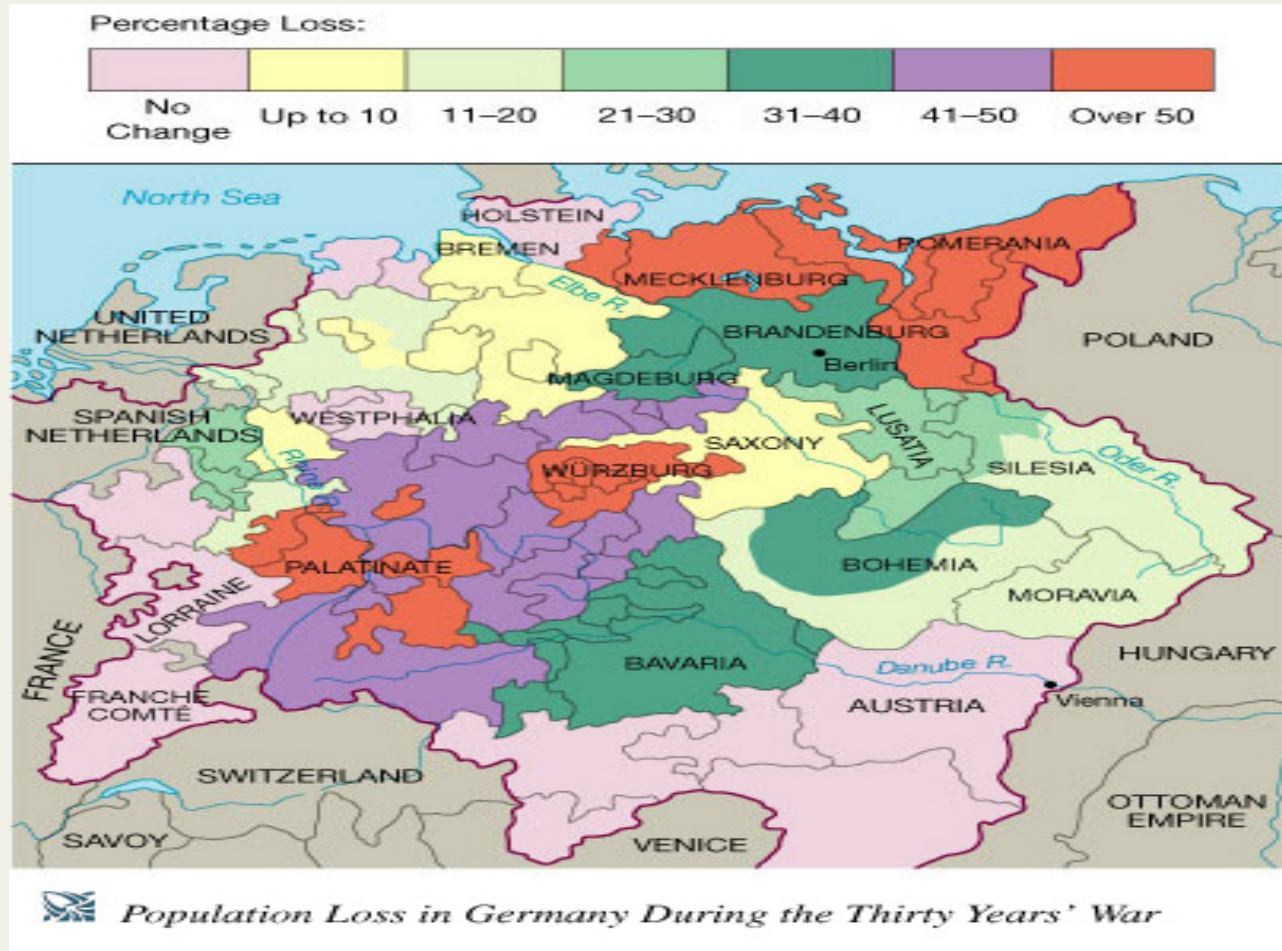
(Article 1.2)

# Toleration

- The study of toleration also requires qualification but should be reserved for ‘the study of the ideas and movements which have emerged historically not merely with a view to justifying or promoting certain types of tolerance, *but with a view – more accurately- - to demonstrate certain types of intolerance*’

(King, 2012: 68).


# "Population Loss in Germany During the Thirty Years' War"



History Teachers. "Population Loss in Germany During the Thirty Years' War". 2015.

# The Peace of Augsburg



 *The Religious Divisions of Europe, ca. 1555. Prior to 1520, all of Europe was Roman Catholic.*

# The pluralism of diversity

- At the beginning of the twenty-first century in Western Europe, interpreting toleration shifts to connect with the positive fostering of conditions of ‘non-conformity, heterogeneity, and diversity’.
- ‘Pluralism of conditions and forms of life was thought to be good in itself’

(Guess 2001: 80).



# Emile Durkheim

- ‘Modern society is held together by its diversity, not homogeneity, and its central, unifying institutions’

(Jupp and Nieuwenhuysen 2001: 28).

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