

# Comparison of British and Russian Holidays and Traditions.

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# Traditions

**Every country has  
it's own holidays  
and traditions.**





To know customs and traditions means to understand the people, their art and culture better.

# Christmas



**Christmas is  
celebrated in  
Great Britain  
on December,  
25**

# Christmas

There are a lot of traditions connected with Christmas, but perhaps the most important one is giving presents.



# Santa Claus

**The origin of Santa Claus is in Saint Nicholas.**

**He was born in Asia Minor in the Greco-Roman city of Myra.**



# Christmas tree and food.



- The Christmas tree (*Yolka*) is another tradition.

- Nearly all Christmas food is traditional





# New Year!

Russian tradition of celebrating New Year more enthusiastically than Christmas, can also be easily explained taking into consideration the country's history. Russian people were not allowed to celebrate religious holidays during the communist times, so they put all their enthusiasm into celebrating the public ones. That is why many Christmas traditions were transformed into New Year's traditions in Russia.

# Christmas and New Year

## The UK

Christmas is the most important holiday.

Christmas on December 25.

Presents on December 25

Santa Claus with Rudolph

Christmas tree

Queen's speech on Christmas Day

Carols

## Russia

New Year is the most important holiday.

Christmas on January 7.

Presents on January 1

Ded Moroz with Snegurochka

New Year's tree

President's speech on New Year's Day

Kolyadki

# Easter



**The world  
“Easter” owes  
its name and  
many of its  
customs and  
symbols to a  
pagan festival  
called Eostre.**

# Easter



# Easter.



**Christians fast during forty days before Easter.**

# Pancake Day or Maslenitsa



# Pancake Day

## Pancake Day

**British people eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday in February or March. In some parts of Britain there are pancake races on Shrove Tuesday.**

# Maslenitsa.

Maslenitsa is a much brighter, more interesting and popular holiday in Russia than Shrove Tuesday in the UK.



Maslenitsa is much more popular than Shrove Tuesday in the UK.



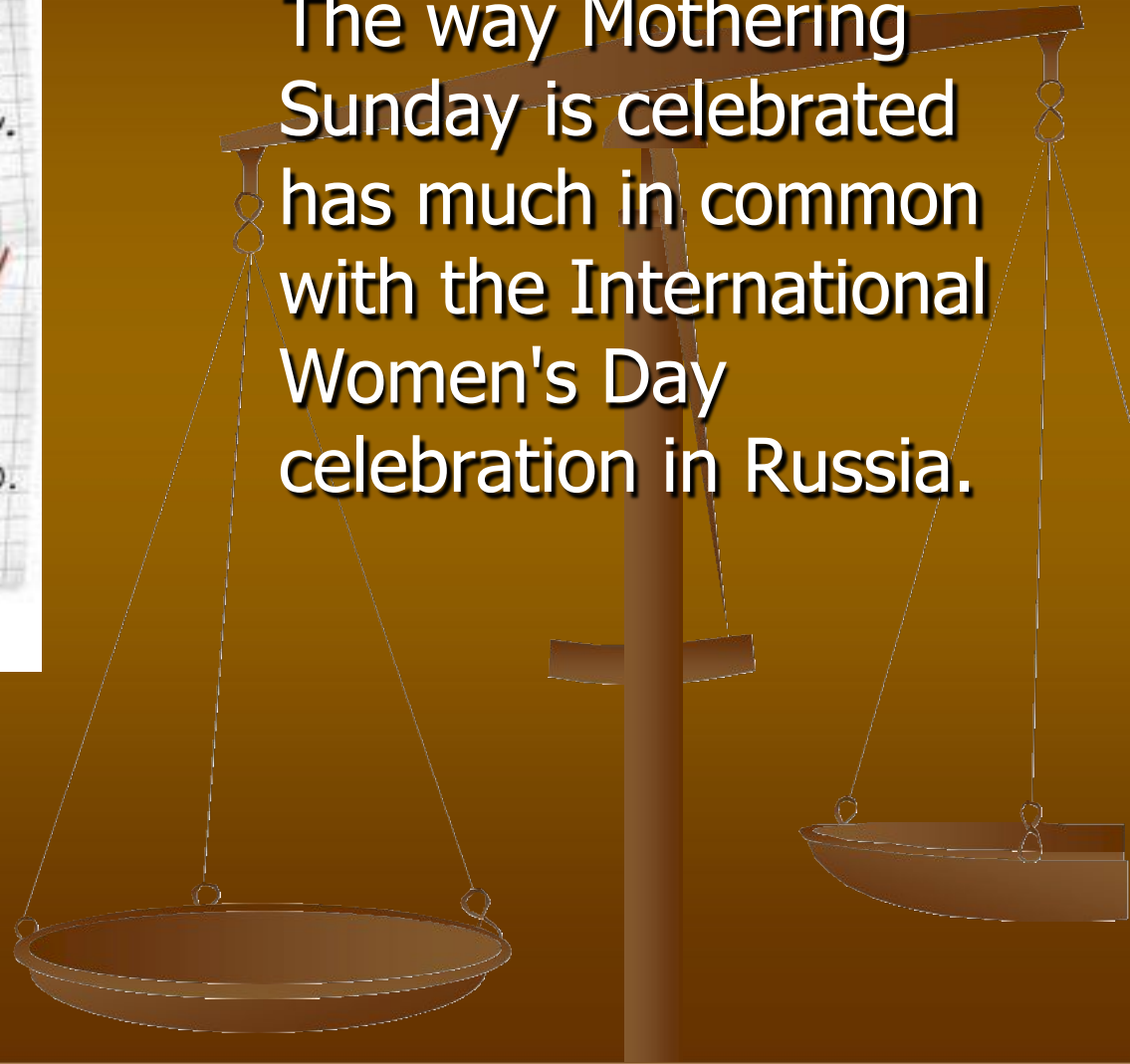
# May Day or May 1



# Mother's Day or March 8



The way Mothering Sunday is celebrated has much in common with the International Women's Day celebration in Russia.



# St. Valentine's Day



February 14 became the date for exchanging love messages. "Be my Valentine" is the most common message.

St. Valentine is the patron of lovers.

LOVE.

On St. Valentine's Day people give candies and bright-colour cards for lovers



# Halloween

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Halloween is an old word for "Hallows Evening", the night before "All Hallows" or "All Saints' Day".

# Guy Fawkes' Night

Guy Fawkes Day is celebrated on November, 5 in Britain.

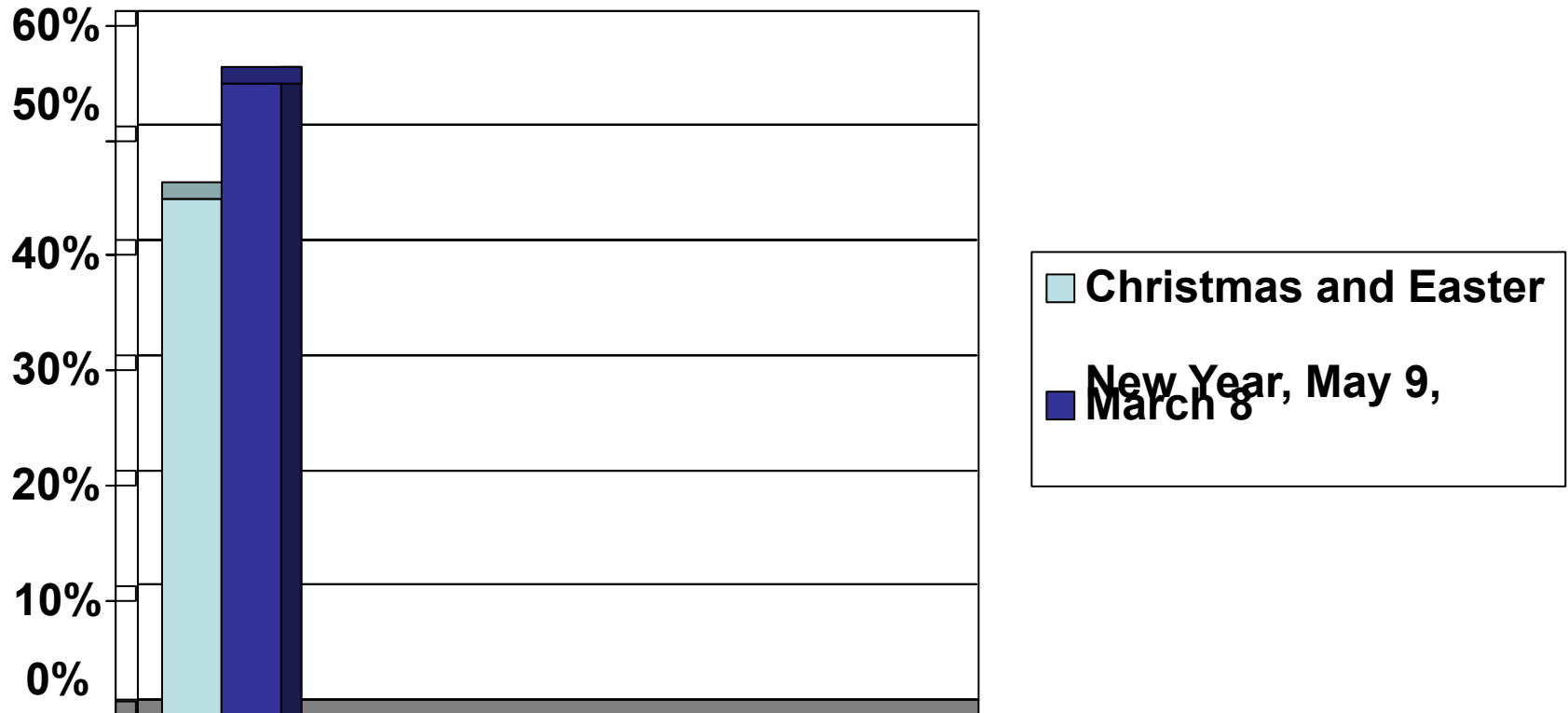
All over the country people build wood fires or "bonfires", in their gardens. On the top of each bonfire is a guy. That's a figure of Guy Fawkes.

# Ivan Kupalo or St. John the Baptist's Day

In the Orthodox countries, as well as all over Europe, people celebrate the Holiday of St. John the Baptist. In Russia this holiday is called Ivan Kupalo. Everything in the holiday relates to water. In the past boys and girls used to swim in rivers till late at night, they burned fires and, taking each-others hands, jumped over the fires. If after the jump they still held their hands together, it considered to be a good sign saying that the wedding is close.

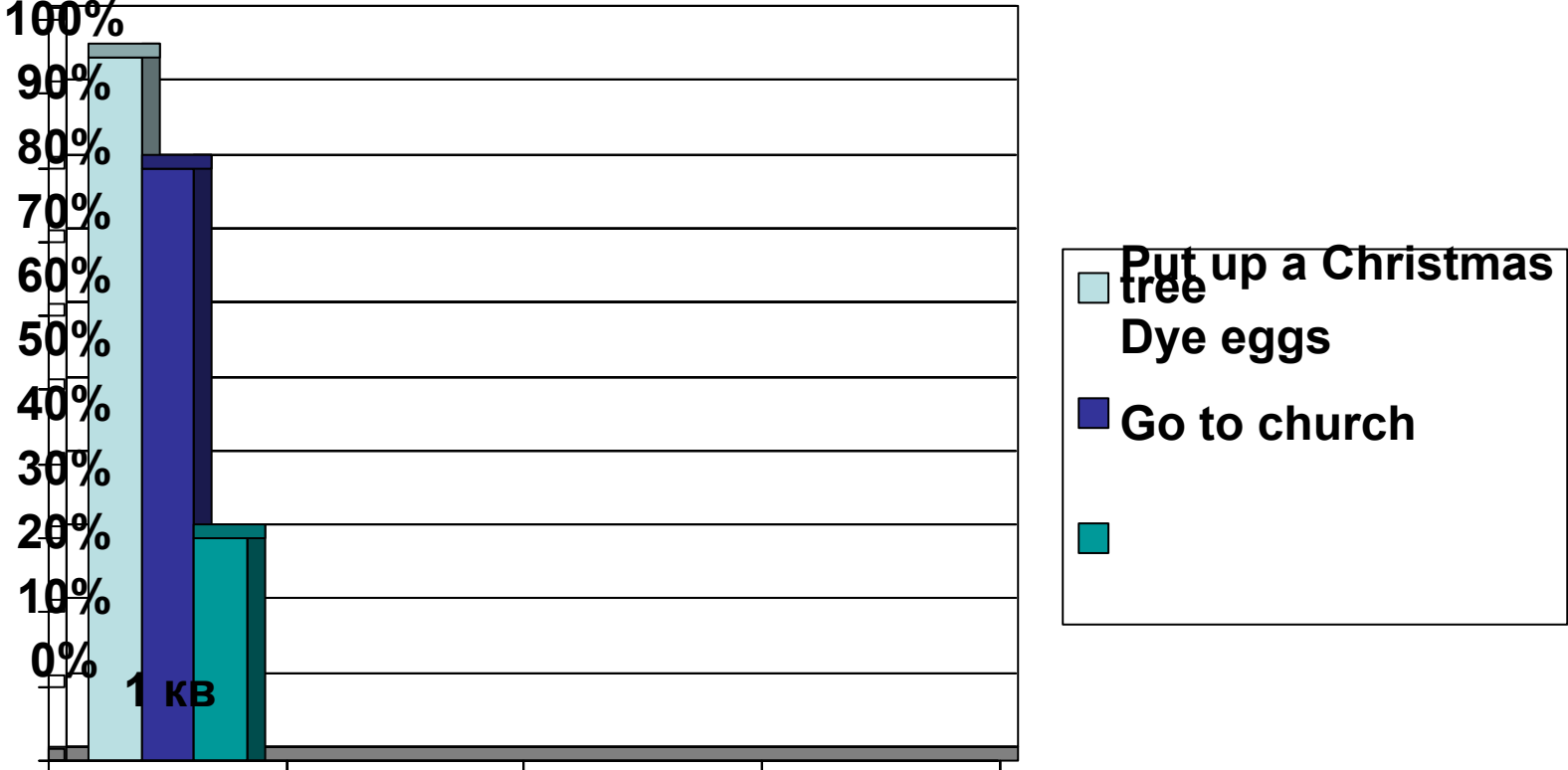


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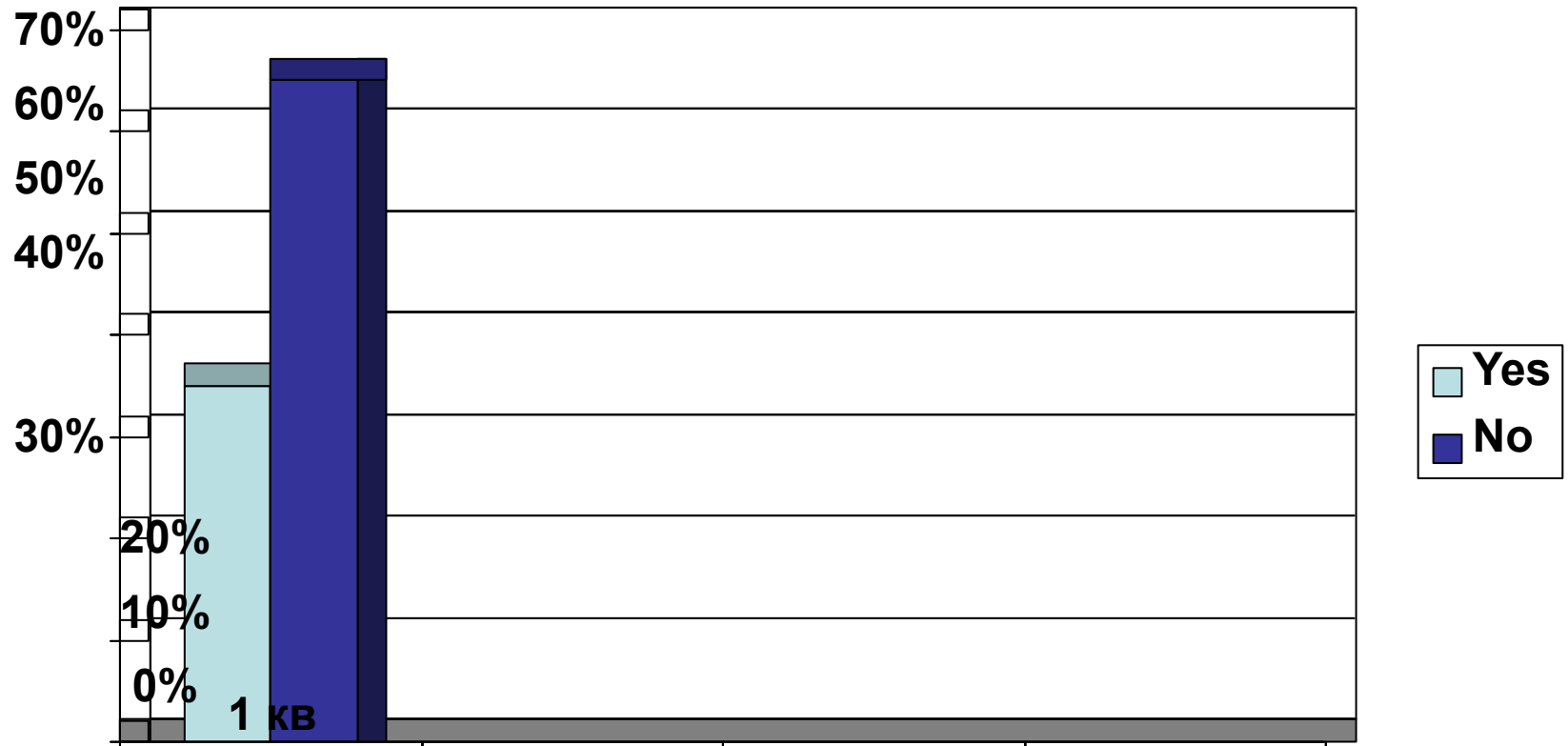




# What traditions do you follow while celebrating these holidays?



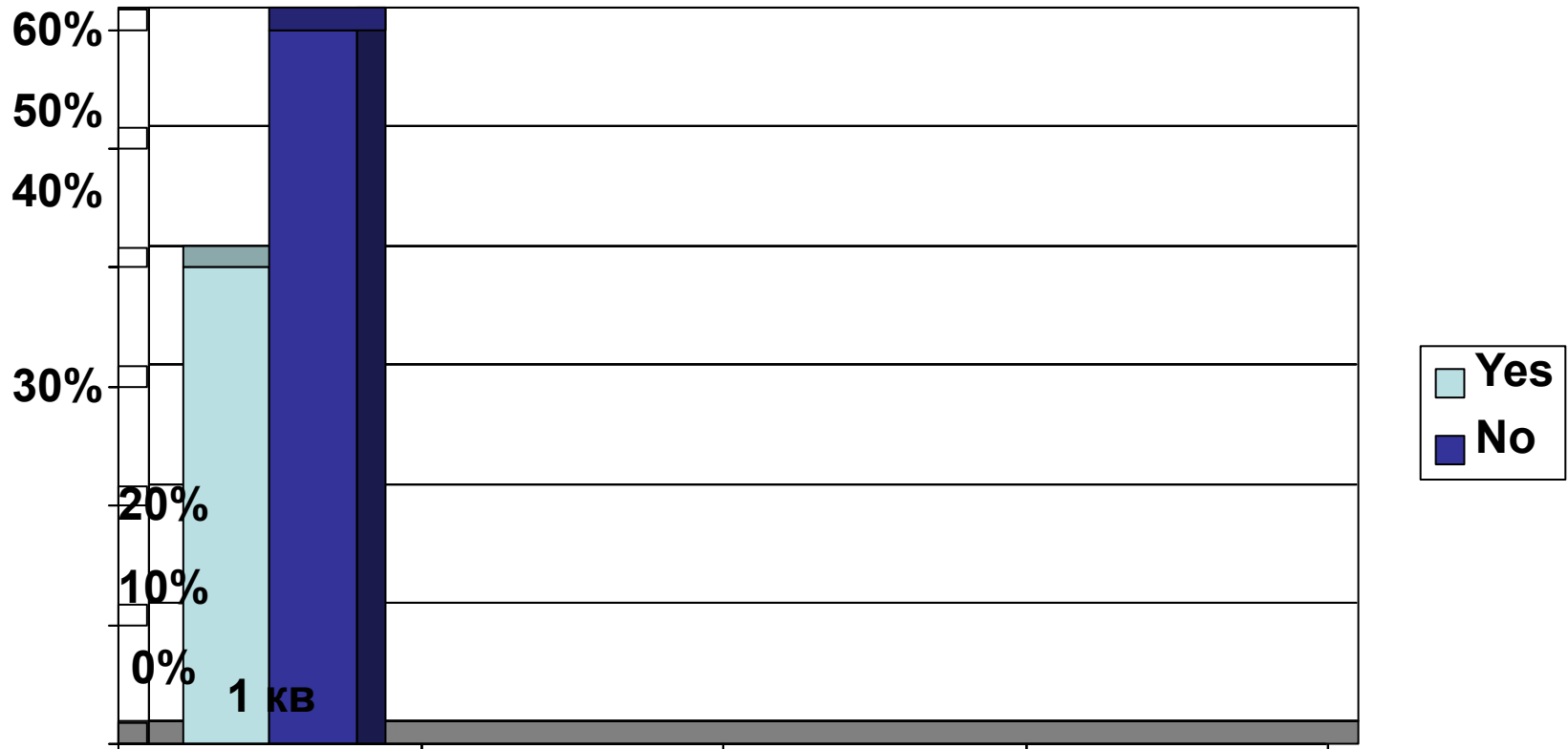
# Do you celebrate any British holidays at home?



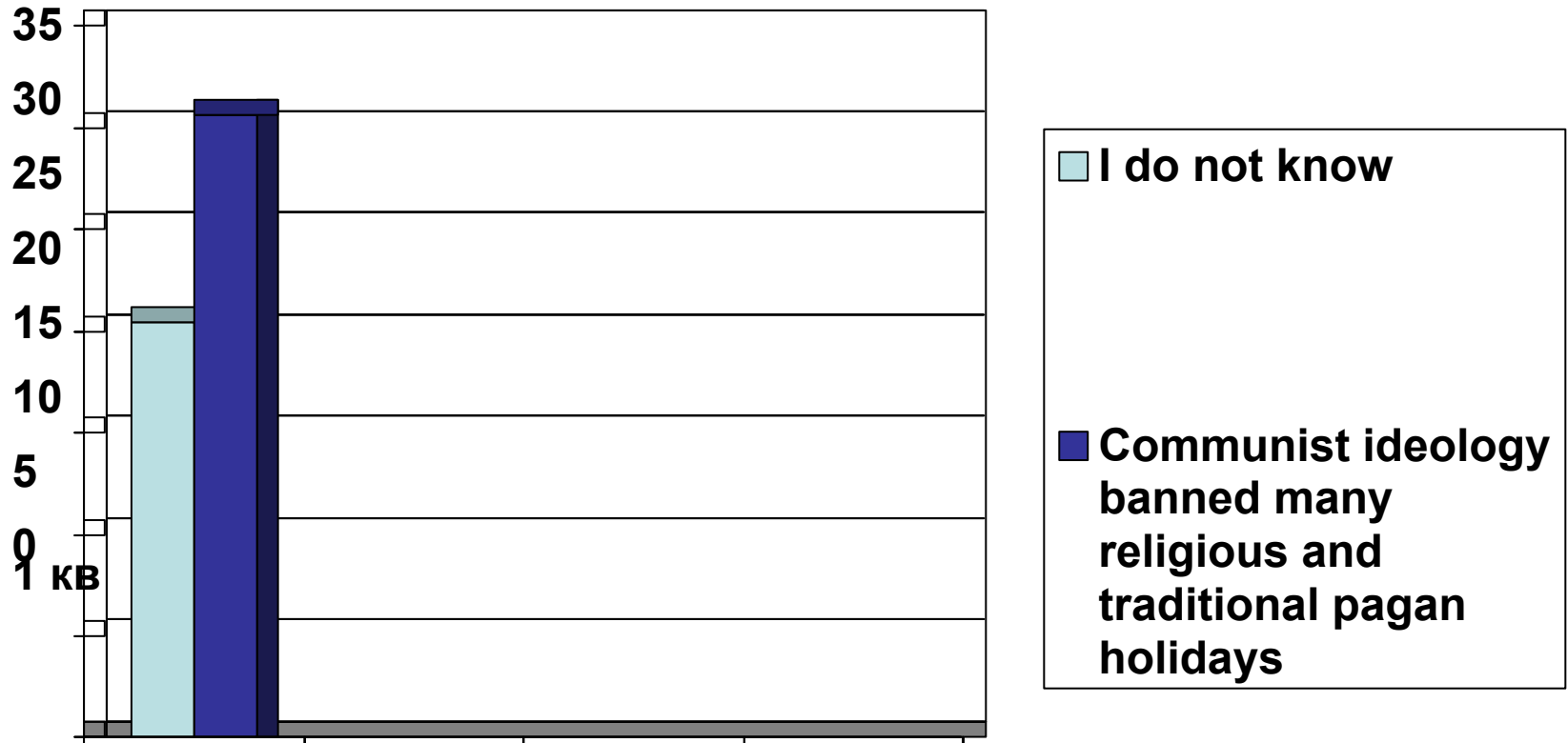
# What traditional Russian holidays do you know or celebrate?



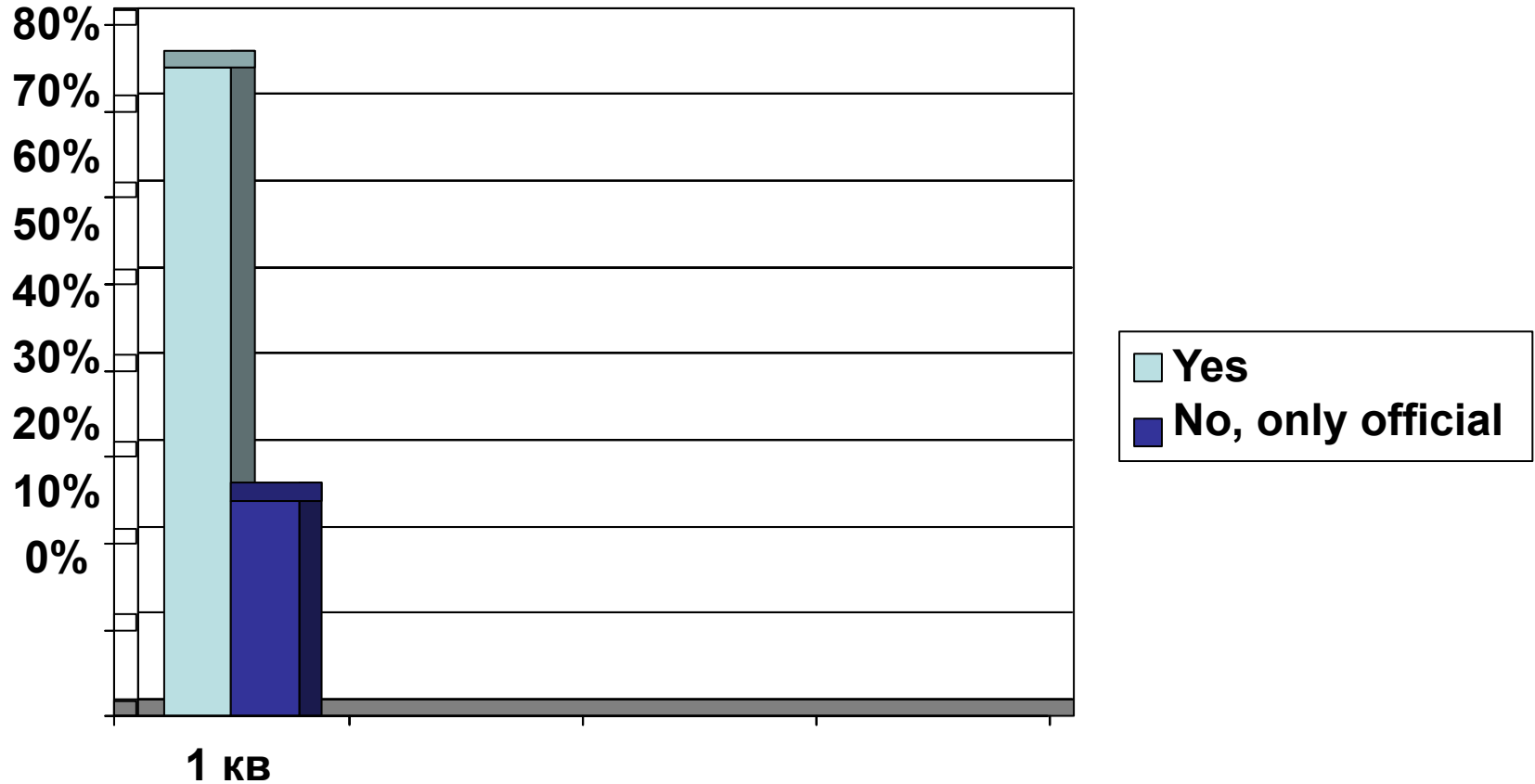
# Do you think it is good to celebrate holidays of other nations?



# Why do you think many old Russian holidays were forgotten?



# Do you celebrate both official and religious holidays?



# Thank you for your attention

