

Mapping the Ukrainian Identity



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Why “Mapping” ?

- I will try to speak about the nation-building process in Ukraine and Mykolayiv by playing with maps.
- Structure of the presentation
- Introduction. Approaches to defining “nation”
- Ukraine on Historical Maps
- Mapping the Ukrainian Crisis
- Mykolayiv Is Making Its Choice: Sociology on Nation Building (Regional Aspect)

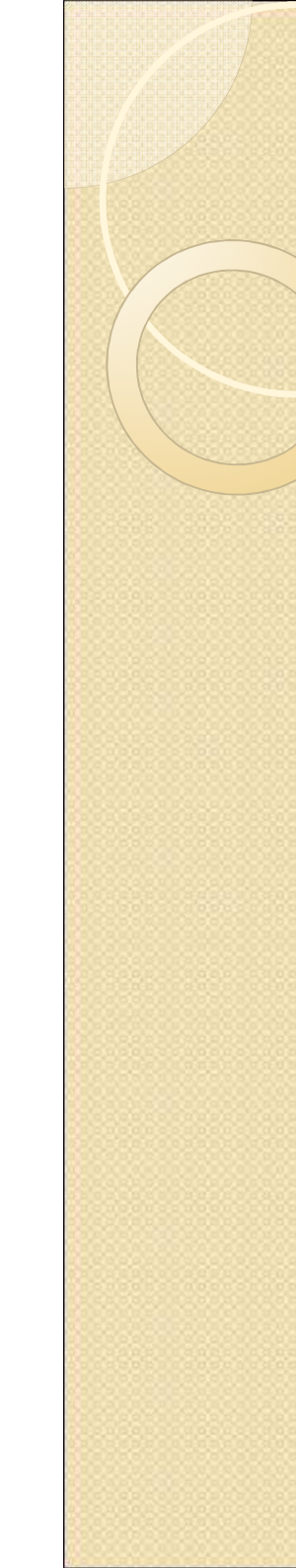
Problems, Which Were Not Solved by Ukrainian Governments in 1991 - 2013

- Russian population was not integrated into the Ukrainian nation; the project of the Ukrainian nation-building was not completed
- the Ukrainization of territories was uneven and was inefficient or even absent in Crimea and East
- Country remained unprotected against Russian cultural industries, which were widely presented in Ukraine and skillfully played on the pro-Soviet nostalgia; no powerful alternative cultural policies in favor of Ukraine were created;
- High level of corruption and low level of management in all spheres of life stimulated pro-Russian aspirations in Crimea and East
- After the Orange Revolution constant conflicts in the so-called democratic parties camp irritated the population and created conditions for preserving the totalitarian ideas in Ukraine
- Mr. Putin and the Russian Federation used the situation to ignite the conflicts, to invade Crimea and to send Russian troops and armaments to Ukraine in order to keep the country under control



Mykolayiv Is Making Its Choice: Sociology on Nation Building (Regional Aspect)

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 - On 27 August 1789, Potemkin ordered its founding near the wharf at the mouth of the Ingul river, on a high, cool and breezy spot where the Ingul river meets the Bug river
 - Peasants, soldiers, Turkish prisoners – about 2.500 people of different nationalities were working during 1789
 - The history of the city has always been closely connected to ship building. The town was founded initially as a shipyard called simply a *New Shipyard on the Ingul river*

National Structure

Mykolaiv has a population of about 500,000. According to the Ukrainian Population Census, Mykolayiv Region is a home to over 100 nationalities thousand people, 2011

- Ukrainians – 1034,4
- Russians – 177,5
- Moldovans – 13,2
- Belarusians – 8,4
- Bulgarians – 5,6
- Armenians – 4,3
- Jews – 3,3
- Koreans – 1,8
- Azerbaijanis – 1,5
- Romany – 1,4
- Poles – 1,3
- Tatars – 1,3
- Germans – 1,5
- Swedes – 0,7
- Other – 9,0



Attitude to Maidan in Mykolayiv 2013 – 2014

by Ukrainian Sociology Service

- Positively – 50,7%
- Negatively – 38,0%
- Indifferently – 9,2%
- Do not know about it – 2,0%

What were the protests about at Euromaidan?

- Struggle for the path of European integration – 29,3%
- Struggle against the clan Yanukovych – Azarov – 38,5%
- Struggle against violations of the rights of Ukrainians – 17,5
- Struggle against corruption – 19,0%
- Struggle of the middle class against the oligarchs who monopolized the power – 10,5%
- Struggle against the power of opposition politicians – 22,0%
- Struggle of external players in the country – 16%
- Struggle of radical and nationalist groups against the legitimate power – 9%

What does European integration of Ukraine mean to you?

- Stimulus for internal reforms in Ukraine – 42,6%
- Idea of economic and social goodness for Ukraine – 41,8%
- Idea of uniting the Ukrainian society – 22,7%
- Idea that splits the Ukrainian society – 33,5%
- Method of weakening the Ukrainian economy – 21,9%
- Spread of immoral values for non-traditional Slavic community – 9,8%



Thank You!