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Voytov A.V., Razin A.S. Regional political elites within political-and-economic modernization of modern Russia: social-and-philosophic analysis

Such great task as Russian political modernization solving includes true society democratization, collective integration different forms, citizens' self-protection and self-organization real development and in a great extent depends on regional political elites' possibilities and wishes. Concepts "political elite", "regional political elite" are considered in the article from different scientific points of view. The authors' interpretation of the concept "regional political elite" is formulated on the basis of social-philosophical analysis of theoretical theses and empiric materials. The authors while examining Volgograd region political elite came to the conclusion that it is fragmentary and is divided into competitive groups which are aimed at neither population interests' reflection nor modernized projects realization. Regional political elite forcedly perform only those functions that Federal Center constrains them to do.

<u>Key words:</u> political elite, regional political elite, regionalization, egalitarianism, elitism, career path.

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