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A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PEOPLE'S ATTITUDES TOWARDS IMMIGRANTS IN ESTONIA AND RUSSIA

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The paper aims to conduct a comparative analysis of possible determinants of peoples' attitudes towards immigrants depending on individual's socio-demographic and economic characteristics in Estonia and Russia. The empirical part of the paper relies on information provided in the European Social Survey (ESS) fifth round database. The results of the study show that on average the attitudes towards immigrants are lower in both Estonia and Russia than in the European countries with advanced economies. Estonian peoples' attitudes towards immigrants are somewhat better in all aspects of country's life – economy, culture and country as living place, comparing to Russia. Ethnic minorities, people with higher income and religious people are more tolerant to immigrants in both countries. Socio-demographic characteristics (age, gender) and education are valid determinants of peoples' attitudes towards immigrants only in the case of Estonia.