

## PHILOSOPHY

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### **Socio-philosophical analysis of the formation of national historical consciousness as a means of legitimizing political power during the imperial period of domestic statehood development**

The article presents a philosophical reflection of the experience of the formation of national historical consciousness as a means of legitimizing political power in the imperial period of the development of national statehood (XIX – early XX centuries). It is concluded that during this period the first attempt was made to identify the axiological core of the nation on the basis of historical science data, to formulate, based on this, a value matrix of national interests, its translation into the mass historical consciousness and legitimization of power on this basis. However, the religious-traditionalist basis of ideology, when explicating the spiritual sovereignty of a nation, made it possible to identify only the phenomena of historical existence that were opportunistically necessary for the authorities. The reason for this was the unwillingness of the authorities to cultivate the "natural principles" of the people, based on their justification by historical science, as well as adapting them in accordance with the requirements of modernity and thus ensuring the realization of national interests as a source of political legitimacy.

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