

Summary

Subject matter: “Foreign policy of Alexander II: formation, realization, results”

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Topicality the research is in the fact, that the foreign policy of Russia during the reign of Alexander II exercised great influence on the fate if not only Russia, but of the whole world. The relations between Russia and European and Oriental countries passed through an earlier thorny and controversial road of their formation and development. In this aspect the building of the relationships between Russia and foreign countries was the main requirement for peaceful coexistence. A considerable part of the works of the Russian school of diplomacy falls on the period of reign of Alexander II. In the conditions of the tense political situation in the country and in the world, the building id the competent foreign policy strategy acquired paramount significance, which, in its turn, required from the imperial power the adequate bodies of the ensuring of more favourable planning and subsequent development of international collaboration.

Objective of the research: to study and reveal the specific features of the foreign policy of the government of Alexander II in Europe and the Far East.

Tasks it the research:

- to trace the stages of the formation of the personality of Alexander II as a Russian emperor;
- to study and analyze the realization of the foreign political course of the government of the Russian Empire in Europe and the Far East;
- to summarise the results of the foreign policy of emperor Alexander II and characterize their impact on further development of the Russian state.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research is determined by the fact, that the conducted research reveals one of the brightest periods of the domestic history, enables one to trace various is regularities of the foreign policy strategy of Russia, determine the concrete steps in the history of the formation of a principally new course of the development of the state and trace their consequences on the further state of our country. The materials of this research can be used by students of high and higher school in the educational process, in writing scientific papers in the disciplines covering both the problems of the foreign policy, international relations, diplomacy in pre-revolutionary Russia, and in modern history. The work may be used as a supplementary material in the course of preparation to lectures and seminars in writing research papers, abstracts material mini-projects, course and graduation qualification papers in the history of Russia in the history of international relations, conflict studies, and in the study y relevant disciplines.

On the basis of the research the author worked out the scientific-innovative project “The internet-Almanach” The foreign policy of Alexander II: formation, realisation, results”, which was presented within the contest “Young science - 2020”. Also with the purpose of the approbation of the results of the research within the student scientific conference “Young science – 2020” the following articles were written:

1. «The new political course of Russia in the second half of the 19th century in Europe» – в печати.
2. «Российско-американские отношения в период Гражданской войны в США» – в печати.
3. «Russian-American relation during the American Civil War» – в печати.

Results of the research showed that the time of the reign of Alexander II is a period of big social shocks, deep shifts on the inviolable for decades foundations, it is the time of big diplomatic successes, and sometimes, of big national losses. The foreign policy strategy of Russia was active by its nature. The Russian state headed by Alexander II sought to defend its national interest on the international arena. The Russian Empire tried to purpose a friendly policy with foreign powers to the last without resorting to forcible method by diplomatic and military way the government of Alexander II succeeded in gaining the goals set and tasks in the foreign political course of the country, in restoring the authority of Russia as a great power. Despite the fact that not all results of the foreign policy were successful for the country, on the whole, the foreign policy of Alexander II was rather successfully realized.

Recommendations:

1. To reveal the pre-conditions of the formation of the personality of Alexander II as a statesmen.
2. To found out the role of the entourage of the Emperor in the realisation of the foreign policy of Russia in the 60s - 70s of XIX century.
3. To focus on the main successes of Russia in the field of foreign policy in the reign of Alexander II.