

POLYETHNICITY OF UKRAINIAN SOCIETY: HISTORICAL REMINISCENCES AND THE PRESENT TIME *MODUS VIVENDI*

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Neighboring countries of Ukraine



Formation of Ukraine's borders

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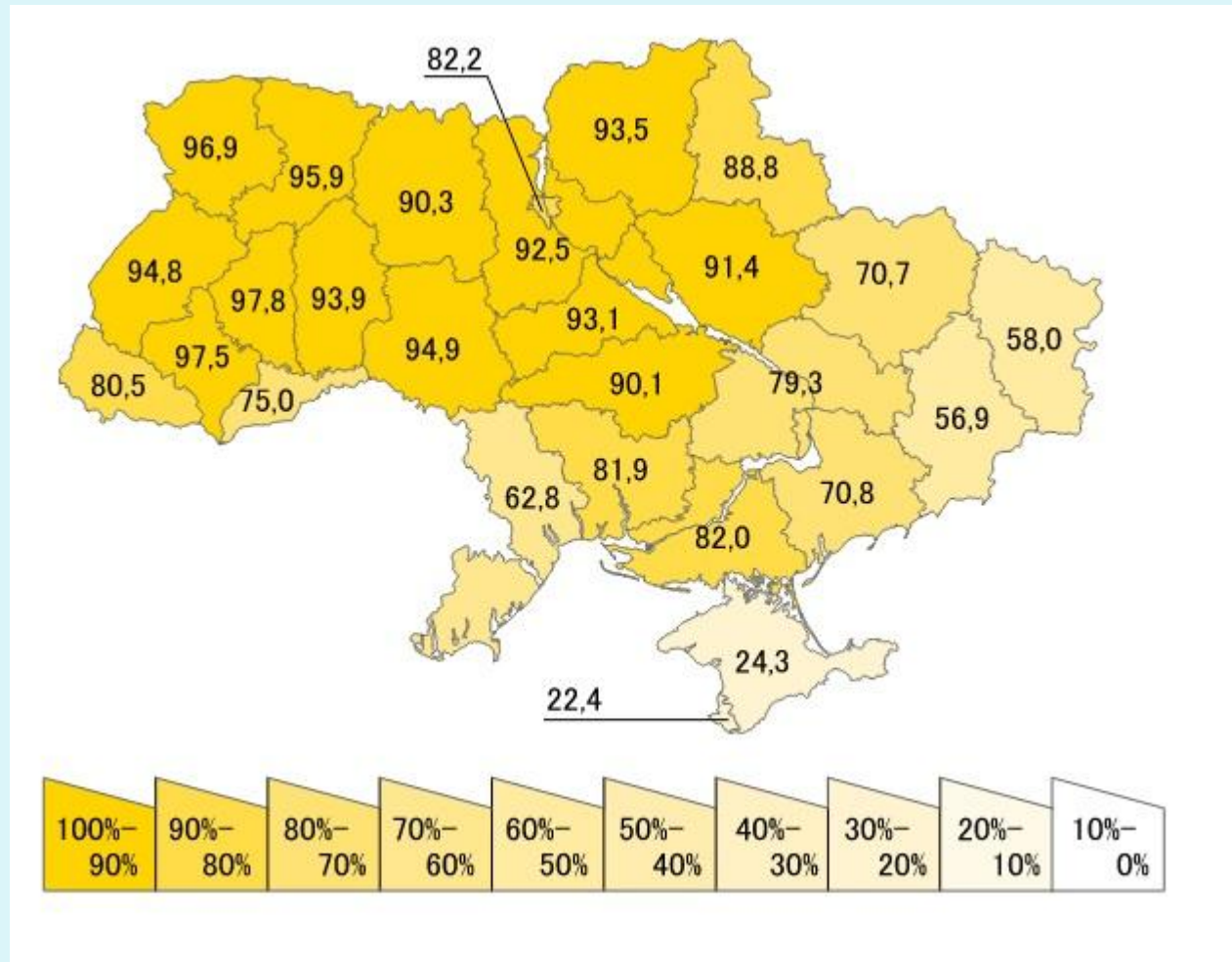
Population of the Ukrainian SSR according to ethnic group 1926–1939

Ethnic group	census 1926 ¹		census 1939 ²	
	Number	%	Number	%
Ukrainians	23,218,860	80.0	23,667,509	76.5
Russians	2,677,166	9.2	4,175,299	13.5
Jews	1,574,428	5.4	1,532,776	5.0
Germans	393,924	1.4	392,458	1.3
Poles	476,435	1.6	357,710	1.2
Moldavians / Romanians	257,794	0.9	230,698	0.8
Belarusians	75,842	0.3	158,174	0.5
Pontic Greeks	104,666	0.4	107,047	0.4
Bulgarians	99,278	0.3	83,838	0.3
Tatars	22,281	0.1	55,456	0.2
Romani	13,578	0.0	10,443	0.0
Others	103,935	0.4	174,810	0.6
Total	29,018,187		30,946,218	

Population of Ukraine according to ethnic group 1959-2001

Ethnic group	census 1959 ¹		census 1970 ²		census 1979 ³		census 1989 ⁴		census 2001 ⁵	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
Ukrainians	32,158,493	76.8	35,283,857	74.9	36,488,951	73.6	37,419,053	72.7	37,541,693	77.5
Russians	7,090,813	16.9	9,126,331	19.4	10,471,602	21.1	11,355,582	22.1	8,334,141	17.2
Moldavians / Romanians	341,512	0.8	378,043	0.8	415,371	0.9	459,420	0.9	409,608	0.8
Belarusians	290,890	0.7	385,847	0.8	406,098	0.8	440,045	0.9	275,763	0.6
Crimean Tatars	193	0.0	3,554	0.0	6,636	0.0	46,807	0.1	248,193	0.5
Bulgarians	219,419	0.5	234,390	0.5	238,217	0.5	233,800	0.5	204,574	0.4
Hungarians	149,229	0.4	157,731	0.3	164,373	0.3	163,111	0.3	156,566	0.3
Poles	363,297	0.9	295,107	0.6	258,309	0.5	219,179	0.4	144,130	0.3
Jews	840,311	2.0	777,126	1.7	634,154	1.3	486,628	1.0	103,591	0.2
Armenians	28,024	0.1	33,439	0.1	38,646	0.1	54,200	0.1	99,894	0.2
Greeks	104,359	0.3	106,909	0.2	104,091	0.2	98,594	0.2	91,548	0.2
Tatars	61,334	0.2	72,658	0.2	83,906	0.2	86,875	0.2	73,304	0.2
Romani	22,515	0.1	30,091	0.1	34,411	0.1	47,917	0.1	47,587	0.1
Azerbaijanis	6,680	0.0	10,769	0.0	17,235	0.0	36,961	0.1	45,176	0.1
Georgians	11,574	0.0	14,650	0.0	16,301	0.0	23,540	0.1	34,199	0.1
Germans	23,243	0.1	29,871	0.1	34,139	0.1	37,849	0.1	33,302	0.1
Gagauzs	23,530	0.1	26,464	0.1	29,398	0.1	31,967	0.1	31,923	0.1
Karaites	3,301	0.0	2,596	0.0	1,845	0.0	1,404	0.0	1,196	0.0
Others	129,338	0.3	157,084	0.3	165,650	0.3	209,172	0.4	539,604	1.1
Total	41,869,046		47,126,517		49,609,333		51,452,034		48,416,000	

Ethnic Ukrainians in Ukraine by oblast (2001 census)



Regions: ethnic composition

- **130 (127)** – Representatives of ethnoses.
- **Autochtonal** – Ethnic communities formed on the base of Slavonic tribes (Ukrainians, Russians-Russkiye, Bielorrussians).
- **Allochtonal** – Ethnic communities formed on the base of the people came to the territory of contemporary Ukraine or people lived on the territories included into Ukraine in different periods (Armenians, Hungarians, Jews, Moldovians – *Discussion*, Poles, Rumanians ...).
- **New ethnophors (immigrants)** – Kharkiv, Dnipropetrovsk, Kyiv, Odesa, Vinnytsya.

- **12 Regions** – Number of ethnicities from 3 to 8 (alphabetically): Chernivtsi, Crimea Dnipropetrovsk, Donetsk, Kharkiv, Kirovograd, Lugansk, Mukolayiiv, Odesa, Poltava, Zakarpattya, Zaporizhzhya.
- **20 (of 27)** – regions where number of ethnicities represents over 0.1 % in the population of a region (Ukrainians and Russian-Ruskiye not included) – **East** (Donetsk, Kharkiv, Lugansk), **South** (Kherson, Mykolayiiv, Odesa), **West** (Chernivtsi, Ivano-Frankivsk, Lviv, Rivne, Ternopil, Volyn, Zakarpattya), **Center** (Cherkassy, Dnipropetrovsk, Kirovograd, Poltava, Zaporizhzhya), **North** (Chernigiv, Kyiv, Sumy, Zhytomyr) – **18 ethnicities**.
- **Ethnic areas:** **Crimea** (Armenians, Crimean-Tatars, Russian-Ruskiye, Ukrainians), **Bukovyna** (Moldovians, Gagauz, Russian-Ruskiye, Romanians, Ukrainians), **Odesa** (Bulgarians, Gagauz, Moldovians, Russian-Ruskiye, Ukrainians), **Zakarpattya** (Hungarians, Romani, Russian-Ruskiye, Ukrainians)

Arguments breaking the myths:

Language



Attitudes towards poliethnicity of Ukrainian society:

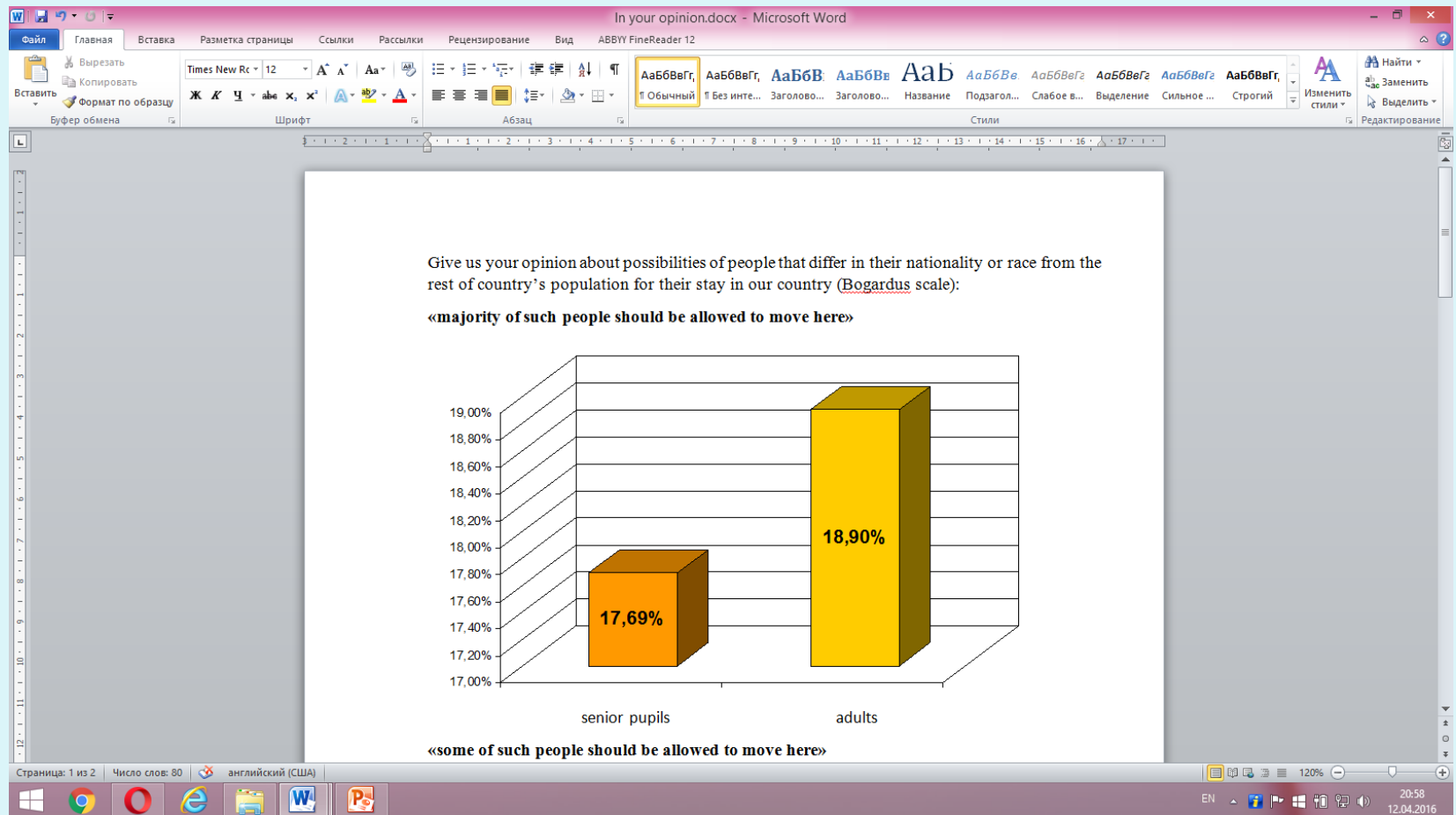
- *Positive – 31.59 %*
- *Rather positive - 25. 42 %*
- *Indifferent – 21.31 %*
- *Rather positive – 6.17 %*
- *Ukraine for Slavonic people only – 7.10 %*
- *Ukraine for Ukrainians only - 4.67 %*
- *Difficult to answer – 3.74 %*

Perception of different ethnicities in Ukraine:

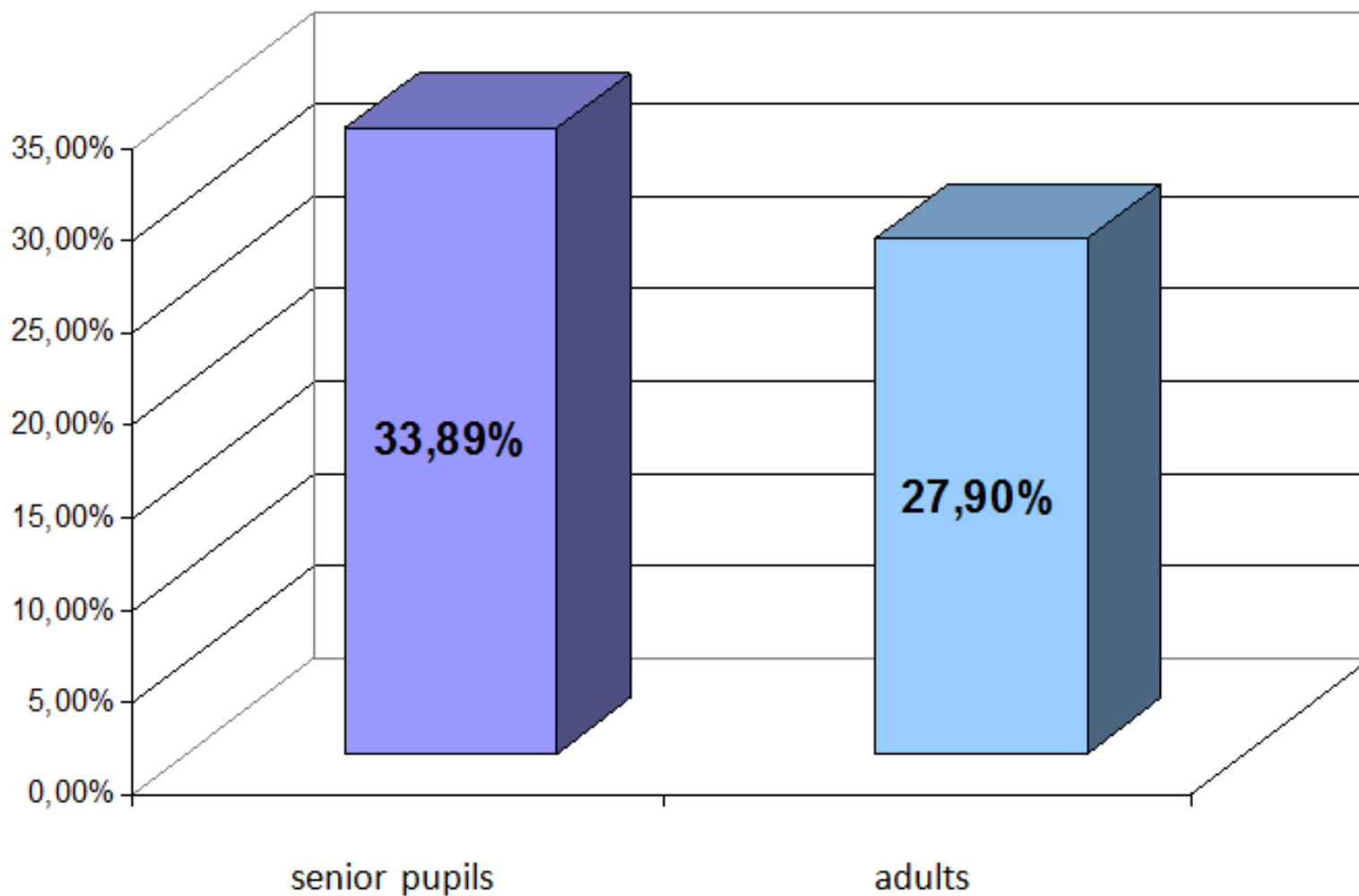
The high level of perception by Ukrainian citizens is typical for ethnic groups of Slavonic origin, among them the highest level for Ukrainians and Russians-Ruskiye:

- *Ukrainians – 59.00 % (61.51% - 6.19 %)*
- *Representatives of Ukrainian diaspora – 35.34 % (40.39 % - 5.05 %)*
- *Russians (Ruskiye) – 17.80 % (25.92% - 8.12%)*
- *Byelorussians – 10.36 % (14.97 % - 4.67 %)*
- *Poles – 8.32 % (14.51 % - 6.19 %)*
- *Slovaks – 1.53 % (8.59 % - 7.06 %)*
- *Czech - -1.34 % (7.22% - 8.56 %)*

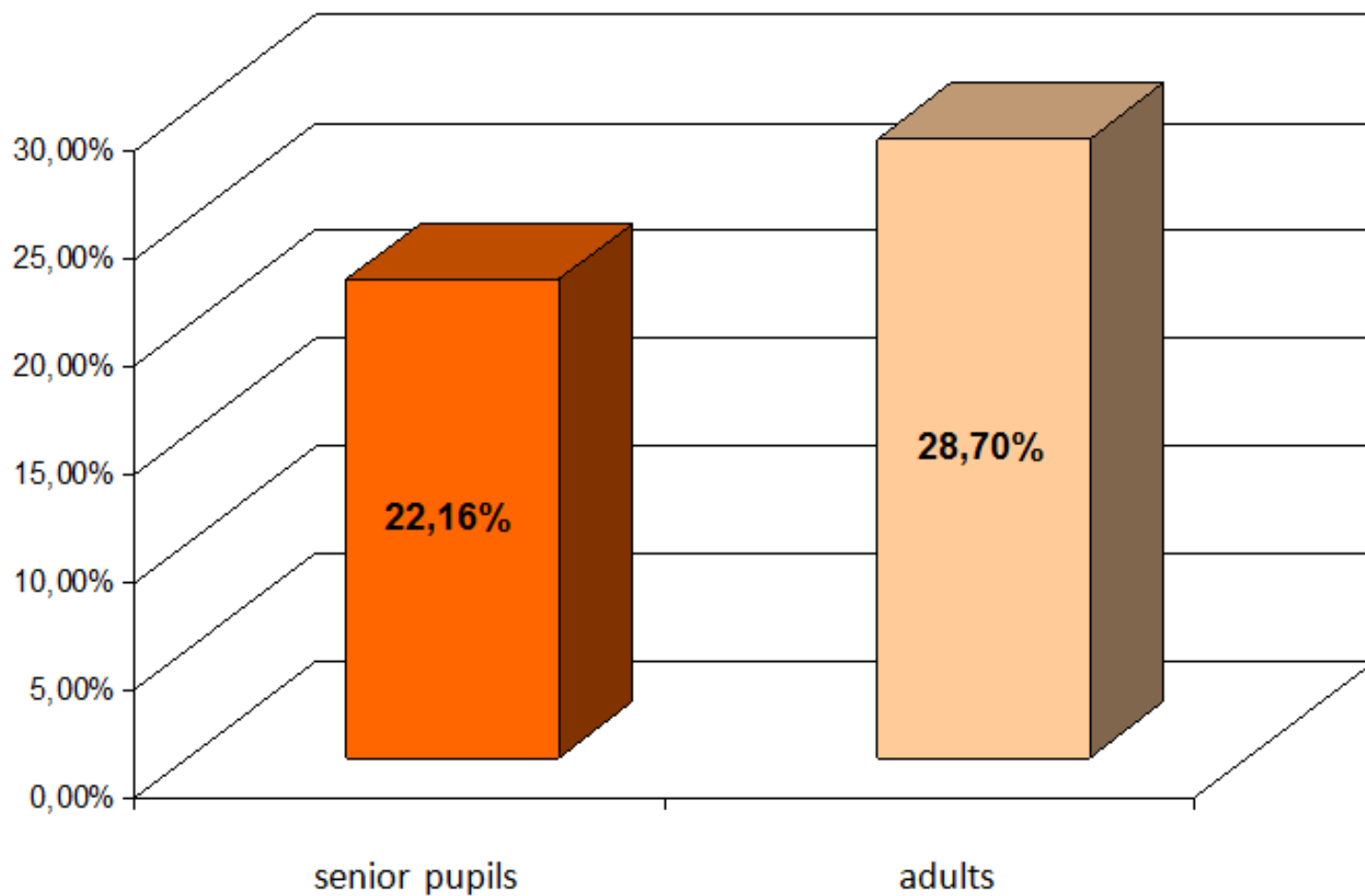
Give us your opinion about possibilities of people that differ in their nationality or race from the rest of country's population for their stay in our country (Bogardus scale):



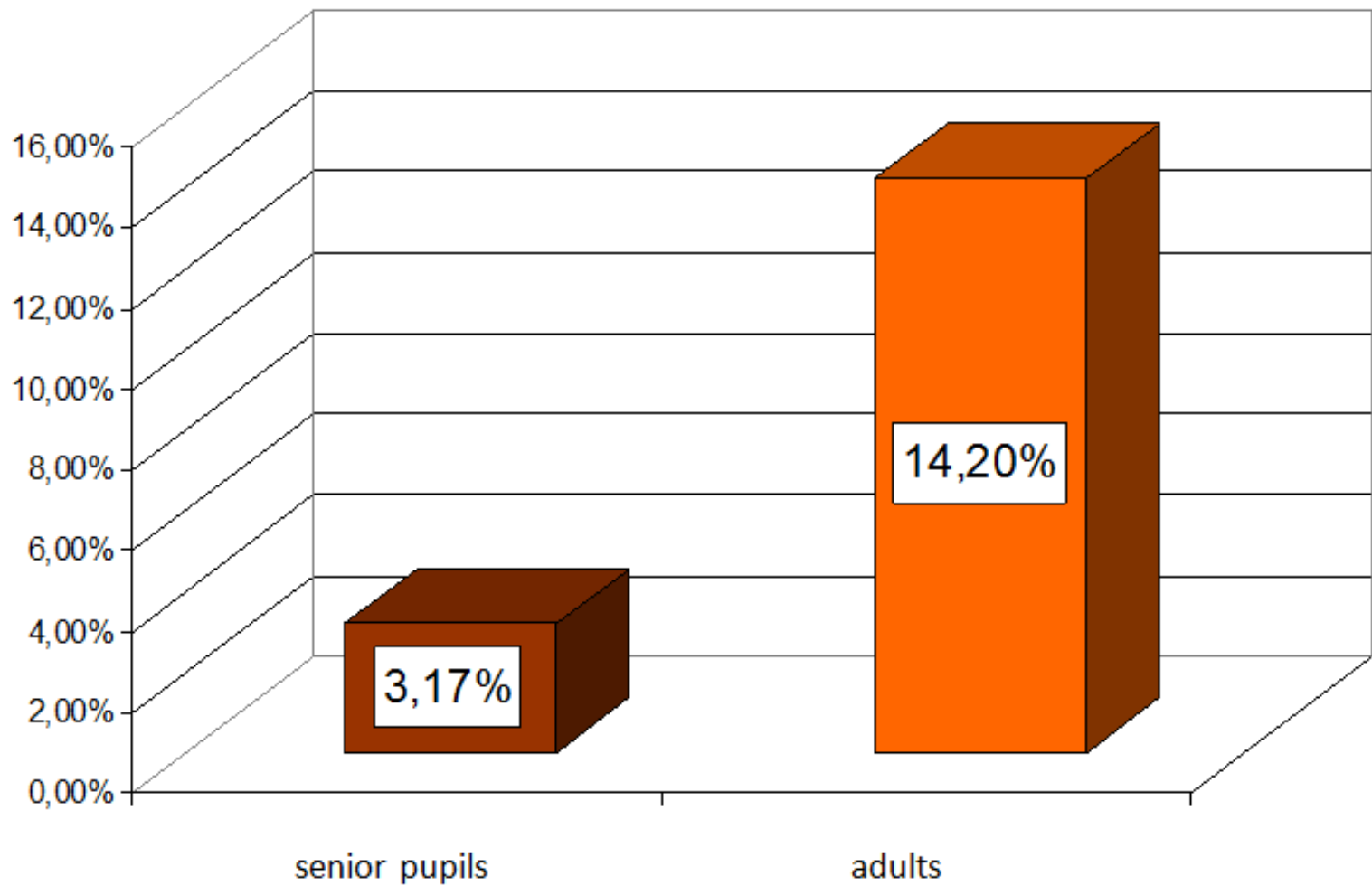
«some of such people should be allowed to move here»



«few of such people should be allowed to move here»



«no such people should be allowed to move here»



Bogardus Social Distance Scale (concerning Russkiye)

The scale asks people the extent to which they would be accepting of others.

- As close relatives by marriage - 25.92 %
- As my close personal friends – 16.63 %
- As neighbors on the same street - 8.32 %
- As co-workers in the same occupation – 20.12 %
- As citizens in my country - 16.68 %
- As only visitors in my country – 4.06 %
- Would exclude from my country – 8.12 %

UNIVERSITIES: LVIV, KYIV, KHARKIV, KHERSON
(15.12. 2014 – 20.03. 2015)

INTERESTED IN ETHNIC RELATIONS: highly - 11 %
(Kharkiv – 41 %, Kherson – 29 %, Kyiv – 20 %, Lviv – 10 %), to some degree – 59 %, not at all – 18 %, difficult to answer – 12 %

BOGARDUS SCALE: such people should be not allowed to enter Ukraine – **Romani, Russians-Ruskiye**

Ukrainian perspective (expert opinion poll):

Date of poll: Winter 2014

Number of experts: 20

Ethnic background: Ukrainian, Russian, Crimean-Tatarian, Polish

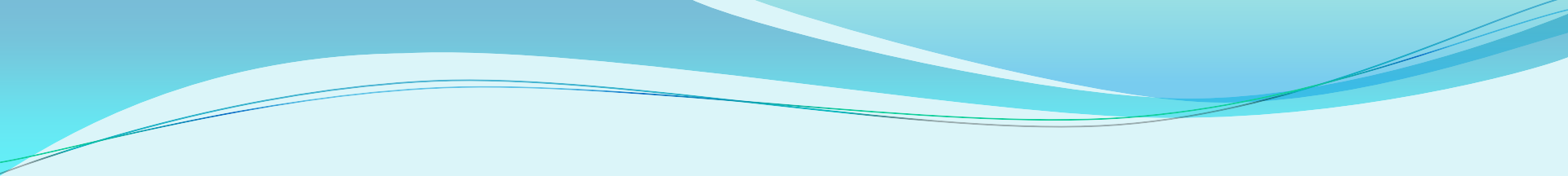
Questions:

- a) Does the ethnicity play any role in choosing of a partner for business (entrepreneurship)?
- b) Do you feel discrimination on ethnic base doing your business (entrepreneurship)?
- c) Does ethnic solidarity play any role in doing business (entrepreneurship)?

Answers:

- a) Yes – 6 of 20; No – 14 of 20.
- b) Yes – 2 of 20; No - 18 of 20.
- c) Yes - 12 of 20; No – 8 of 20.

Remarks: examples of successful doing ethnic business (entrepreneurship) are fixed by Crimean-Tatars, Koreans, Uzbeks, Poles, Ukrainians.



Thank you!