

THE CULTURE OF ADOPTION IN ALBANIA (DEMOGRAPHIC VARIABLES)

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The Albanian culture has a different statement about girls and boys. “Boys are strong and keep family’s surname alive, the girls give love and take care for parents”. Do these perception place the decision regarding child’s adoption? Who prefer to adopt the Albanian, boys or girl? The purpose of this project is to explore attitudes towards among adults who had no close ties to this alternative method, adoption, of creating a family. One of the hypotheses of this survey is that: being a boy, less than 2 year, physically and mentally healthy makes a child more loved, ideal to be adopted from Albanian society. The survey was conducted from mid-February 2015 through the end of July 2015. The responders were selected from North Part of Albania, cities of Lezha, Lac, Shkoder, Malesi e Madhe, Kukes, Peshkopi, Burrel. The data were obtained using semi-structured questionnaire that was administered by an interviewer and subsequently analyzed using SPSS. The final data consist of 503 interviews: 338 females and 165 males, who were 18 -60 years of age. The community sentiment is generally ‘supportive’ for both, girls and boys. Results do not support the whole above hypothesis. 62% of responders says there is not importance about the gender in adoption, 25% prefer to adopt a girl and 11% prefer a boy. Does it is the same perception when we discuss the other characteristic like age, health and race? The results shows that age and healthy are very crucial on adoption decision. So, 64% of interviewers prefer to adopt a child less than 2 years, 50% a child without brother or sister, 61% would prefer to adopt a child with the same race of them,72% will adopt only a healthy children!

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