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Conceptual intensity of freedom problem origin in antique tradition and European empiricism

The history of the concept freedom is more than one hundred years. In the course of the establishment of post-traditional industrial, post-industrial society, this concept was thoroughly studied. It was analyzed by the largest philosophers, sociologists, public figures, economists and politicians, who had a great influence on public opinion. This contributed a lot to the formation of a sustainable way of thinking, the subject of which is freedom. Ideas dedicated to freedom as the basis of social progress, and the problem of finding opportunities to expand its borders, cultivating the attitude towards it as the greatest value, were the basis of liberalism – a powerful intellectual stream, which is one of the basic cultural forms of modernity. By now, the judgment of freedom as a vital life priority has become one of many habits and automatisms of the thinking of the XXIst century man brought up in the spirit of the European mentality. Indication of the value of freedom has become almost a common place in the social, political and socio-economic discourse devoted to the problems of the development of modern culture, the relationship between people and groups within a certain society or in a globalizing world in general.

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