

## The image of Slavic neighbors in the history of Albania textbook

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### Abstract

The most important investment to be done in the Balkans' Region, for better relationship and interaction between neighbors, is in education system including school institutions, teachers' and text books preparation. In the schools and textbooks there should be established a sense of community and solidarity, the sense of good neighborhood which helps in establishing better relationships toward development. This does not mean to leave the past behind. The history written on the truth by way of tolerance helps in a better education of a new tolerant generation.

This study aims at getting a view on the way Slavic nation is treated on the Albanian text books after '90s, through comparative overview on their treatment before '90s. The study shall be focused on the following points:

How much importance and room is left on the textbooks on neighborhood issues? The interest of Albanians on their Slavic neighbors and the impact on the textbooks.

Is the history on textbooks based on realistic facts and on the most important periods of history between Slavic and Albanian nations; how are the darkest points of their relations reflected on the text books?

History of relationship between Albanian and Slavic nations. Does the history speak on war and conflict relationship only, or there are periods of time characterized of serenity, peaceful and good relationship between both nations.

What should be done in the future; how we should reflect this part of History on the textbooks and the way forward to improve the textbooks on this matter?

The study shall be mainly based on the main textbooks of History of Albania for high school level. The review shall be focused on language and wording used on the issue.

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