

RUSSIA THROUGH THE EYES OF FOREIGNERS

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People have always wondered what others think of them. They tried to form a good image of themselves. But the opinion of people, who live near you, often contradicts the opinions of people from other countries.

Russia has varied much and developed very quickly, and the view of different countries about Russia has changed. I'd like to explore the following questions in the research: How do foreigners see our country? What do they think of it?

Important for me was their perception of Russia before and after the Olympic games, their attitude towards it after the war in Ukraine.

The main reason why I have chosen this theme is that I would like to explore and learn more about the relationship between foreigners and the Russians, and explore more attentively their point of view about the changing relationship between Britain, the USA and Russia.

The focus of my research is on traditional views on Russia and on the most ubiquitous myths about Russia; the relations of Britain and Russia before the Olympics and after it are of great interest too. Attitude of western countries to Russia during the war in Ukraine deserves special attention. I would like to form an idea about Russian president, too.

As the main sources for the research I used articles from British magazines and newspapers as well as Internet sources which comment on Russia and the Russians. I read more than 500 pages from different newspapers and magazines such as "The times", "The Washington Post", "The New York times", "The Wall Street Journal". Different views on the Russian character are given in numerous works of researchers in various scientific areas – sociology, linguistics, psychology, political science [1–8].

To sum up theoretical information and the data I obtained during the research bring out the following conclusions:

- for a long time Russia has been formed of a settled opinion, but foreigners who often visit the country get used to take it as a nice and hospitable place and are inclined to speak well of the country and its people;
- there was a certain doubt that Russia is able to hold the Olympic games at such a high level but Russia has proved that nothing is impossible;
- Russia has recently got a lot of criticism in regard to the war in the Ukraine; but our country made its position in the Ukrainian conflict clear and worth to be reckoned with;
- the policy of the Russian President provoked sharp criticism from the leaders of other countries but he continued to defend the interests of Russia and the Russians. And at the moment he takes a significant position in the international political arena and remains the best leader of the country for me personally and for the majority of the Russians.

The research has shown that the media should inform people around the world not only on the current political events in Russia but also to spread some other useful information, including the historical heritage of Russia, Russian cultural sources of knowledge, details of geographic focus, as well as information on places of interest to visit.

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