SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: The USA foreign policy interests in the South Caucasus Region.

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Relevance of the research issue: Due to the geographical position, and also presence of natural resources stocks, the South Caucasus have always been a target for foreign policy plans of the various states. The USSR disintegration and formation in region small states, which were much more lower in the diplomatic, economic and military possibilities to the Soviet power, has transformed this region into the very important object, which attracted the leading players’ of the big geopolitical scene great attention.

The separate states, for example: Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, became most vulnerable. They were a good target for a manipulation of the interests performed by the United States of America.

Throughout the last years Washington applies many efforts to maintain the informal influence on the Caucasus. The USA managed to became friends with the leaders of three Transcaucasian states, especially at the military level, thereby, have got more chances to agree with them or, if necessary, to put pressure upon them.

At present the administration of the USA forms the new attitude towards the South Caucasus that does not mean to decrease region’s role in the American policy, but assumes a new level of interests and priorities regarding the decisions on economic, political and military problems.

The purpose of the work consists of the key foreign policy interests of the USA analysis in the South Caucasus Region and mechanisms of their realization.
Research objectives:
- to make the definition and to reveal the essence of foreign policy interests of the modern state;
- to analyze the methods and the forms of the foreign policy interests realization as the geopolitics categories;
- to define the basic mechanisms and tools of the USA foreign policy realization in the South Caucasus Region;
- to give a perspective analysis of the USA foreign policy interests in region.

Scientific novelty: - the analysis of foreign policy activity of the state is carried out, and we revealed, that its basis are the foreign policy interests, processes and mechanisms of their formation and realization.

- the USA foreign policy activity in the South Caucasus Region is investigated, and is shown, that in connection with power security Washington is interested in relative stability of the region.

Structure: the work consists of the introduction, two chapters, four paragraphs, the conclusion, the bibliography which comprises 96 sources, including 14 on the foreign languages. The work consists of 68 typewritten pages.

Summary: Foreign policy interests of the state express requirements of its functioning and development and follow from the social and economic and political nature of the state, its place in system of the international relations. As the formation basis acts the political mechanisms operating in this or that state on development and an articulation of these interests. The realization process of the foreign policy interests consists of the foreign policy interests formulation, definition of the purposes, a choice of means and ways of their realization.

The exclusive geopolitical and strategic importance of Caucasus for all Euroasian space, has caused its important place in system of national interests of the USA. The aspiration to establish the control over this zone was one of priority tasks of the American foreign policy from the moment of the USSR disintegration when the United States got a possibility for the individual global domination.
For their national interests realization and tasks achievement the United States resort to the complex approach with use of wide toolkit. Showing themselves as an unbiased guarantor of stability in the South Caucasus Region, the USA consolidates the military-political and economic interests in the region. Besides bilateral and NATO cooperation programs and also the economic and military help to the republics programs, the USA actively promote formation of regional projects and inter-regional blocks in order to create the territory of the pro-American states in the strategically significant zone.