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# Project Title: 'The Effect of Populism on Growth: the Case of Hungary'

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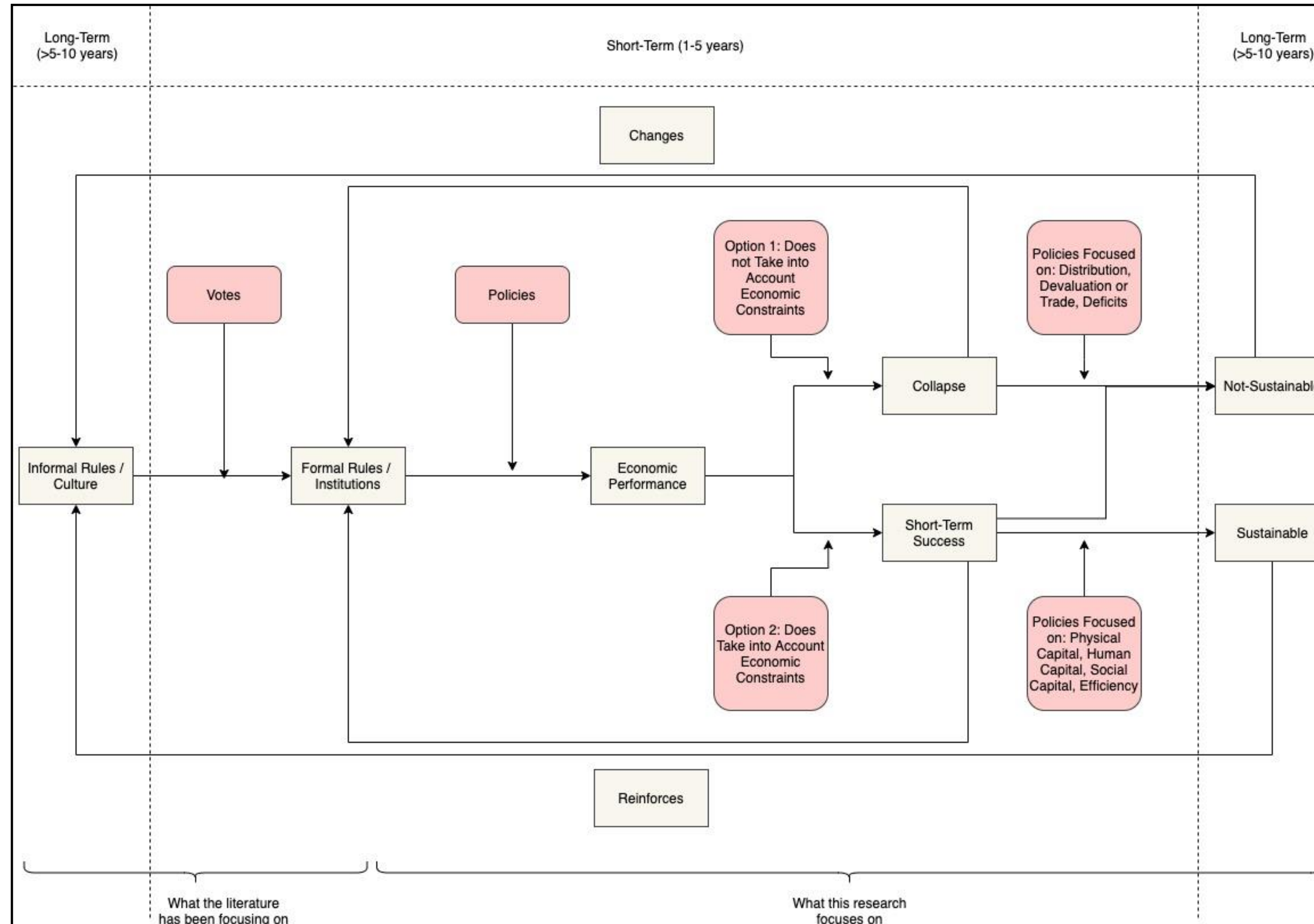
# Topic and Research Question

- Voters Preferences — Populism — Populist Government and Practices
- Independent Variable: Populism and Illiberal Regimes
- Intervening Variable: Populist Government and Practices
- Dependent Variable: Economic Growth
- Research Question: What are the short-term and long-term effects of a government characterised by populist rhetoric on economic growth and prosperity? Does a populist government in Europe invest in long-term sustainable policies?

# Main Concepts and Literature

- populism as a political style -> economic populism -> the 1990's policies mix
- populism as an ideology -> no economic conceptualization -> no idea how to contrast it
- what causes growth? And growth in CEE?
- How do we measure it?

# Conceptual Framework



# Why Hungary?

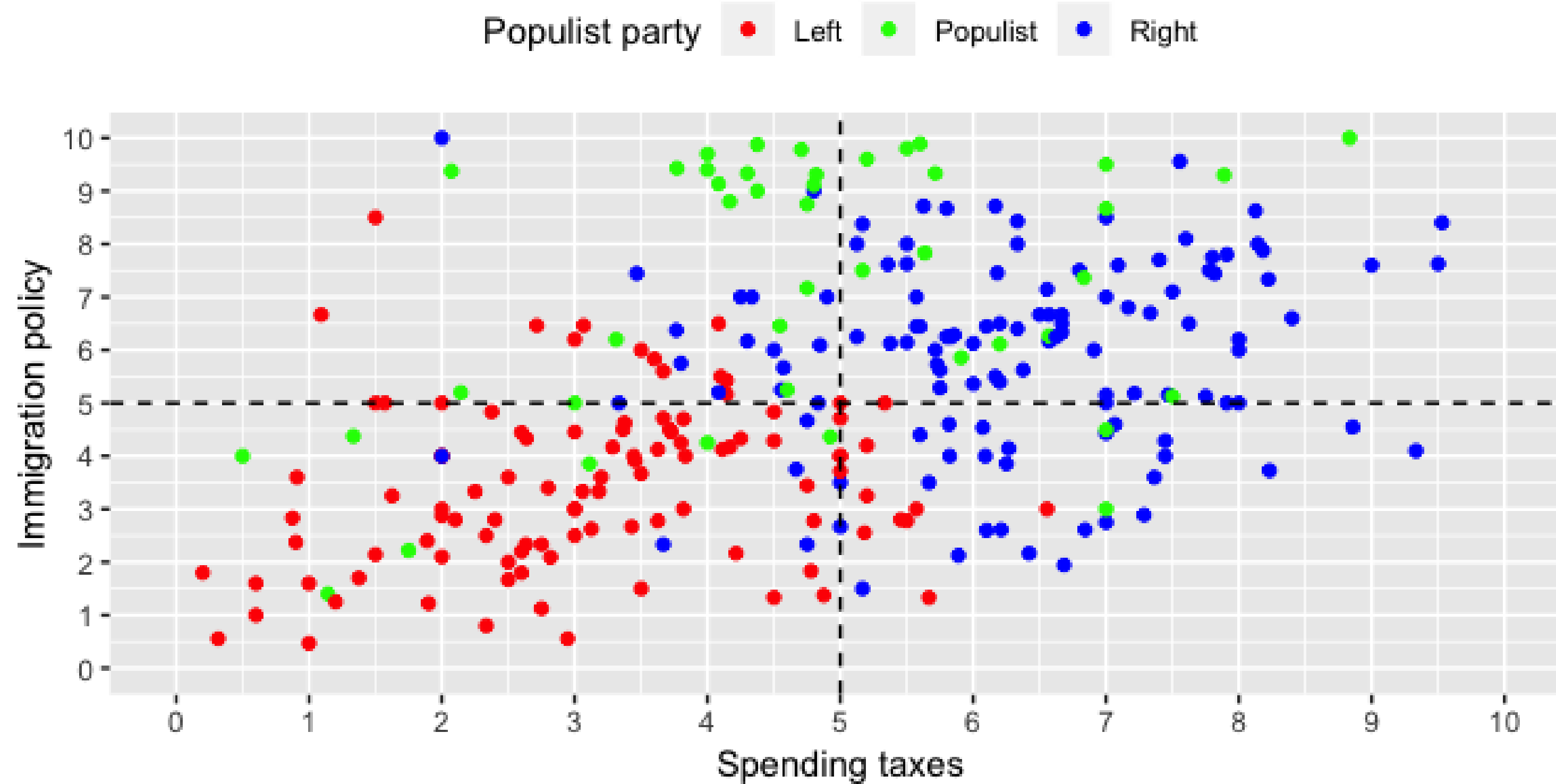
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Government	MDF				MSZP-SZDSZ				Fidesz-MSZP				MSZP-SZDSZ				MSZP				Technical	Fidesz												
Populism	Not Populist (or NP)										Economic Populism						NP	Rhetorical Populism (Fidesz)																
Economic Policy											Extremely loose fiscal policy										Respect the 3 % budget deficit, Unorthodox economic policy													
Austerity Years						Au-sterity											Au-sterity					Au-sterity												
Political Changes																					Centralization													
Outcome	Instability driven by economic policy																		Instability driven by unpredictable legislative and business environment															
											Growth deficit correlation																							

- Unresearched kind of populism in terms of economic consequences
- Illiberal regimes representativeness



# Preliminary Results

- Economic and Policy Conceptualization of Rhetorical Populism



Source: 2014 Chapel Hill expert survey

Thank you for your attention