

Brazil-Russia Relations: Historical Overview and Contemporary State

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A brief hindsight



Brazil was the first Latin American country to establish diplomatic relations with Russia in 1828.

In the 20th century, our bilateral relations were suspended in 1917-1945 and 1947-61.

In 1991, Brazil almost immediately recognized Russia as successor to the former USSR.

Russians in Brazil

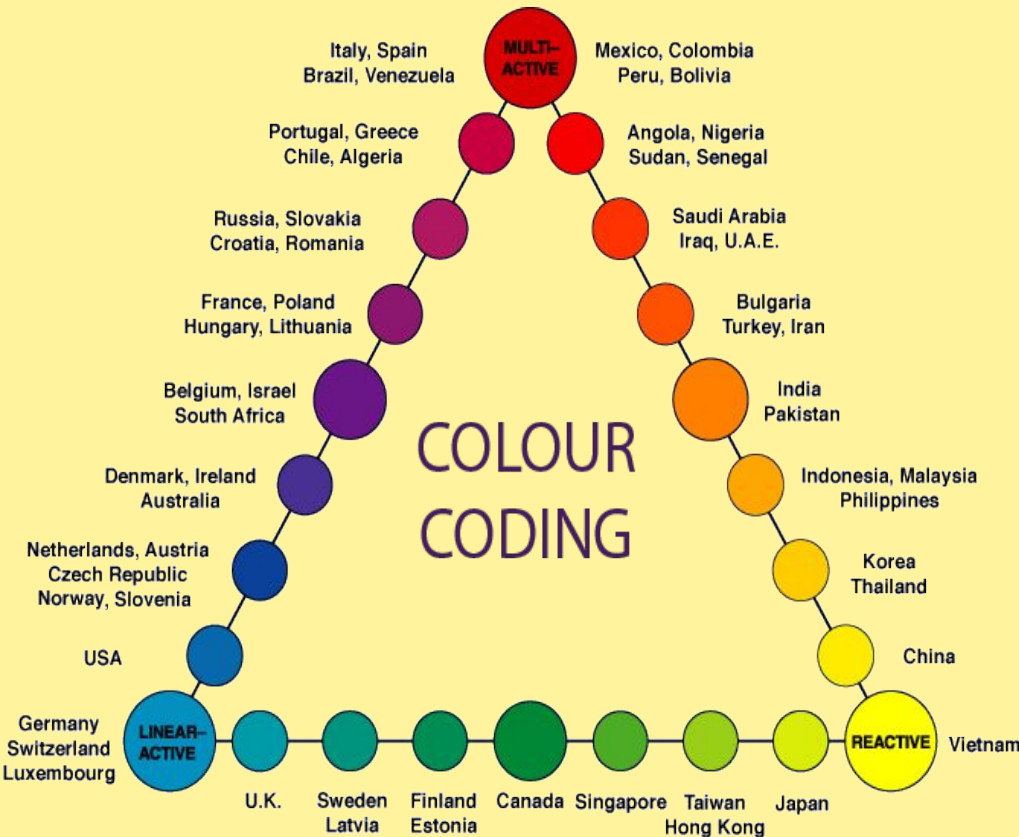


Russian orthodox "Old believers" in Brazil,
1967

Russian emigration to Brazil supposedly began in 1909. However, according to Fernando de Barros, there were almost 320.000 immigrants from Russia between 1871 and 1968.

Nowadays there are reportedly about 800 000 people of Russian descent in Brazil. They mostly live in São Paulo, Paraná, Rio de Janeiro.

Are Brazilians and Russians similar?



According to Richard Lewis, Brazil is a multiactive culture, which means Brazilians are friendly, emotional and dialogue-oriented. Russia stands close to Brazil in this graph. Both our nations are considered flexible, talkative and compassionate.

Bilateral relations in the 21st century

- ❑ 2001 - Brazilian-Russian Governmental Commission;
- ❑ 2003 - Military Technology and Transfer Pact;
- ❑ 2003 - Brazil recognized Russia's market economy



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- 2005 - Brazil-Russia Strategic Alliance, cooperation in space exploration
- 2008 – D.Medvedev's state visit to Brazil
- Currently there are over 50 intergovernmental agreements in different fields of cooperation

- Communication between Russia's and Brazil's parliaments and administrative units.
- Since 2010, there are no visa requirements between Brazil and Russia.
- Brazil is Russia's **largest trade partner** in Latin America. However, Russia is only **18th major trade partner for Brazil** (2014).



Russia and Brazil within BRICS framework



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- GDP PPP per capita (2014): 25600\$ for Russia, 16000 \$ for Brazil
- Foreign reserves: app. 600 bln US \$ for both countries
- Highest HDI of BRICS: .755 for Brazil and .798 for Russia

Data: World Bank

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- Similar economic trends
- GDP of both countries grew in 2010-2014 but contracted in 2015 (by 3,5 % in Brazil and by 2,7 % in Russia)
- Inflation
- Devaluation of the national currency

Data: World Bank

Thank you for your attention!

Спасибо за внимание!

Obrigada pela vossa atenção!