



## Russian-Serbian wedding in the dialogue of two cultures

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# **HYPOTHESIS**

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All weddings have their traditions and customs

## RESEARCH'S METHODS

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- to learn customs and traditions of weddings in Serbia and Russia
- to show their role in modern life
- to compare the wedding in two countries;
- to give similarities and differences in organizing of two wedding;
- to follow survey among the pupils.

# Wedding decorations

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- Buklya is a beautifully decorated bottle filled with homemade wine or brandy . This bottle is a way to invite guests to a wedding instead of standard paper cards. The young man, usually the brother of the groom, carries the buccles to the homes of future guests.
- Wedding decorations are an indispensable entertainment for young and elderly family members. The houses of the bride and groom are decorated with balloons, flowers, ribbons.

# Traditional Serbian outfit

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- Now more and more future newlyweds are returning to traditional Serbian wedding dresses. What is included in the traditional Serbian outfit?

Opanzi - Serbian national shoes

Hand-embroidered shirts

Fabric - Men's belt

Yelek - Short Women's Vest

Shaykach - Serbian men's hat



# Redemption and wedding



- The Serbs have a similar tradition of redeeming the bride by the groom. He also goes through a series of tests, after which everyone, together with the guests, goes to a church or monastery for a wedding.

- By the way, in some villages the tradition of "Shooting for apples" still remains. The groom must shoot an apple hanging on a tree in the backyard of the bride's house. And only after the matchmaker (guests), future newlyweds go to church.

At the wedding, the bride and groom must wear gold or gold crowns in which they pronounce their oaths and fasten their marriage with rings and a kiss.

The godparents of the newlyweds are throwing coins before leaving the church and all the guests are greeted by the amused traditional Serbian songs performed by the tamburashs .



# Dances at the Serbian wedding

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- Serbs, like Russians, are very famous for their cheerful, noisy feasts. At the wedding, there must be national music, to which guests dance the traditional dance of colo. This symbolizes the unity of families, when all guests and newlyweds put their hands on each other's shoulders and dance in a circle.
- Colo is a national dance which symbolizes the unity of families



## **Traditions**

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- Moving wife over threshold.
- Bride's white dress
- Bride's crown

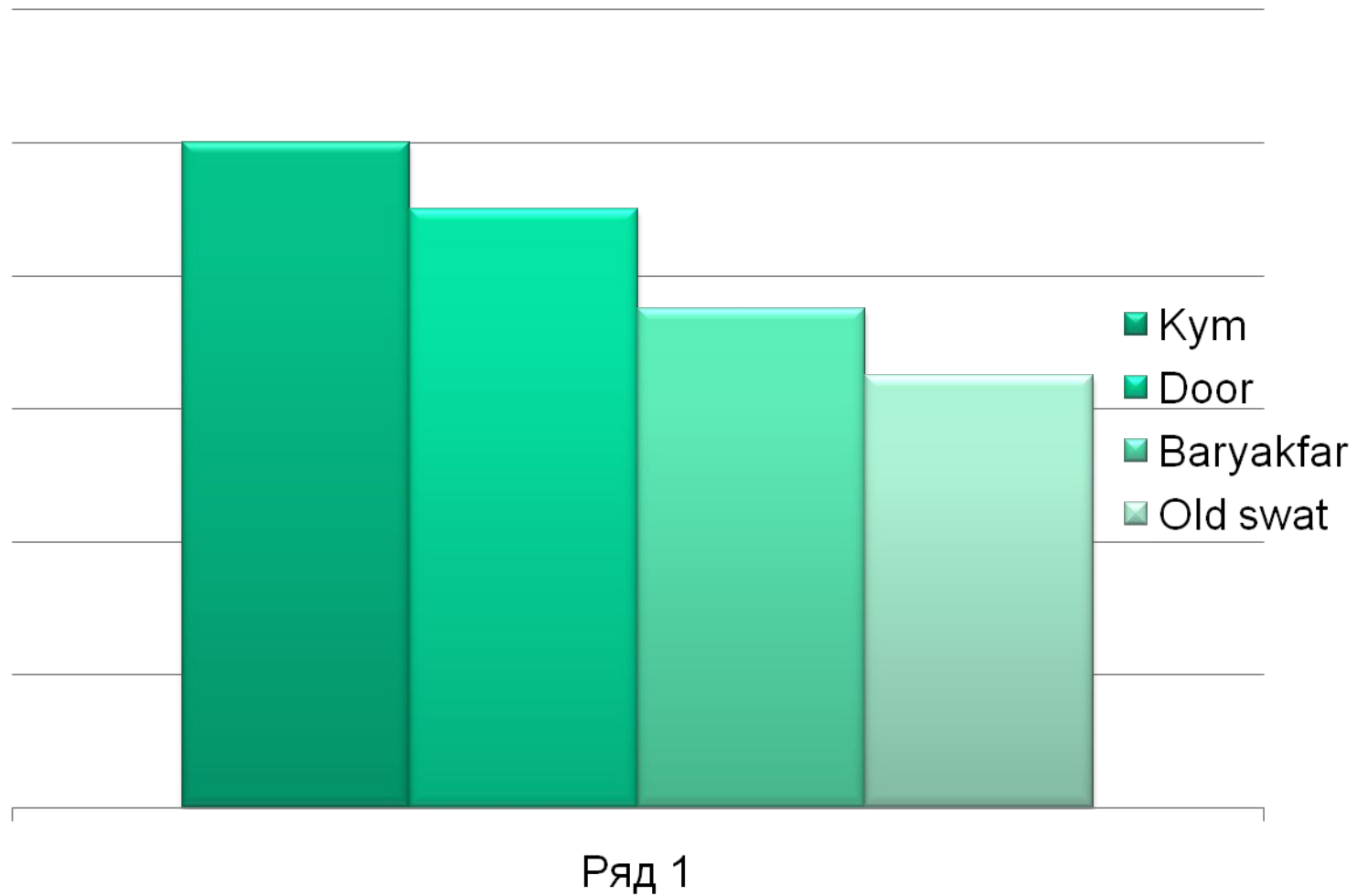


# The main persons at the wedding

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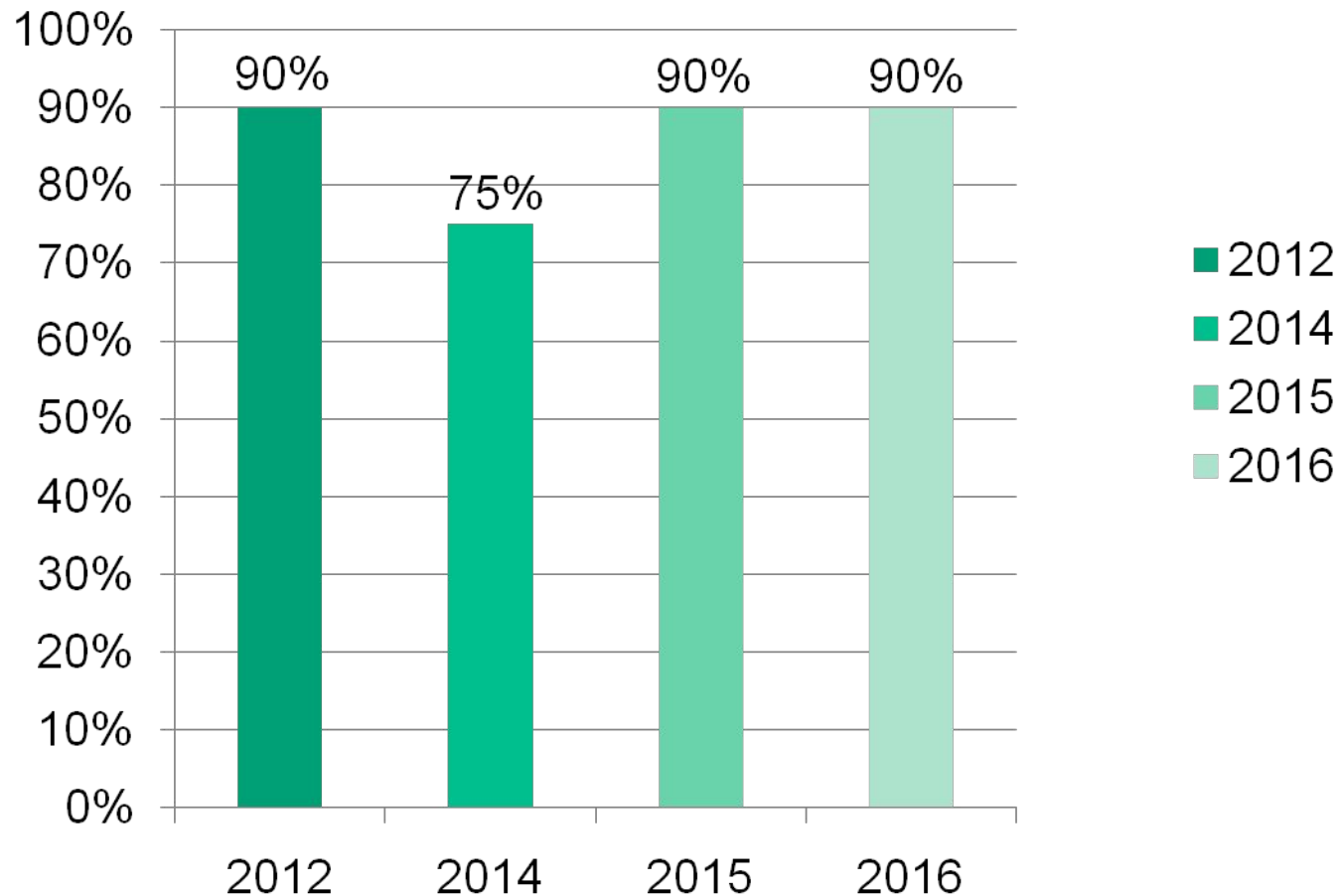
- 1. **KUM** . In Serbia they say: "God in heaven is godfather on earth" or "godfather is not a button." Without it, no wedding can take place. It used to be supposed to have one godfather, it usually became a respected young neighbor or friend. It was godfather who bought wedding rings and candles. At the wedding, the godfather was supposed to give an expensive gift. Now, in opshtina , two witnesses are required for marriage, therefore, now there are two Kumoviev. The main godfather is chosen by the groom, the second by the bride. It is not forbidden to be a godfather for several people at once , but changing a godfather is considered a great shame so far.
- 2. **DOOR**. His task is to protect the bride before the wedding and during the wedding. Usually a brother-in-law is the groom's cousin. For the bride, he answers not with his head, but with a wallet. If during the wedding, for example, friends manage to "steal" the bride, the brother-in-law is obliged to pay them as much money as fits in the shoe of the stolen person.
- 3. **BARYAKTAR**. In fact - the standard bearer. This is a friend or relative of the groom whose job it is to wear a baryak (flag), usually decorated with flowers and a veil. Baryak was a symbol that the young is now in good hands. Baryaktar always heads the wedding column.
- 4. **OLD SVAT**. The oldest unmarried relative of the groom, meeting and escorting guests. True, his task was not only to maintain the wedding order, i.e. following traditions, but also arranging all sorts of petty pranks - hide the newlyweds' chairs while they are dancing, and then make them redeem these chairs by repeating their dance, but already standing on a tray or plate. Now usually the role of the old matchmaker is played by the second godfather

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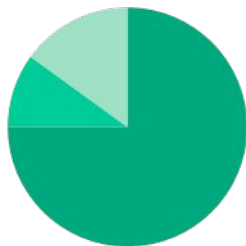


## The popularity of wedding in the world

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## Does the wedding play a great role in the lives of the newlyweds



■ Yes ■ No ■ I don't now

## **Similarities of the weddings**

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- The happiest event in the life of newlyweds
- The bride has a white dress
- The groom has a strictly suit
- The newlyweds exchange rings
- They got a lot of presents, especially money
- Sprinkling with coins and sweet
- A wedding bouquet
- A lot of singing and dancing

## DIFFERENCES AMONG PUTIN AND ELIZABETH II

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<i><b>Russia</b></i>	<i><b>Serbia</b></i>
Russian cry “Bitter”	Serbs do not cry “Bitter”
Russians give a lot of flowers to newlyweds	Serbs don’t give flowers to newlyweds
Russians don’t dance their national dances	Serbs dance ‘Kolo”
Russians do not kiss all quest	Serbs do kiss all quest



## **Wedding food**

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- Chorba is a Serbian wedding soup, which is made from meat, vegetables and butter
- Lapsha is a Russian dish, which is eaten on the second wedding day

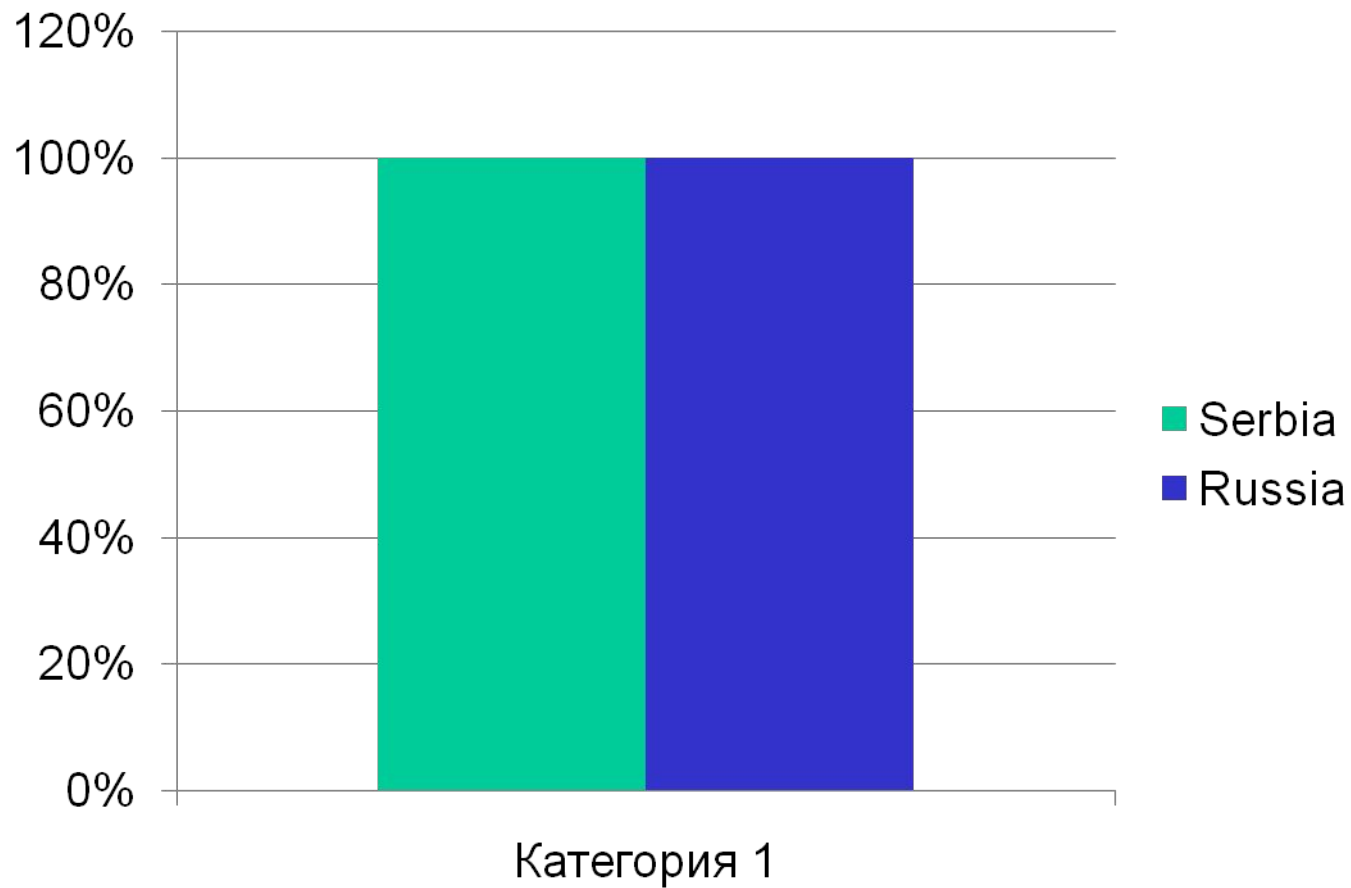
## **Russian traditions**

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- White bride's dress
- Drinking champagne
- Meeting newlyweds with "karavai"
- "Bitter" toasts

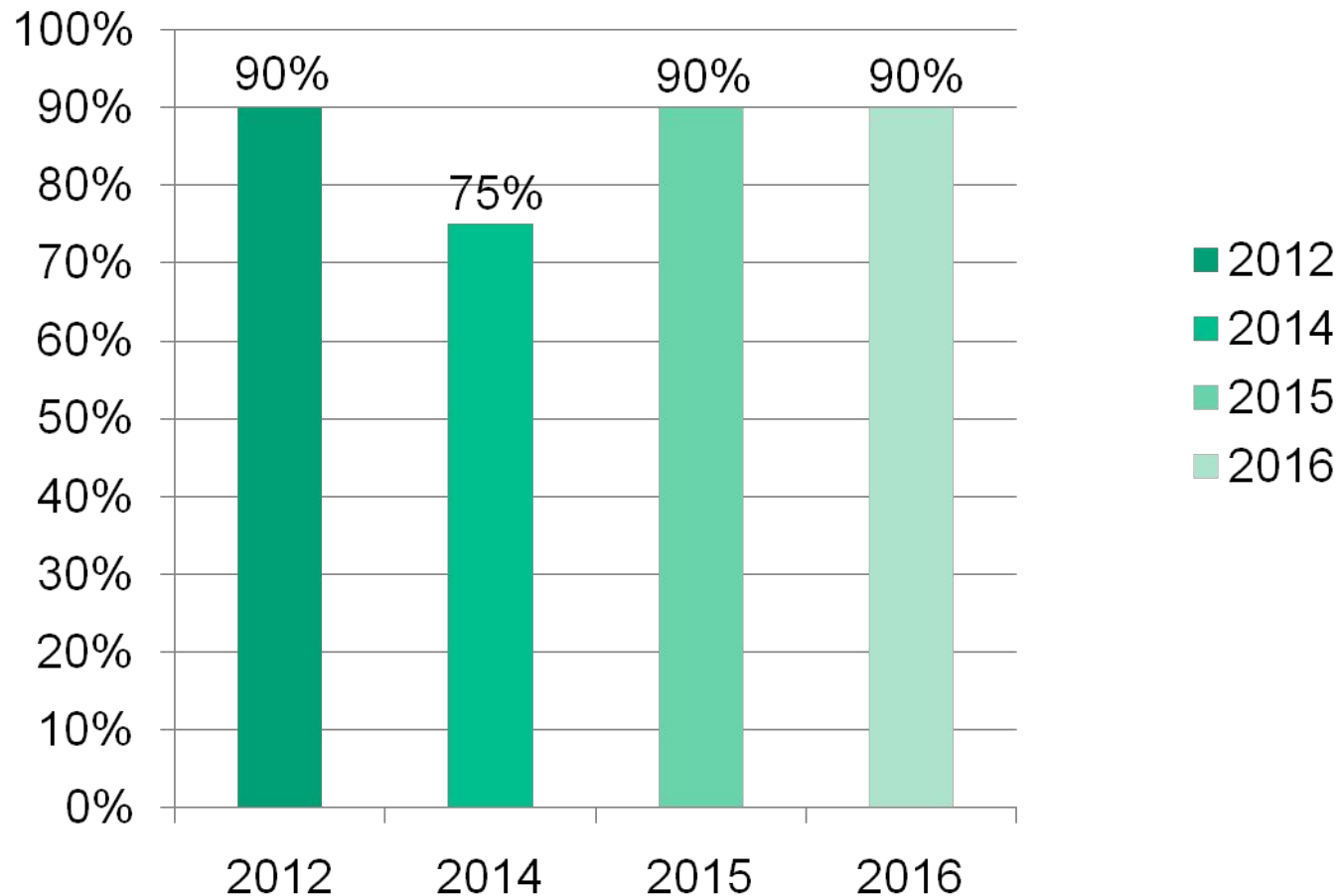
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## Wedding's popularity in European style in Russia

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## **Conclusion**

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All weddings have their own traditions and customs



## **My achievements**

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- Taking part in the English week “Royal Family”
- Taking part in social project
- Taking part in modern life
- English lessons
- Preparing to municipal competition
- To get experience in my life
- To honour traditions



**Thank you for watching!**