

Russian Women Should Avoid Sex With Foreign World Cup Fans, Lawmaker Says

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A senior lawmaker has [implored](#) Russian women to avoid entering into intimate relationships with foreign World Cup fans, especially those of a different race, at the risk of raising children as single mothers.

More than half a million fans from across the world are expected in 11 Russian cities that will host the football championship between June 14 and July 15.

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Bearing the children of non-Russians could lead to broken families, Tamara Pletnyova, the head of the State Duma's Family, Women and Children Committee, warned in an interview Wednesday.

"These children will later suffer and have suffered in the Soviet era," Pletnyova said, claiming

that a similar trend occurred after the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.

Russia's birth rate [hit](#) its lowest level in a decade last year despite government efforts to encourage Russians to reverse the demographic trend.

"We should be giving birth to our own children. I'm not a nationalist, but still," said Pletnyova.

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