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Remembering Holidays in Serbia, from the Mid-20th Century until Today

Holiday memories maintain the continuity of a society with the past and help keep the past alive in the memory of the community. The holiday calendar of the Yugoslav and Serbian state in the second half of the 20th century changed with every regime change, which meant that the contents of holiday memories changed along.

The culture of memory in Serbia during socialism served the purpose of “socializing” the society, but also imprinting the achievements of the people’s liberation war into the consciousness of the people. In the holiday culture of memory in Serbia after 2000 political holidays are intertwined as symbols with the newly established tradition of remembering events from the first half of the 19th century, as well as religious holidays with roots in the mythical past.

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