SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: The state and development of the Russian-American relations.

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Relevance of the research issue: Globalization processes link the main political tendencies of the modern world. This course was intensified by the dynamic development of information technologies and social media. Russian and American domains are also part of this political development. The dynamics of relationships affected the geopolitical transformation and foreign policy of the countries. Practice shows that national interests continue to remain the defining category in the foreign policy of the modern states, and due to the processes of globalization and regionalization there is an increase in the number of "actors out of the sovereignty", which, on the other hand, have to consider common global interests when they form their foreign policy. National interests play an essential role in forming a foreign policy, as they are equitable to the main interests of the state and its citizens.

The purpose of the work consists in allocating the main tendencies of the Russian-American relations and the interaction features.

Research objectives:
- depict the general key approaches to the relations between the Russian Federation and the USA in Russian and foreign sources;
- prove that foreign policy strategy is an important means of implementation of both Russian and the United States national interests;
- designate all the factors having impact on the rates of the states' policy formation;
- track the dynamics of changes in the Russian-American relations on the background of the Ukrainian crisis and study the actions in foreign policy of both states;
- estimate possible prospects in the development of Russian-American relations in terms of the modern scenario in global space.

Scientific novelty: The national interests of Russia and the USA towards each other proved to be determined mainly by geostrategic imperatives, while the awareness to foreign policy strategy will persist to be of great importance. Besides, we have identified the main mechanisms of foreign policy performance as nowadays the strategy of "the clever force" is gaining in importance, which allows the countries to focus their resource potential on goal attainment in foreign policy.

Structure: The two chapters contain four paragraphs, the conclusion, a 89-reference bibliography list (twenty nine of which are in foreign languages) and five Appendixes. The total volume is 86 pages.
Summary: Uncertain geopolitical situation ensued from the collapse of the USSR turned the world into an arena of confrontation between two leading powers. Since the beginning of cold war, confrontation between these two states has been very acute. Today the matter of cooperation and opposition between Russia and the USA is getting more significant. Currently the states' interests intertwine in different areas, mainly in the spheres of fighting terrorism, non-proliferation of nuclear weapons, space research, economic cooperation, situations in the Middle East and Ukraine. The knots of Russian-American relations have geostrategic importance in modern international system.

Nowadays, Russia and the USA being important participants in international relations both possess power and potential. In such a situation, the scenario of the development of relationships between them represents a long-range field of study and gives a chance to define the future of overall global arrangement.

The main concern of Russia and the USA is the achievement of better mutual understanding consistent with reality and acceptance of the need to observe the balance of interests, since stability in the Russian-American relations will render essential positive impact on the relations between all leading world powers as well as on the overall international relations.