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### Ethno-Psychological Research on Social-Cultural Adaptation of Young Kazakh Repatriates to New Surroundings

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**Abstract:** Today, official and public institutions of the Republic of Kazakhstan provide quite a lot of activity due to repatriation of ethnical Kazakhs, and for this purpose authorities initiate efforts to resolve problems of their social-cultural and psychological adaptation. We made an attempt to reveal social-psychological features of young Kazakh repatriates' adaptation to social-economic, cultural and legal environment. Research is planned and conducted on theoretical framework contributed to by cultural-historical theory (Vygotsky), historical-ethnical theory (Mukanov), and activity approach (Leontyev). The research object is ethnical compatriots (repatriates aged from 18 up to 30 years). Differences in object-subject defining of adaptation allow studying this phenomenon in contexts of different sciences: ethnology, for ethno-sociology, social and cultural anthropology, psychology and sociology. In our country, the problem of socio-cultural and psychological adaptation of migrants (so called "oralmans") is practically not developed yet. The reasons and motives for migration, as well as the adaptation of repatriates mainly grow up from the perspective of history, sociology, demography and etc. The following recommendations are made in this paper: a) repatriates' age affects the process of their adaptation; b) repatriates' actualized personal potential determines the process of selection and implementation of their adaptation strategy to new social surroundings. (C) 2013 The Authors. Published by Elsevier Ltd.

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