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FORMATION OF A NATIONAL IDENTITY OF UKRAINIANS IN DIMENSION OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Abstract. The article analyzes the problems of Ukrainian national identity formation at the present stage of development of Ukrainian society, identifies the ways of optimization national security policy in the humanitarian field in the context of solving noted problem

Shaping national identity is a very important issue for the present day Ukraine. National Security Strategy of Ukraine "Ukraine in a changing world" indicates that the immediate tasks of national security policy is the preservation and development of spiritual and cultural values of Ukrainian society, strengthening their identity on the basis of ethnic and cultural diversity.

National identity is inherently multidimensional. It may include, but not abolish ethnic, cultural, professional, sexual and other forms of identity. At the same time national identity can coexist with supranational identity (European or cosmopolitan). According to M. Berdyaev, a person who feels himself a citizen of a world does not lose national feelings, because his engagement into the cosmic universal life takes place through the national life.

But at present this process in Ukraine is being constrained by the conflict of identities which is caused: a) by the problems on shaping domestic national identity dealt with transition from ethnic to social and political principle of its establishment; b) by presence of elements of the post-Soviet identity, c) by enough strong positions of regional sub-identities with different valuable dominants.

Therefore it is need to intensify efforts for shaping national identity as a basis of existence of national community (political nation). If community members have a high level of national consciousness, they tend (under the process of political settlement of social contradictions and problems) to limit their personal, group or corporate interests with aim to achieve general social harmony.

If the state does not realize effective steps to neutralize noted above threats a situation with negative trends of social processes can lead to loss the state sovereignty. Much of these negative trends may be stipulated by critical decline in functioning of political system caused by internal conflicts. Under such situation political system will be unable to solve most of its problems.

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DIRECT DEMOCRACY AT LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL AS MECHANISM OF POLITICAL NATION-BUILDING IN UKRAINE

Full text. The modern Ukrainian society is becoming more politically active and more involved into the political process today. An example is the case of Oksana Makar and case of Pavlicenco family, and Sc. «Tax Maydan», and so on. The above developments have united a rather large number of citizens of Ukraine regardless of region of residence, thereby laying the preconditions for the creation of Ukrainian political nation. That is why the relevance of this article is due to amplification process of self-organization of citizens as an effective way of creating modern Ukrainian political nation.