

SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: problem of separatism in Spain

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Relevance of the research issue: In the last decades, the process of formation of national states by means of separatism has turned into a trend of modern politics. The adequate understanding of separatism is necessary in order to research the modern ethno political conflicts. Separatism movements drastically influence the geopolitical transformation of modern world and destroy political, cultural and historical basis of countries.

The **purpose** of the work is to research the conception and essence of separatism movement in The Basque Country and Catalonia.

Research objectives:

- To research of separatism as a category of political science
- To research of sociopolitical and economic aspects of separatism
- To study the main separatism movements of post bipolar world
- To expose backgrounds and specific features of separatism in The Basque Country
- To expose separatism movement in Catalonia
- To define forecast and consider possible economic and political consequences of secession of two Spanish provinces

Scientific novelty:

- a complex research of separatism features in some regions of Spain and detailed analysis of modern condition and potential of separatism organizations have been carried out
- historical, cultural-political and economic presuppositions of the beginnings of separatism in Spain have been outlined

- a settlement mechanism of separatism's problem in the context of economic norms with the reservation of territorial integrity for Catalonia and forming of cosocial democracy and high extent of autonomy for The Basque Country is formulated

Structure: two chapters, containing 6 paragraphs, conclusion and a 73-reference bibliography (thirteen of which are in foreign languages). The total volume is 81 pages.

Summary: the process of formation of new national states which has been beginning in the Middle Ages in Western Europe, still exists in modern world. A dynamic of separatism movements in the world as in Spain especially determines, on the one hand, social, political and economic aspects, on the other hand, influences itself on the development of political and economic processes.

Separatism - is a requirement of sovereignty and independence for ethnically designated territory. Modern separatism as a political program and forced imposition bases on false principle of self-determination - every ethnical community should have proper national formed territory.

Spain is a fruitful ground for studying different types of separatism: from temperate to radical. In this respect we can outline The Basque Country and Catalonia - autonomous regions of Spain. At a Basque's example it is easy to examine ideology and policy of different types of nationalism, their attitude to each other and central authorities, and their internal transformation.

At a Catalonia's example it is obvious that in contrast to other forms of separatism in Europe (Flemings in Belgium, Scottish in Great Britain) the Catalonian separatism has stable economic base, that is why Catalonian separatists do not use terrorist methods but act only in frames of political struggle.