

## ATTITUDES TOWARD BILINGUALISM: A CASE STUDY OF THE MOLDOVAN-RUSSIAN BILINGUALS

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### **Abstract**

*The present paper aims at presenting the attitudes the Moldovan-Russian bilinguals have both toward Romanian and toward the former dominant language, Russian as well as the attitude of the two groups of monolinguals toward the afore-mentioned bilingual people. To this aim I have interviewed a couple of Moldovan students studying at 'Transilvania' University of Brasov and accessed a number of internet forums. Hopefully the findings of the analysis will bring to light a positive bilingual attitude and behaviour on the part of my subjects.*

**Key words:** *bilingualism, language attitudes, linguistic prejudice.*

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