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THE FATE OF FORECASTS BASED ON THE CONCEPT OF ETHNORACIAL GROUPS

The paper reviews V. I. Kozlov's book on immigration and ethnic-racial problems in Great Britain (1987) and evaluates his forecast going back to the 1980s on the future evolution of the migration situation. The author compares the 35 years ago scenario with the nowadays realities and concludes that mass migration and the policy of multiculturalism have caused radical changes in the national and ethnic identities of the British population. On a basis of England and Wales 2011 and 2021 censuses he analyses multiply identities and changes in favor of Britishness identity versus Englishness, especially among the country's non-white population, whose role in this country's life has grown greatly, causing a reaction of English nationalism, but not hindering the scenario of nation-building based on a culturally inclusive pan-British identity. The article includes elaborations on super-diversity debates and on how contemporary census practices destroy narrow understanding of ethnicity as culturally homogeneous groupings.

Keywords: Great Britain, England and Wales, population censuses, population categorization, ethnoracial groups, Britishness and Englishness, theory of ethnicity, national and ethnic identity, immigration, V. I. Kozlov

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