

***COMPARISON OF DIFFERENT APPROACHES TO
DIAGNOSIS OF NATIONAL AND ETHNIC IDENTITY***



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There are two approaches to the description and identification of a national (ethnic) identity in psychology.

According to one approach, confrontational one, ethnic

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identification occurs exclusively with the ethnonym, and is assessed by the level of tolerance to representatives of one's own or another ethnic group (Soldatova, 1998).

In another approach, ethnofunctional one (Sukharev, 2008), ethnic identity is seen as a component of ethnoid — system of human relations to various external and internal ethnic features. This concept seems to us more instrumental, because on the basis of the evaluation of the unique ethnoid of each person, it is possible to evaluate the general adaptation to the natural and cultural environment of residence (ethno-environment), emigration intentions, the level of development of regional patriotism and much more.

An empirical study has shown that the results of the diagnosis of ethnic identity, conducted within the framework of the two presented approaches, partially coincide with each other, and partly contradict each other.

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