Summary

Subject matter: The problems of ethno-confessional relations in the social political discourse

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Topicality of the research: The problem of the ethno-confessional relations in the political discourse related to a special type of communication is characterized by a high degree of manipulation. In this respect the significance and topicality the study of the problems of the ethno-confessional relations in of the political discourse are dictated by the need for the search by politicians for the optimal ways of the influence on the audience, on the one hand, and by the need for the understanding by the audience of the true intents and hidden ways of language manipulation, on the other hand. This conditions the topicality of the selected theme.

Objective of the research is to find out the main ways of work creation and speech manipulation in the political discourse of the ethno-confessional direction.

Tasks of the research:

- To establish the content and limits of the political discourse;
- To determine the functions of the political discourse and its belonging to a certain functional style;
- To examine the theoretical status of the issue of ethno-confessional relations;
- To analyze the problem aspects of the development of the issue of the ethno-confessional direction in the political discourse.
Theoretical and practical significance of the research. The conducted research has marked the existence of a number of serious problems in the sphere of inter-ethnic and inter-confessional relations that are integrated in the political discourse. Their development, especially in the situation of the confrontation of different political forces, is capable to deteriorate and destabilize the social-political situation in the country and result in the conflicts that are difficult to solve.

Recommendations: The multiethnicity and multiconfessionality of the majority of Russia’s regions necessitates us to interpret the task of the harmonization of inter-ethnic and inter-confessional relations closely connected with each other as one of the most widely-spread topics of political discourse.

The harmonization of the inter-ethnic and inter-confessional relations in our country is directly connected with the solution of the main problems of the social-economic development, with the course and results of the transformation of the Russian society in the social, political, economic, and spiritual sphere, with the rise of the general level of the culture of public administration. As a rule, these very principles are examined in the political discourse of this direction.

Though political discourse cannot solve the problems of inter-confessional relations or regulate them, still its significance should not be underestimated.