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Socio-philosophical analysis of legitimation of authority in the conditions of democratization of the society

In the context of modern social transformations in Russia, legitimacy as a phenomenon of social practice makes a huge contribution to the development and effective functioning of political institutions. The approving opinion of citizens about all decisions of the authorities, as well as about its social guidelines and goals, is one of the most important conditions and indicators of the legitimacy of power, the presence of its authority among the population. The crisis of legitimating of democracy with the ongoing social transit of Russian society is becoming an increasingly topical issue along the path of democratizing the conditions and forms of communication between political institutions and subjects of political relations. The power institutions are maximally keen on protecting their rights to use the means and various resources of the government and in reducing the negative consequences of des-legitimacy risks. Moreover, the degree of legitimacy of power is determined by a sufficiently large number of socio-economic, political, legal, as well as other socio-cultural and system-institutional factors.

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