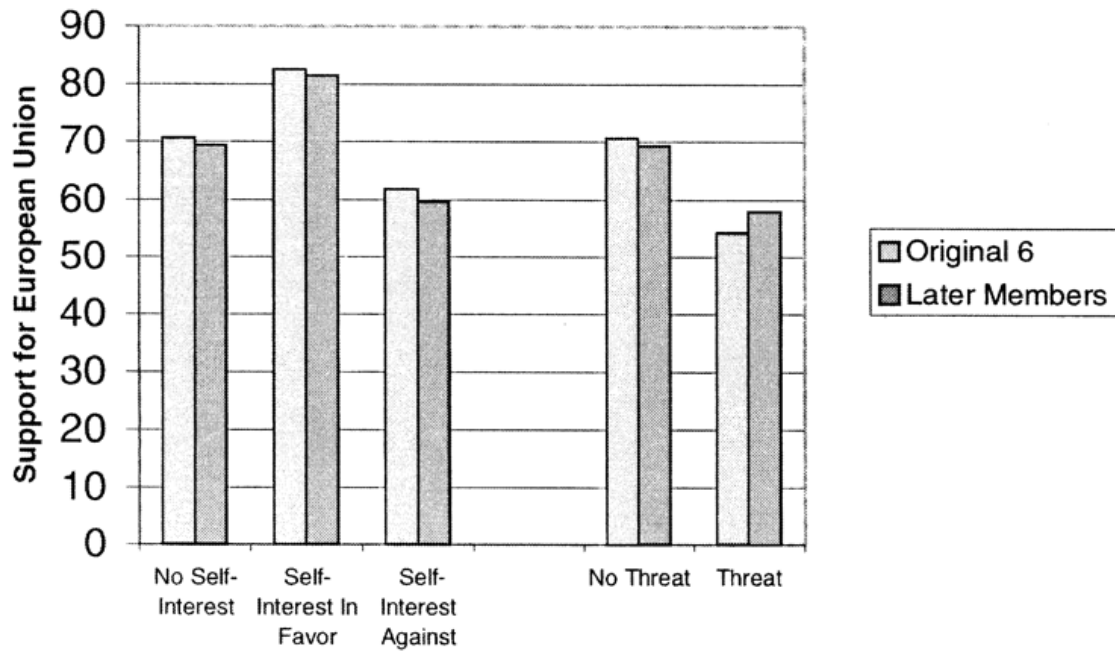FIGURE 1

The Size of the Effects

Source: McLaren, L. M. 2002. "Public support for the European Union: Cost/benefit analysis or perceived cultural threat?" *Journal of Politics* 64 (2):551-66.
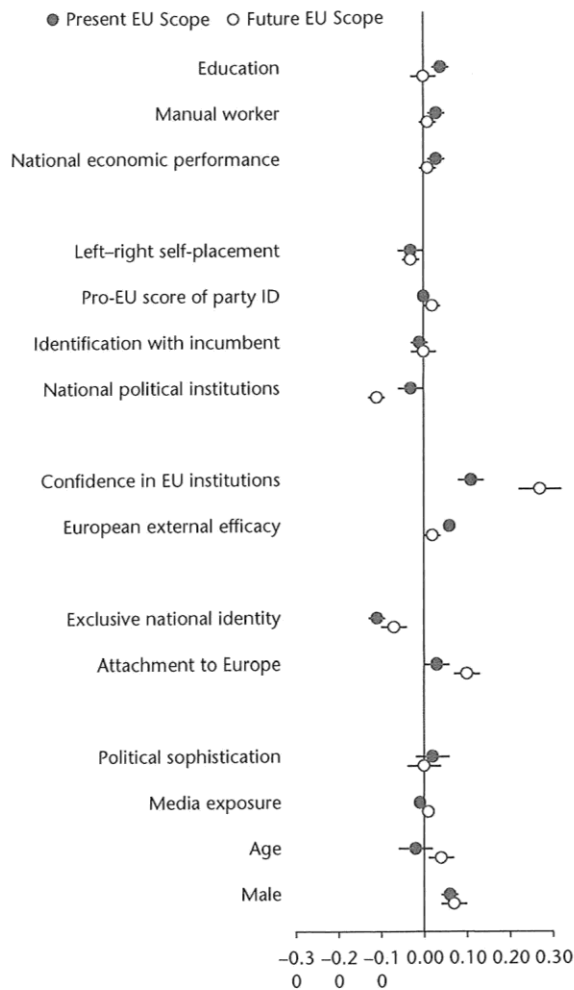
What does the figure tell us?

Figure 6.1. Dot plot representation of the standardized regression coefficients (error bars represent 95% confidence intervals)

Source: Magalhaes, Pedro (2012). The Scope of Government of the European Union: Explaining Citizens' Support for a More Powerful EU. In Sanders et al. *Europeanization of National Polities.* Oxford University Press: Oxford, p. 126.

In this study, the author explores how various independent variables are related to support for the EU. He looks at two dependent variables:
- current scope of the EU (survey respondents indicate how many policy areas should be dealt with at the EU level)
- future scope of the EU (respondents indicate how many policy areas should be dealt with at the EU level in 10-years time)

Figure 6.1 shows how strongly each independent variable affects the dependent variables (greater number shows stronger effect). Explain what the figure tells us. Which variables have the greatest effect?

[Note: "National political institutions" means trust in national political institutions]