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### **Criticism of nihilism by N.Ya. Danilevsky (200 years since the birth of the Russian thinker)**

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*It is carried out an analysis of the article by N.Ya. Danilevsky "The Origin of Our Nihilism" and shown its relevant significance. Nihilism was declared by him not as a Russian original phenomenon, but as a symptom of Europeanism, a general disease of Russian spiritual culture. Imitating the "last word" of European civilization in the political system, science, philosophy, Russian Westernism and such its variety as nihilism renounces love for their native in favor of borrowing from the West. On the contrary, the Slavophiles came to the defense of Russian identity, but almost all of their publications were banned by the fierce persecution of state censorship. Because of this, according to N.Ya. Danilevsky, in the minds of our compatriots, nihilism spread, established itself and acquired the character of dogmatism and indisputability. To eradicate it from the consciousness of young people proved to be a very difficult matter.*

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