

A NEW CONTRIBUTION TO THE STUDY OF THE IDENTITY AND CULTURE OF RUSSIANS

Book Review: *M. A. Zhigunova. The Russian Population of the City of Omsk: Identity, Culture, Traditions*

The reviewed monograph by M. A. Zhigunova presents the results of the author's long-term anthropological and ethnographic research of the modern Siberian city on the example of Omsk. The author characterizes ethnic, national, regional and religious identity, the personality traits associated with Russians, their understanding of family and marriage, and the life cycle rituals. For the first time, the specificity of culture is analyzed through ethnocultural preferences: favourite holidays, dishes and drinks of national cuisine, folklore and musical preferences, cultural institutions and folk groups. The reviewer briefly describes the content, source base and methodology of the work, highlighting the novel elements in the context of modern studies of the Siberian Russian population.

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