

Identifying the Russian Cultural Constitution

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Abstract

Just as a country's constitution is its most fundamental law, each country also has a fundamental set of beliefs and values. This set of beliefs, values, and traditions can be called the country's "cultural constitution." We identify some basic features of the cultural constitution of Russia and contrast these with beliefs and values in Europe, the U.S., and Asia. Knowledge of a country's cultural constitution is particularly important during periods of rapid social change and when attempting to implement reforms.

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