

Democracy and nationalism in N. Berdyaev's philosophy

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The problem of the relationship between democracy and nationalism has become particularly relevant in Russian socio-political and philosophical thought after the victory of the revolution in October 1917 in Russia and the establishment of Soviet power in it. Lenin, as well as the subsequent Communist leadership of the country, argued that the people's power led by the Communist party in Soviet Russia was the highest form of democracy, which opposed the manifestation of any form of nationalism. The events of the early 90-ies of XX century in Soviet Russia showed that the problem of the relationship of the power with democracy and nationalism required much more in-depth and comprehensive study than it had been during the previous 70 years. If we turn to the views of one of the most famous in the West Russian philosophers of the XX century N.Ah. Berdyaev, he specifically noted that the proclamation of the power of the people in itself does not guarantee democracy, rights and freedoms of the individual. People can ensure rights and freedoms for themselves as a kind of integrity, by denying them to the specific individuals that make up them. Democracy is the power of the people, but people who have fully mastered the state can begin to organize and control the spiritual life of its citizens. The highest value here will be declared not the person, but the people as a whole.

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