

Forms and channels of interaction of young compatriots with Russia in sociological dimension

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Abstract. *The article examines the system of interactions between the young Russian compatriots living abroad and Russia. The article considers the question of how closely young Russian compatriots are connected with Russia. The purpose of the study is to study the forms and channels of interaction of young Russian compatriots with Russia. The article is based on a study of the opinion of young members of the Russian community abroad. The empirical basis of the study is a questionnaire survey conducted in 54 foreign countries. The survey was conducted in groups in social networks and in organizations of Russian compatriots. 2042 respondents aged from 14 to 30 years inclusive were interviewed. Russian studies show that young Russian compatriots largely continue to preserve their Russian identity, identify themselves with the Russian people and speak Russian better than the language of their country of residence. Most of the young compatriots maintain close ties with Russia, which is confirmed by their personal visits to visit relatives, for the purpose of tourism in Russia, etc. A significant part of the interaction is outside the political space, but in the field of informal communication and mass culture, which determines the image of Russia and the people as a whole. The main communication channels are social networks, messengers and Internet resources. The development of centers for the study of the Russian language, education and culture, while expanding the resource base of state policy and its information campaign, can prove to be a powerful tool of the Russian public administration in the long term.*

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