

The influence of ethnic identity on political trust and readiness for political behavior among Russian youth

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It is considered the phenomenon of political trust and readiness for political behavior in the aspect of ethnic identity among Russian youth. The study carried out diagnostics of the young generation of Russians living in different regions of the Russian Federation, aged 18 to 34 years. The sample of the study included representatives of the cities of the Russian Federation: Perm, Ekaterinburg, Moscow, St. Petersburg, Nizhny Novgorod and some rural areas. During the empirical study, the following methods were used: the scale of political trust, the scale of "willingness to take part in political activity," J. Finney's method, which measures the severity of ethnic identity. The readiness for political behavior and the level of trust in the authorities are at a rather low level, which shows a tendency towards social cynicism rather than political trust. The ethnicity of today's youth is also at a fairly low level. The results of the regression analysis showed that ethnic identity influences the general level of trust in the authorities, while not affecting the readiness for political behavior.

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