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ADAPTATION FACTORS OF YOUNG IMMIGRANTS IN THE LIGHT OF DETERMINANTS OF THEIR MIGRATION SOLUTIONS

The article examines the main trends in the determinants of migration problems of youth and at the same time the perception of migrants in host communities on the example of Lviv region of Ukraine. The prerequisites of analysis include perception of immigrants from the side of «hosting community». The research analyses polling results are taken for the period of fall 2014 to spring 2015. According to the survey, in which respondents were interviewed in the regional center of Western Ukraine among young people aged 14-21 years, they were facing fundamental life choices connected with migration.

In 2016, communities in some regions of Ukraine experienced a decline caused by catastrophic “leaching of the human capital” of young people to larger cities. In particular, the increasing proportion of communities those were in the 2nd (of 4 possible) stage of development, now dropped to the lowest human capital development levels in the West of Ukraine. It is

assumed that this happened due to the motivators of most adult leaders of initiative groups that have started competing for resources with their youth and decided to «push it out» somewhere else and leave, though limited, but still «their» home resources to themselves. It was proved that the motivation for migration depends on whether a young person belongs to the indigenous inhabitants of the city or of the village. The research found that the economic factors are the key for residents when they making the decision to migrate and they will mainly migrate also to urban areas, while the young villagers are guided primarily by non-economic factors (environmental, social) in deciding as to their future place of residence. The main features of perception of forced migrants are studied at the beginning of their sudden influx into the Western region of Ukraine. Ways are determined to prevent the destruction of social systems of initiative groups involving young activists.