SUMMARY OF DOCTORAL THESIS

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Subject: Axiological Correlates of the National Identity of Young Polish Emigrants to Great

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The thesis presented here is empirical and based on a paradigm of quantitative tests. It contains

the analysis of source literature referring to the national identity, values, migration and

investigated covariates, but also methodological assumptions of own research, analysis and

interpretation of obtained empirical research results.

Axiological correlates of the national identity of young Polish emigrants to Great Britain have

been the subject of this dissertation. The main goal was to investigate whether there is

a relationship between the sense of young Polish emigrants' national identity and their value

systems as well as their self-esteem levels.

The following research tools have been used in this dissertation: the Authorial Questionnaire for

young Polish emigrants to Great Britain, The Rokeach Value Survey to analyze value systems

and Rosenberg Self-Esteem Scale - SES in the Polish adaptation by I. Dzwonkowska,

K. Lachowicz-Tabaczek and M. Laguna to measure self-esteem level.

The analysis of axiological correlates of the national identity of young Polish emigrants to Great

Britain was the attempt of a pedagogical view of the issues connected with the emigrants'

existence in a new socio-cultural community. The aim was to define the relationships between the

emigrants' value systems as well as their self-esteem levels and their sense of national identity

meant as pride and identification with own nation, a connection with home country, cultivating of

its traditions and religion but also solidarity with other compatriots. Conducted surveys have

proved the appropriateness of the hypothetical assumptions showing extremely complex

relationships between investigated covariates. The research problems have been solved and the

assumptions have been verified and consequently the main research goal has been achieved.

Keywords: national identity, value systems, self-esteem level, young Polish emigrants, Great

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