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Philosophical analysis of the specific genesis of the middle class in modern Ukrainian society (72: Social Philosophy)

The genesis of the Ukrainian middle class takes place in the social systems of closed type, to which the Russian Empire, the USSR and Ukraine, as a part of it, belonged. This model is connected with artificial modernization, lack of succession in the introduction of phases of capitalism, spasmodic transformational changes and “non-communal” environment. In this case, the middle class is not numerous, anemic, weak, with conflictogenic (argumentative) potential, whose power is enough only for initiating modernization reforms and then it chokes with them and dissolves in the social environment.

The paper proposes a philosophical idea of the middle class development in Ukraine that based on competition and partnership interactions. It has been theoretically worked out that the mechanism of the middle class formation is social harmony as a result of bringing positive potential of attributes of the optimal competition and partnership interaction as a condition of solving social contradictions. These attributes include tolerance, dialogue, compromise, consensus.

Interaction of the vertical of the power (state) and the horizontal of communications (civil society in the system of social coordinates) enables practical realization of the mechanism of social harmony.

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