

Fewer Russians Are Superstitious, Survey Shows

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Over the past 13 years, Russians' "superstitious" beliefs in things like omens, prophetic dreams and astrology have declined, a survey by the Levada Center showed Monday.

Fifty-two percent of respondents surveyed said they believed in prophetic dreams, compared to 57 percent in 2000, Interfax reported.

Fewer people also said they believed in omens: 43 percent compared to 51 percent in 2000.

Only 28 percent of respondents believed astrological predictions, compared to 33 percent in 2000.

It also showed that fewer Russians believe that aliens appear on Earth from time to time, with 26 percent compared to 31 percent in 2000. The breakdown showed that Moscow residents are more likely to expect aliens, with 41 percent.

Sociologists noted, however, that at least half of the Russian population believes in God, according to Interfax.

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