

Ethnic Identity of the Peoples of the Russian North
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This paper investigates the broad notion of ethnicity in the Siberian context from the perspective of a member of one of the so-called small-numbered indigenous groups. I argue that the traditional or historical ethnic make-up has been reconfigured into a dichotomy of urban versus rural groups. Concomitant to this has been a general loss of traditional lifestyle, knowledge, and language. Given the current situation, the preservation of the Northern peoples depends not only on government policies, but on the ethnic self-awareness of these groups, and their own efforts to preserve their unique cultures, spiritual worldviews, languages, and traditional trades.