

SOCIAL SCIENCE

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Symbolic backgrounds of the British identity

It is analyzed the problem of national identity formation in the context of polyethnic, polyconfessional British society. Value and symbolic approach to the analysis of the national identity problem allows to reveal definite common images and symbols of the British culture to express the ideas and values that consolidate representatives of different social (ethnic) groups, help to realize their identity and involvement in common national-state community.

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