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Preserving the ancestral tradition and origin awareness of young people

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Tradition represents the sum of knowledge, material and spiritual heritage, a set of values, achievements, crafts, rituals, culture and customs. It differs from one nation to another, and it would mean fostering and preserving national identity. It is transferred from generation to generation and conceptualized to satisfy numerous human needs. The main aim of the paper is to present and compare the views and attitudes of high school students about the tradition, in two different environments. Research idea is based on customs and culture through determination of students' awareness of their roots and heritage. Tradition is shaped by people with their way of life and work in a particular environment, so different types of settlements model different patterns. Comparison in this paper includes Novi Sad, which is regional center of Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, where urbanization and modern lifestyle is more pronounced than in the other environment, Sremska Mitrovica, which is the core of less urbanized areas where tradition is more preserved. The methodology is based on descriptive and statistical data analyses, using SPSS 20 software. The survey was conducted in two high schools, one in Novi Sad and the other in Sremska Mitrovica. First part of survey was realized in December 2018 and second in March 2019. This paper is important step in gathering information about local community and encouraging young people to think about their family history, heritage and origin. The main purpose is to wake up memory and preserve some of the old moral values that have almost given way before modern times. Results indicate just that the tradition has become compromised, and that young people are less committed to the preservation of the ancestral tradition. The number of respondents who oppose the preservation of customs and tradition is higher than expected, however, one of the important conclusions is the noticeable interest of the students for this topic and their desire for knowledge.