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Theoretical concept of Nation-building by Lysiak – Rudnitskiy, made in the context of specific developments in Ukraine

The rapid growth of national consciousness among the Ukrainian people caused global social changes in 2014, which were held both within the country and on the outside, modern scientists were determined to benchmark national state and to focus attention on such concepts as "nation", "nationalism" , “nation-building”, that shaped the relevance of this study.

On the opinion of J. Lysiak-Rudnitskiy, the society needs to from both subjective and objective conditions to create a nation requires. In the first case those conditions are - desire and ability, in the second version - the number and the appropriate geopolitical situation.

According to his understanding, the nation is - consciousness, political and cultural community, which voluntarily differentiates itself from other similar communities, nations and has a strong will to build their lives sovereignly. The legal form of the nation is a separate national state. In defense of his views, Lysiak – Rudnitskiy advances a few positions, that we have identified as follows: 1) nation exists in time, so inevitably nation is historical; 2) historicity is valid only when the community reaches consciousness; 3) decisive factor in the historical existence of nations is to preserve the top layer of the intellectuals, as of a carrier of political consciousness and high culture; 4) non-historical nations have lost or never had the representative class and were reduced to silent masses, with low national consciousness and culture of predominantly national character; 5) the process of changing the composition of the national elite due to internal revolutions and complete annihilation as a result of the conquest of strangers never must be mixed; 6) non-historical nations are seeking to build a national community, based on traditional "bottom-up", "historical" nations , willing to expand national community from elite to ordinary people; 7) among the "historical" nations there is a dominating concept of civil rights and historical

boundaries, according to which "non-historical" nations must be humbled and assimilated.

Lysiak - Rudnytsky considered, that Ukrainian nation is unhistorical, but the kind of nation, that is tending to reconstruct the interrupted "continuity" of historical tradition. Concerning the nation-building, he used such terms, as "lag" and "fading", which were also recorded and studied in historiography, also the scientist marked several stages of it's development.

Thus, the analytic structure of nation – building, proposed by Lysyak - Rudnitsky is relevant today. This structure provides the opportunity to add and organize ideas and concepts, concerning the formation and development of modern Ukrainian national state, that for now is dwelling in uncertainty and perplexity against the backdrop of the current ideological and political events.