MIGRATION AND SECURITY IN BULGARIA

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BULGARIANS' POV ON MIGRANTS

Mostly negative, due to:

 Prejudice
 Nationalism
 Xenophobia

| MIGRATION INCREASE | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---------|
| 2010 | -24,190 |
| 2011 | -4,795 |
| 2012 | -2,512 |
| 2013 | -1,108 |
| 2014 | -2,112 |
| 2015 | -4,247 |
| 2016 | -9,329 |
| 2017 | -5,989 |

Net migration in the period 2010–2017





WHY ARE PEOPLE EMIGRATING FROM BULGARIA

- Better opportunities abroad.
- Mistreatment.
- Corruption.

| AGE | 0-19 | | 20-59 | | 60+ | | TOTAL |
|------------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|------|--------|
| | number | % | number | % | number | % | |
| IMMIGRANTS | 5,256 | 20.5 | 16,162 | 63.1 | 4,179 | 16.3 | 25,597 |
| EMIGRANTS | 4,626 | 14.6 | 24,766 | 78.4 | 2,195 | 6.9 | 31,586 |



Emigration and immigration by age (2017



WHY ARE PEOPLE IMMIGRATING TO BULGARIA

- Easy-access from East to West, due to the location of the country.
- Cheaper and simpler lifestyle.

| Bulgaria | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------|------|-------------------------|--------|------|
| Citizens of | (1000) | (%) | Born in | (1000) | (%) |
| Russia | 20.9 | 26.4 | Russia | 27.7 | 19.0 |
| Syrian Arab Republic | 11.5 | 14.5 | Syrian Arab Republic | 12.3 | 8.5 |
| Turkey | 10.7 | 13.4 | Turkey | 10.2 | 7.0 |
| Ukraine | 5.3 | 6.6 | Ukraine | 8.8 | 6.2 |
| United Kingdom | 4.0 | 5.1 | United Kingdom | 8.7 | 6.0 |
| Other | 27.0 | 34.1 | Other | 77.7 | 53.4 |



INTEGRATION OF MIGRANTS

- Integration is harder, due to the negative perception of the immigrants and refugees.
- There are policies and programs aimed at supporting the integration of migrants they lack coordination.



БЪЛГАРСКИ СЪВЕТ ЗА БЕЖАНЦИ И МИГРАНТИ

BULGARIAN COUNCIL ON REPUGEES AND MIGRANTS

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COVID-19 FACTORS

- The pandemic lead to a lot of immigrants losing their jobs.
- Lots of Bulgarians living abroad had to come back.





THE WAR IN UKRAINE

- Locals, displeased with the sudden wave of Ukrainian refuges.
- Lots of organizations and hotels provided shelter and food.
- Usual difficulties with the language barrier and making a living.





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CONCLUSION AND QUESTIONS





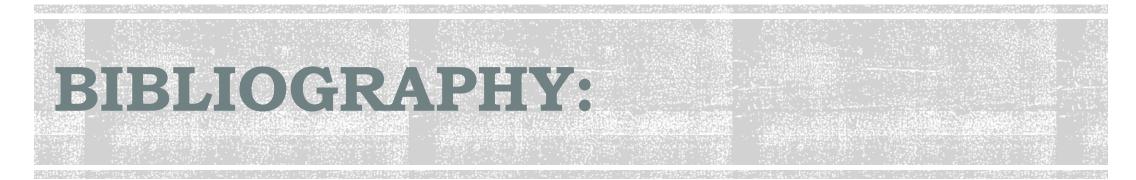






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