

CULTURAL ADAPTATION OF MIGRANTS IN RUSSIA IN THE CONTEXT OF EUROPEAN MIGRANT CRISIS

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Russia is a multinational country with about
200 ethnic groups



Multinational Russia



Large territory with different ethnic groups

Strong Orthodox traditions

Role of the state, which unites the multinational society

Russian cultural archetype

prevalence of the spiritual
over the material

common spiritual values
and collectivism

desire for justice and truth

kindness and hospitality

responsiveness,
consideration, sympathy

forgiveness

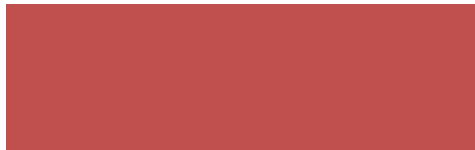
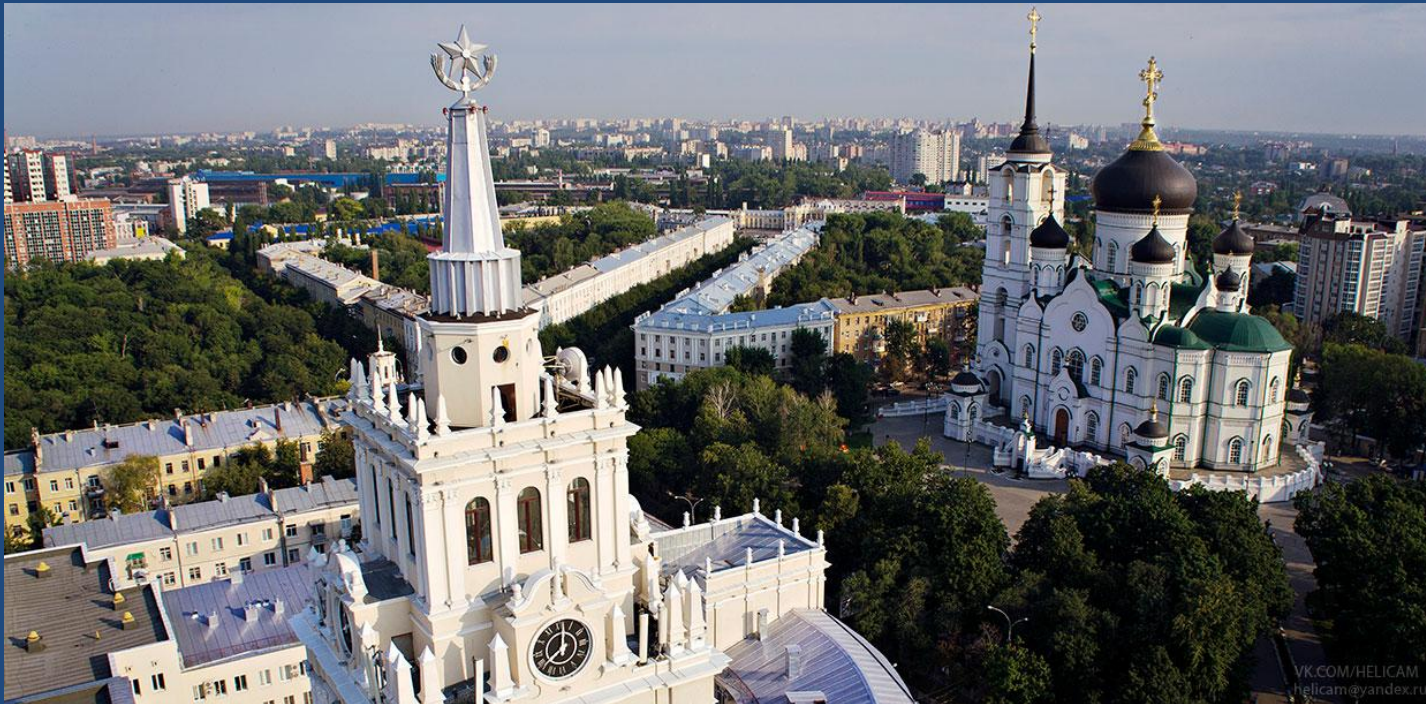
readiness to help

frankness

Basic documents of the state national policy of the Russian Federation

- .. State National Policy Concept of the Russian Federation,
- .. Law On the Languages of Ethnic Groups of the Russian Federation
- .. Federal Law On National Cultural Autonomy,
- .. Federal Law On Guarantees of Rights of the Native Born Small Ethnic Minorities of the Russian Federation.
- .. Federal Target Programme Consolidation of the Russian Nation Unity and Ethnocultural Development of Russian Ethnic Groups (2014-2020)
- .. Strategy for Countering Extremism in the Russian Federation until 2025
- .. Strategies for State National Policy of the Russian Federation until 2025.

VORONEZH AND VORONEZH REGION AS AN EXAMPLE OF HARMONIZATION OF INTERETHNIC RELATIONS



Origins of the migrant citizens in the Voronezh region



Statistics of the Voronezh region

No	Countries	# of immigrants (thousands)
1	Ukraine	43 054
2	Armenia	10 369
3	Azerbaijan	5 085
4	Turkey	4 210
5	Tatarstan	3 340
6	Belarus	3 261
7	Moldova	2 273
8	Uzbekistan	1 871
9	Tajikistan	1 571
10	Georgia	1 488

Organization of interethnic work



- .. National Chamber under the Governor of the Voronezh region
- .. Regional Civic Chamber
- .. Civic Chamber of the City District
- .. City Council of interethnic and interfaith relations
- .. National non-governmental organizations (43)

Interethnic and interfaith work in Voronezh region

- .. National non-governmental organizations (43)
- .. National Chamber under the Governor of Voronezh Region
- .. The Centre for Interethnic Relations Development
- .. Interfaith council under the Voronezh Region Duma
- .. Ethnic communities and diasporas

Cultural participation

- .. Days of culture of ethnic communities;
- .. Participation of ethnic diasporas in such festivals as the Day of the City, National Unity Day, religious festivals



Foreign students at VSU

- .. 1000 foreign students studying in Voronezh State University every year



VSU activities

- .. 14th city international song and dance festival;
- .. 11th international festival "Cuisines of the world" with the participation of 24 teams from 21 countries;
- .. Visits of the city's educational institutions;
- .. International students' national holidays;
- .. Regular meetings of the leaders of international students' VSU organizations.



Factors of the successful cultural adaptation



1. Migration and national policy on the state and regional levels;
2. Cooperation between the representatives of ethno-national communities and diasporas with the governmental bodies;
3. Active educational work with the young people to develop tolerance and respect for the other cultures and religions.

THANK YOU!