

## HISTORY

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### **The cyclical development of Church-state relations in the penitentiary sphere (XIX-XX and XX-XXI centuries)**

Analyzing the Genesis of the relationship between the Russian Orthodox Church and the state in the penal sphere, one can find historical cycles in approach and content of Church-state policy. The article compares the borders of the two epochs (second half of XIX - beginning of XX century and the end of XX - beginning of XXI centuries), when the state was experiencing a time of crisis, and simultaneously pursued a powerful modernization of political, legal and economic institutions. The analysis showed the presence of common and fundamentally new aspects of the interaction of Church and state. Modern Orthodox Church is still important in the implementation of state tasks in the field of penal policy, the Church still uses historical experience, however, questions, directions and forms of joint activities of the state and the Church has changed significantly.

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