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A Review of the Report: Demographic Situation and Demographic Behavior of the Population of the Vologda Oblast: 1st Regional Demographic Report

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The regional scientific report provides a comprehensive scientific analysis of the formation and development of the demographic situation in the Vologda Oblast in the first decade of the 21st century. The authors note that a distinctive feature of the region is depopulation, which is formed under the influence of migration and natural population decline. It is noteworthy that the paper analyzes in detail the demographic processes in the context of the Vologda Oblast municipalities. This gives an idea of the development trends of any territory. The author compares the development of demographic processes in the Vologda Oblast and the Russian Federation as a whole, which allows us to determine the place and role of the region in the development

of the country's population. Describing the ongoing demographic processes in the region, the authors illustrate them graphically, which enhances the perception of the demographic situation. It is quite logical that a detailed analysis of the demographic situation allowed the authors of the report to draw conclusions about the prospects for the Vologda Oblast population dynamics until 2035.

The authors approached the explanation of the demographic processes occurring in the Vologda Oblast on the basis of sociological studies of population's reproductive and migration behavior. And this is fair, since understanding of these aspects makes it possible to solve problems in the field of forming the demographic potential of the territory.

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A logical continuation of this aspect of the study in the presented report is the generalization of measures to form the demographic potential in the Vologda Oblast on the basis of the state socio-demographic policy. Noting a positive results of the measures taken, the authors rightly note the unresolved problems. It is quite logical that the paper transitions from the analysis of federal demographic policy measures to the analysis of regional socio-demographic policy, emphasizing its significant role in overcoming the country's depopulation. At the same time, the authors of the report rightly draw attention to the "strengths" and "weaknesses" of socio-demographic policy in the region and express their opinion on state policy: on fertility in particular on the basis of the assessment of population according to the results of the sociological study.

The study of the demographic situation and demographic behavior of the Vologda Oblast population allowed the authors to formulate

recommendations for improving federal and regional socio-demographic policy.

At the same time, I would like to note that the report does not pay enough attention to the analysis of the migration situation in the Vologda Oblast. Obviously, it is very important that a sociological analysis of the population's migration motivation in the Vologda Oblast is given. However, the conditions for conducting the attraction and consolidation of migrants are insufficiently discussed.

Despite this comment, the report "Demographic Situation and Demographic Behavior of the Population of the Vologda Oblast" is very useful for management and administrative structures of the studied territory, for scientists who deal with the problems of forming the population potential of the territories, and for anyone interested in demographic development and demographic policy of the state and specific regions of the Russian Federation.

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