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societal attitudes towards this phenomenon. Polls show time and again that immigration is one of the most important issues occupying people's minds. This book examines the dynamic interplay between media representations of migrants and refugees on the one hand and the governmental and societal (re)actions to these on the other. Largely focusing on Belgium and Sweden, this collection of interdisciplinary research essays attempts to unravel the determinants of people's

preferences regarding migration policy, expectations towards

newcomers, and economic, humanitarian and cultural concerns about immigration's effect on the majority population's life. Whilst migrants

and refugees remain voiceless and highly underrepresented in the legacy media, this volume allows their voices to be heard.