

## PHILOSOPHY

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### **Specificity of the normative legitimation of political power in Russia: complexity of an unambiguous socio-philosophical description**

Socio-philosophical analysis shows that Russian society requires much more personalized and charismatic power than Western states. In Russia, normative legitimation through religion is traditional, that is, sacralization of power. The reasons for this lie in the peculiarities of the historical development of Russian society. However, it cannot be said that there is no legal legitimation in Russia. Along with religion, it is the law that legitimizes a political person who may not be approved by society. Power and society in the modern world are interconnected by hundreds and thousands of invisible communication links. At the same time, as soon as the authorities begin to consider society as a subject of the political process, there is an opportunity for a dialogue between them. Thus, the description of the processes of normative legitimation of political power seems problematic due to their specificity. For Russia, it consisted in the fact that power is legitimate only when it is connected with society by personal relations. For a long time, formal political institutions of power in Russian society have been perceived as legitimate not by themselves and not when they have undeniable formal legitimacy, but when the personality of a legitimate leader stands behind them.

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