

# Europe faces immigration backlash

Sweden has become the latest European nation to see the rise of a far-right anti-foreigner party amid a surge of anti-immigrant sentiment that has been exacerbated by the global economic crisis

**%** Foreigners as proportion of population      **%** Citizens from outside EU

5.9%

3.2%

**Sweden:** Anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim

**Sweden Democrats Party** wins

20 seats in parliament

11.4%

6.1%\*

**Norway:** Anti-immigrant

**Progress Party** wins

23% of vote in last year's parliamentary election

6.6%

3.9%

**UK:** Cap

on migrants

from outside EU

from April 2011

5.8%

3.8%

**France:** Drive

to repatriate Roma and ban full Islamic face veils in public

10.3%

6.6%

**Austria:**

**Freedom Party** wants to ban minarets, veils

1.9%

0.8%

**Hungary:** Far-right **Jobbik**

party leader **Gabor Vona** has called for internment of Roma accused of crimes

8.8%

5.7%

**Germany:** New party, launched by **Rene**

**Stadtkewitz**, aims to ban headscarves, shut mosques and cut welfare payments to Muslims

21.7%

8.3%

**Switzerland:**

Passed constitutional referendum in 2009 to ban construction of minarets



\*Norway figure represents citizens from outside continental Europe

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