

Majority of Russians Support Foreign Adoption Ban – Poll

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The number of Russians who approve of the “Dima Yakovlev” law, which bans the nationals of some countries from adopting Russian orphans, has grown from 54 percent in 2013, when the law was adopted, to 76 percent in 2015, a poll by the state-run pollster VTsIOM revealed Monday. Only 19 percent of respondents said they were against the law.

The number of Russians willing to adopt an orphan has also grown — from 14 percent in 2013 to 20 percent in 2015. Thirty-four percent of them are Muscovites between the ages of 25-34, and 29 percent are residents of St. Petersburg of the same age range. Twenty-seven percent of those willing to adopt have high incomes, another 27 percent have higher education, the poll revealed.

The number of people who said that they knew someone who had adopted a child also grew from 17 percent in January to 26 percent in October.

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margin of error not exceeding 3.5 percent.

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