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Concepts «правда», «истина», «truth» in Russian and Anglo-American linguocultures

It is analyzed and compared the cognitive structure of the concepts «ПРАВДА», «ИСТИНА», «TRUTH» in Russian and Anglo-American linguocultures. The cognitive structure of the concepts under consideration has been determined by analyzing contextual usages, synonyms and dictionary definitions. It is argued that the concepts «ПРАВДА», «ИСТИНА», «TRUTH» have both cognitive similarities and differences. Namely, the concepts «TRUTH» and «ПРАВДА» are similar since they carry common cognitive features – «fact», «general recognition», «correspondence to reality», «accuracy», «credibility». Besides, the Russian concept «ИСТИНА» is claimed to be unique as it has no counterpart in the Anglo-American linguoculture. To conclude, the analysis has shown that these cognitive ideas being more developed in the Russian linguistic consciousness are of more significance for the Russian linguistic culture than for the Anglo-American one.

Key words: concept «ПРАВДА», concept «ИСТИНА», concept «TRUTH», linguoculture, cognitive structure.

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