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## THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE MECHANISM OF SOCIAL SECURITY OF UKRAINE

**Abstract:** *The article examines social security as a component of national security, the level of social security in Ukraine, as well as proposed changes to the Law of Ukraine "About foundations of national security of Ukraine".*

**Keywords:** *social security, national security, social management.*

**Problem setting.** An achievement of condition of social security as a component of national security, should contribute to the national interests of Ukraine – the vital material, intellectual and spiritual values of Ukrainian people.<sup>11</sup> Therefore, the issues of social security were and remain highly relevant, taking into account the aspiration of the state to protect its national interests and to form the new formation of educated, fully developed individuals, as a fundamental element of Ukrainian society.

**Recent research and publications analysis.** In domestic scientific literature there is a small number of works devoted to the research of exactly the problems of social security, social management, social risks.<sup>12</sup> Social security has not yet become a topical subject of research. In domestic scientific literature the considerable attention is given to theoretical aspects of social security. In Ukraine, some aspects of problem of social security are investigated by such specialists: V. Andriychuk, L. Veselska, N. Golovaty, M. Gorozhankina, V. Goshovska, Z. Zhivko, S. Kucheruk, O. Koval, YA. Orlenko,

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<sup>12</sup> Кучерук С.С. Механізми реалізації соціальної безпеки в Україні / С.С. Кучерук // Університетські наукові записки: науковий часопис / Хмельницький університет управління та права. – 2007. – 4(24). – С. 441.

V. Pashkov, P. Levin, S. Pirozhkov, P. Shevchuk and others.

**Paper objective.** The purpose of article is to reveal the contemporary trends of ensuring of the social security in Ukraine and to reason the changes to the Law of Ukraine "About foundations of national security of Ukraine". The tasks of article is to study the schedule of threats for national security of Ukraine and to analyze the new threats for social security.

**Paper main body.** The main modern principles of ensuring of national security in Ukraine are the priority of rights and freedoms of a human and citizen, the primacy of a law, the timeliness and adequacy of measures for security of the national interests. The law of Ukraine "About bases of national security of Ukraine" contains a provision according to which the national security is provided by conducting of a balanced state policy in economic, social, political, military, ecological, scientific and technological, informational and other spheres.<sup>13</sup> Thus, social state policy is one of the main instruments of ensuring of the national, and consequently the social security of state.

National security is interpreted by the Ukrainian legislation as the protection of vital interests of human and citizen, society and state, in which sustainable development of society, timely revealing, prevention and neutralization of real and potential threats for national interests are provided.

The human, his life and health, honour and dignity, untouchability and security are recognized as the highest social value in the state, however, the underestimation of the role of intellectual capacity and the lack of its effective use in Ukraine lead to the fact that the material production has a pronounced laborious and raw material character. An important conclusion is that the spiritual, moral, ethical, cultural values of society are recognized by the state as the competent objects of national security for which there is a special state policy introduced in a social sphere.

A reflection of a content of social security as a component of national security system for today only shows its main guides, because of the absence of theoretical and methodological developments concerning the definition of relationship between social

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interests, social threats and the main directions of state policy regarding the implementation of social security. Regardless of variety of modern threats for national security of Ukraine which are the real and potentially possible phenomena and factors creating the danger for vital national interests, – the social security issues remain underexplored.

E. Libanova during discovery of the nature of social security follows an opinion that human security is a result of implementation of a social protection policy. Social security is determined as a component of national security, as a state of protection against threats for social interests.<sup>14</sup>

Social security is explained as a condition of protection of social interests of individual and society against the threats for national security, underlining that the security status is a consequence of implementation of social protection measures.

Thus, the social security contains a conservation of social opportunities for all segments of population,<sup>15</sup> and the formation basis of content of idea "social security" should be the national interests which could reflect the values and aspirations of human, the ways of creating of conditions and means of satisfaction of the social needs of citizens.

Researching the social security, P. Shevchuk offers the following definition: "The social security of a person is a certain way of life activity, provided by a complex of organizational, legal and economic measures aimed on the realization of social interests, the creation of a favorable demographic situation, the saving of a state gene fund and the transformation of labor resources in accordance with market requirements."<sup>16</sup>

C. Pirozhkov explains the social security as a result of effective social policy, which should warn the society against social explosions and other conflict situations,

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<sup>14</sup> Лібанова Е. Ринок праці та соціальний захист: Навч. пос. із соц. політики / Е. Лібанова, О. Палій. – К.: Основи, 2004. – С. 381.

<sup>15</sup> Пашков В.М. Господарсько-правові аспекти забезпечення охорони здоров'я як соціальної домінанти національної безпеки [Електронний ресурс] / В.М. Пашков – Режим доступу [www.apteka.ua/archives/591/25280.html](http://www.apteka.ua/archives/591/25280.html)

<sup>16</sup> Шевчук П. Соціальна політика / П. Шевчук. – Львів: Світ, 2003. – С. 108-109 с.

contribute to the growth of competitiveness of Ukrainian worker.<sup>17</sup>

So, social security can be defined as a position positively regulated by legal norms and implemented in practice, when state provides a maintenance of a dignified standard of citizens' life. L. Veselska concludes that social security is the state of a social stability and ability to confront the social threats; the legal protection of rights and freedoms of a person; an appropriate level of ensuring of an officially based social standards and guarantees. In despite of diversity of social security interpretations, L. Veselska underlines two conceptual approaches to formulation of its essence: the "state", that is used as its definition as a combination of certain management actions aimed at protection of social interests, and the "public" which defines the social security as a particular condition in which there is a protection of social interests of individual and society as a whole ensured.<sup>18</sup>

Social security can be determined by the method of evaluation of self-awareness in the mass consciousness of society, which nowadays is characterized by a low degree of satisfaction of adult population with level of his life.<sup>19</sup> The current situation in the sphere of social protection of Ukrainian population is characterized by a significant level of a social tension.

Thus, social protection, social security, on the one hand, and social development, social relations on the other hand, are naturally linked: a stable social security of human, society can't be achieved without developed social relations, and the social security largely causes the development, maturity of processes of social, public development.<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>17</sup> Пирожков С. Концептуальні підходи до формування системи національної безпеки України / С. Пирожков // Стратегічна панорама. – 2003. – №1. – С. 93-106.

<sup>18</sup> Весельська Л.А. Соціальна безпека: проблема визначення / Л.А. Весельська // Науковий вісник Академії муніципального управління. Серія «Управління». Збірник наукових праць. – 2010. – №3 [Електронний ресурс]. – Режим доступу: [http://archive.nbuv.gov.ua/Portal/Soc\\_gum/Nvamu\\_upravl/2010\\_3/49.pdf](http://archive.nbuv.gov.ua/Portal/Soc_gum/Nvamu_upravl/2010_3/49.pdf)

<sup>19</sup> Кучерук С.С. Механізми реалізації соціальної безпеки в Україні / С.С. Кучерук // Університетські наукові записки: науковий часопис / Хмельницький університет управління та права. – 2007. – 4(24). – С. 442-443

<sup>20</sup> Соціальна держава: український вибір / [ред. В.А. Гошовської] / вид. друге – К.: ЦПСД, 2007. – С. 71.

The objects of social policy are the social relations, processes in society which influence the formation of social security of a human, the satisfaction of his own social needs and interests, the familiarization of social values. Social security directly depends on social policy, which is aimed at social work through the internal policy of country for the formation of common social standards and norms.<sup>21</sup>

In modern conditions the activity of state authorities and local self-governments is mainly aimed at the compensation of damages from action of threats for economic safety or the overcoming of negative tendencies of development of an object.<sup>22</sup> The complex solution of problems of social security, the formation of appropriate policy of prevention of the "destruction" of social and national security should be in priority for the government.

The main directions of the state policy on national security issues in the social and humanitarian fields in Ukraine are: the significant strengthening of the social component of economic policy, the real increase in living standards of population, the reduction of unemployment; the creation of conditions for overcoming of a poverty and a redundant property separation in society; the saving and strengthening of the demographic and labor potential of the country; the overcoming of crisis demographic processes; the creation of effective system of social protection of a human, security and rehabilitation of his physical and spiritual health, and so on.<sup>23</sup>

The decline of the cultural sector will inevitably lead to spiritual degradation of a human, that will negatively affect the development of labor potential of Ukraine, cause the deterioration of business ethics quality and communication culture in socio-economic environment of country.

The redundant commercialization of social and cultural life has led to a decrease of unpaid social and cultural services, to a shift of cultural priorities from a substantial

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<sup>22</sup> Живко З.Б. Забезпечення соціально-економічної безпеки в умовах інформаційного суспільства / З.Б. Живко // Актуальні проблеми економіки. – 2009. – №6(96). – С. 26.

<sup>23</sup> Закон України «Про основи національної безпеки України» [Електронний ресурс]. – Режим доступу: <http://zakon2.rada.gov.ua>

component to making a profit. It has led to the standardization of cultural demands, the unification of customs, traditions, way of life (especially of urban population) by the foreign patterns, the significant loss of national and cultural identity, the leveling of cultural individuality, the development of consumerism.

In our opinion, in Ukrainian realities, the socio-cultural human development is given a low priority. The spiritual and moral factors of development of society rapidly continue to lose their significance and weight for most ordinary citizens of Ukraine.

**Conclusions of the research.** With the aim of a protection of state security and national interests, an intensification of exploration of social security and its socio-cultural factors, we propose to make changes to the Law of Ukraine "About bases of national security of Ukraine". Namely, the schedule of threats for national security of Ukraine should be completed with new threats for social security in direction of the rapid state loss of socio-cultural and spiritually-moral potential of the nation. It is proposed that the main directions of state policy on issues of national security in social and humanitarian fields should involve a direction of the all-round promotion and incentive at the state level for strengthening of financial and material base of cultural and art infrastructure which includes the enterprises, establishments and institutions of library, museum, cinematic, theatrical business.

The cultural and art infrastructure should assist the person in understanding by him of meaning of life, radically change the forms of his thinking, renew the original significance of spiritually-moral and nationally-cultural values in economic development and therefore its development should become the vital priority of current socio-economic researches and the basis for ensuring of social security of Ukraine.

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