

SUMMARY

Theme: The role of transnational corporations in world politics in the context of globalization.

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The relevance of the research work is buttressed by the fact that globalization in the new century has gone beyond the borders of economics, being now largely political dominance of world development. Due to globalization and transnationalization of international relations non-state actors have strengthened their political influence, and one of these actors is transnational corporations. Transnational corporations are no longer the mere agents of the state policy, recently they have become political actors taking part in international relations, blurring the sovereignty of the Institute of state. The ability of transnational corporations to influence international relations along with the ability of states to use transnational corporations in their political interests determines the relevance of this research.

The research purpose: disclosure and scientific understanding of the political influence and the role of transnational corporations in world politics.

The research goals:

- to analyze the formation and development of transnational corporations as non-state actors in international relations;
- to trace the changing role of transnational corporations as a result of processes of globalization;
- to identify the place and role of transnational corporation «Gazprom» in international relations;
- to define the problems and prospects of the development of «Gazprom» as a political actor in the modern world.

Scientific novelty of the research is buttressed by the fact that the concept and essence of transnational corporations were analyzed and the mechanisms and instruments of influence of transnational corporations on international processes were found out. The politic and economic aspects of activity of transnational corporation «Gazprom» in the modern world was also defined, as well as the prospects of development of the political influence of this corporation in the transforming world.

The research work structure: an introduction, 2 chapters with 2 clauses in each, a conclusion and references with 107 resources (26 of which are in foreign languages), 3 applications. Total volume of the research work is 84 pages.

Summary: One of the actors, who is capable of influencing to influence the international relations apart from states in the current situation, is transnational corporations. In the modern reality of the world development the politicization of transnational corporations activity is enhancing, and various scenarios of their development show the immutability of the increasing political weight of transnational

corporations in the world politics. Today, transnational corporations have an increasingly significant impact on political and economic realities.

«Gazprom» can be the example of the political influence of transnational corporations on international relations. «Gazprom» has turned into not just an ordinary company, but into a vital component of the Russian political system. «Gazprom» was used by the government as a tool of influence on both domestic and foreign actors. It would be incorrect to estimate «Gazprom» only from the point of economic benefits, because the aims and objectives of the Corporation are closely connected with the national interests of Russian Federation.