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The publication is devoted to the historical consciousness of modern Russian young people. The authors examine the views of young Russians about historical epochs such as tsarist, pre-revolutionary, Stalin`s, Khrushchev, Gorbachev and Eltsin epochs. The authors propose new cognitive tool - the index of identity or index of alienation of different age groups in relation to different stages of Russian history.

**Key words:** historical consciousness, young people, identity

**Bibliography:**
The article is focused on the results of the study conducted by the Institute of Sociology of the Russian Academy of Science in the first half of 2009. The article states that the interest of Russians in foreign policy is at the average level, but higher than the interest towards domestic policy. The reason behind it is that one of the factors that contributed to the positive attitudes of Russians toward current political course is the achievements of the Putin epoch in the field of strengthening the role of Russia on the international arena. Even the increased level of confrontation in Russian foreign policy after the conflict with Georgia is perceived by Russians as a sign of strong policy and conformity with the national interests of Russia. According to Russians, one of the aims of the Russian foreign policy course is returning to the status of world power, which is influential and economically developed. All groups of the Russian society would like to see Russia as a strongest power.
**Key words:** foreign policy, USA, NATO, Russian-Georgian war, confrontation, power, German-Soviet Pact, German unification

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*Investments Portraits of Regions of the Russian Federation*

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In the article based upon the survey of representatives of administrations in thirty regions of Russia the author attempts to make a quality investment portrait of the country. For that, the author analyses economic priorities of regions, market demand structure, regional authorities’ actions to attract investments, activity of foreign investors operating in Russian regions. The article proves the conclusion about the appropriateness of the implementation of the pointed innovation programs.
**Key words:** investment, regions, brands, information space, economic structure, market demand, diversification of production

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Russian Compatriots Abroad

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The publication is based on the empirical data from the surveys conducted by VCIOM in foreign countries (Germany, Latvia, Moldavia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan) and commissioned by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in 2008. The article is focused on two basic issues. The data from nationwide surveys show the dynamic of the views of Russians towards the shape of Russia`s state policy toward compatriots abroad. The data from international surveys describes the views of Russian compatriots about the situation in Russia including the attractiveness to return to Russia.
Key words: compatriots, compatriots abroad, returning to homeland, state policy, comparative studies, foreign states

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SOCIAL DIAGNOSTICS

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Modern Russian society: between alarm and optimism

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The author attempts to analyze the emotional component of the life of the Russian society including the situation of financial and economic crisis. The author investigates the common trends of the development of emotional state of modern Russian society within “pessimism-optimism” continuum, points out factors of development, social niches where the positive and negative emanations are forming. The article concludes that before the crisis there was a symbiosis of social stability and personal uncertainty (“stable uncertainty”). The conclusion is based on the results of the study conducted by the Institute of Sociology of the RAS in 2009, as well as the data from other centers.
Key words: emotional state of society, social well-being, optimism, pessimism, fears, anxiety, stable uncertainty

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Stepan V. Lvov
Students, Ethnic Extremism and Xenophobia:
From Diagnostics of the Problem to Ways of Overcoming

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The article reviews the results of a large-scale social survey carried on in sixteen regions of Russia. There is a common view that the youth is influenced by the extremist ideology including nationalism and xenophobia. However, the study reveals that it is not true. The nature of the xenophobic mood is simple: uncontrolled migration and formation of local centers of alien cultures lead to negative attitudes towards representatives of other nations and races. The author proposes the actions to decrease the level of xenophobia and extremism.
Oleg L. Veryovkin

Stereotypes of Mutual Perceptions among Ethnic Groups

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The author studies groups of “Vkontakte” users on the basis of territorial and ethnic principles. The author attempts to reveal the views of a certain ethnic group about the others. The author analyses stereotypes in relation to Russians, Ukrainians, Jews, Armenians, Azerbaijani, Tajiks and the imagined “varids”.

Key words: ethnos, stereotypes, unusual thing, politeness, openness, activity, truthfulness, goodwill
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Problems of Guardian Families

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In the framework of the project “Guardians and children under wardship” questionnaire poll and semi-formalized interviews were conducted in Moscow. The questions were addressed to the guardians of those children which parents were deprived of parental rights. The study examined the conditions of those deprived of parental rights, the reasons behind it and the problems of raising children in guardian families.
**Key words:** guardian family, children under wardship, deprivation of parental rights, raising, upbringing

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*Expectations of Marital Roles by Psychology Students*

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According to the statement that the functions of the family is defined by needs of the society the author examines what duties each family member performs and what principles the role relationships are based on. The study revealed that first-year and second-year students have androgynous stereotypes, unlike five-year female students who are more feminized.

**Key words:** role expectations, family, role relationship

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