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Kazakh Diaspora in Western Europe

The Kazakh Diaspora is not a large one – they are just small groups of ethnic Kazakhs in host countries in Western Europe and North America. The Kazakhs have dispersed to form worldwide Diaspora mainly from Kazakhstan, China, Turkey and Afghanistan. Since the 1960s, the Diaspora has been characterized by the voluntary migration of individuals. When this new trend emerged, some people were part of the Turkish labour migration to Western Europe. These Kazakhs had worked primarily as manual labourers before they climbed up to achieve higher social and educational status in host countries.

Which aspect is the most important to the people of the Kazakh Diaspora: assimilation, acculturation, preservation of ethnic identity, or repatriation? The diaspora has attempted to preserve and develop its ethnic identity while living as aliens in the West and longing for a return back to Kazakhstan.

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