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Phenomenon of the contradictive attitude towards intelligentsia layer in society

The intelligentsia has remained an essential part of a society since it naturally arose. Nowadays most people doubt it. Meanwhile intelligentsia has made and keeps making a huge contribution to the development of the whole culture; it has an impact on all aspects of the society life: spiritual, economic, political and social. But the quality and features of this contribution depend immensely on both other social groups' attitude to intelligentsia and on its own attitude to itself as a social community. Anyhow, only supported groups and social strata can develop normally, not maltreated. This article aims to analyze the peculiarities of historically contradictory attitude towards the intelligentsia. Its task is to draw attention to the frequently expressed wrong opinion that the intelligentsia has become obsolete and now the society needs intellectuals rather than the intelligentsia.

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