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NEED IN POLITICAL CHOICE AND VECTORS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF MODERN UKRAINE

For the formation of new states like Ukraine, it is important to clarify a methodological aspect: if there exist vectors of historical development? If they do not exist and there is an arbitrary will of the people who “create” history at their convenience, or God defines the purpose of history, we have to rely only on the will of geniuses, leaders, or the will of God. It seems that this is a simplified problem. However, over the centuries, there are ongoing discussions on this issue. More and more scholars take a clear position that there is civilizational orientation of the history and new states choose their own way between specific vectors of history.

It can be argued that the need for political choice is presented as a problem of historical knowledge. Ukraine must choose one among

three ways in this situation: the first choice – Eurocentric orientation, the second choice – Eurasian orientation, the third choice – the role of “free agent”.

Analysis of Ukraine’s geopolitical features gives reason to believe that in this respect it has many advantages as it has favorable geographic location, size of territory and population, fertile soils, rich natural resources and favorable climatic conditions. The fact that Ukraine is a European state in the national scientific community is not questioned. Its essence is conditioned by European historical past, geography, and belonging to the socio-political and cultural traditions of European civilization, the demographic composition of the population, sustainability of economic ties with European countries.