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### ***Cherepanov E.V. Cossacks of South Russia: reasons of split and factors contributing to consolidation***

The basic study of the Cossacks of South Russia, carried out in the summer of 2011, on aspects related to the structural and ideological split in the Cossacks. According to the dominant part of the Cossacks, a division of Cossacks in the registry and the "social" adversely affected the process of revival of the Cossacks. This split, according to the Cossacks, was not a consequence of the internal contradictions of the Cossacks, and was introduced from the outside. The factors that, according to the Cossacks, can serve as the basis for the reunification of the Cossacks into a single socio-ethnic community.

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