

A ROMANIAN-HUNGARIAN MULTIETHNIC COMMUNITIE - REACTIONS TO NEWCOMERS. CASE STUDY - UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

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***Summary:** The article addresses the issue of a multicultural community's response to the Ukrainian refugee issue from the perspective of specific communicational-informational models. The degree of integration into society, economic, cultural, political, social, educational, etc., creates different patterns, whether we are talking about ethno-linguistic groups with a certain age within a society or relatively new groups addressing a specific community. The size of the group can also play a key role, as can cultural-religious differences from the adjacent population. Is there a possibility that a certain type of shared living experience may affect the relationship with a new group? To what extent does the communication pattern influence attitudes towards a new group within a multi-ethnic community. Does exposure to a particular type of media discourse impact on the type of relationship?*

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Introduction

The humanitarian crisis caused by the conflict in Ukraine is a reminder of the vulnerability of socio-political constructs that may consider peace, stability and respect for international rules as constants of modern life. Reality shows that hegemonic tendencies are as real today as in any period of human history, whether they are hidden under the formula of exports of certain types of political ideologies/regimes, models of economic development, cultural or religious models, or whether they are simply camouflaged under the motherland-population

Acceptance of various types of relationships - from co-worker to marriage - in the percentages determined by the present study demonstrates integrative capacity, at least at the stated level. We can only speculate that belonging to a former common ideological space, belonging to the same religion - Christianity - or other aspects related to the characteristics of the population in the region, could ease the tendencies of acceptance in the community, unlike previous waves of migrants, which although not targeted Romania or Hungary, have produced strong reactions of concern (this concerns migrants/refugees from conflict zones such as Syria, Afghanistan, but also illegal migration from the African continent).

The experience of living together, despite inter-group tensions, can provide a positive basis for establishing relations with Ukrainian refugees in this case. It remains to be discussed how attitudes change with the numerical growth of a group, or after a longer period of living together and getting to know each other.

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