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**BENEFITS BY GENDER: DETERMINANTS OF WELFARE ACCESSIBILITY FOR
MIGRANT WOMEN IN WESTERN EUROPE**

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According to statistical data, there are dissimilarities between the ease of welfare accessibility for migrant men and migrant women within European nations. Literature links several determinants, such as percent GDP spent on welfare, size of immigrant population, level of Catholic Church involvement, leftism of country, percent of women in the workforce, and public attitudes of immigrant population, welfare system and feminism, to be correlated with the level of welfare accessibility. Data correlations, however, reveal the independent variables of percent women in the workforce and public attitudes towards feminism to be significantly associated with level of welfare accessibility for migrant women. The significance of these variables suggests welfare accessibility for migrant women may have a stronger link to their gender instead of structural issues, such as immigrant population or wealth of a nation.