

## PHILOSOPHY

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### **Self-government as the sign of civil society: socio-philosophical analysis**

It has been considered the problems of the civil society formation. The concept of «self-government» has been analyzed. The scientific approaches to the essence of the concept of the «self-government» at the different stages of the historical development of philosophical thought has been studied. There are four main characteristics of society: self-activity, self-organization, self-development, self-sufficiency. Based on this, the author defines the civil society as the self-developing and self-governing system that includes individuals and social communities that are united by the cooperative ties and processes of self-regulation and self-reproduction. The author defines also the conditions for the formation of the civil society, created by self-government, which models the system of self-organization of the person, activating leadership abilities, and thus contributes to the formation of the civil society.

Key words: personal and public self-government, social activity, social community, self-organization, self-development, civil society, legal state.

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