Let’s talk about national stereotypes. First of all national stereotype is a system of beliefs about typical characteristics of members of a given national group. So, I want to talk about our culture – Russian stereotypes.

1. **Ivan is the most popular Russian name**

First of all, it’s not a Russian name. Rather, it’s the eastern Slavic version of an ancient Jewish name. From 2010 to 2016, Ivan ranked sixth on the list of the most popular Russian male names. The top names were Alexander, Sergey and Dmitry. As for female names, the most popular is not Natasha, as you might expect. Rather, it’s Elena, followed by Olga. Natalya (Natasha) is third.

1. **All Russians wear ushanka hats. And a military waist belt with a buckle. And valenki. And lapti. And a traditional Russian shirt.**

You’d be surprised, but there is no “traditional Russian” clothing. The nation is comprised of many nationalities and cultures, and national costumes vary greatly. Ushanka is still good for winter, but it was more popular in Soviet times. When the clothing industry was state-owned, ushankas were produced according to the government’s plan. Today, most people prefer knitted winter hats - you wouldn’t want to wear an ushanka when it’s above 5 F (-15 Celsius); it would just be too warm.