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The article deals with the concept of “intelligentsia” in the Russian social and philosophical and social-political thought in the beginning of the 20th century. We come to a conclusion that the origin and a stable existence of this concept in the domain of the humanities is the effect of the spreading of the ideological influence of the West. Based on the analysis of social and philosophical concepts of Russian philosophers, we come to the conclusion that the concept under consideration is a kind of a synthesis of western and national Russian traditions of scientific theorization. We believe that this concept is the result of the continuing Old Russian ideological tradition of the leading role of the leading part in the society studying that is social vanguard on the one hand. The concept “intelligentsia” has a similar meaning to the concepts “intellect” and “intellectual” as well. In this regard it is representation of social reality, formal criteria.

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