

The role of public authorities in the process of formation of civil society in Armenia

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The relevance of this topic is determined by the emergence of civil society organizations in the political system of modern Armenia. At this stage of democratization of political life, economic, social and cultural changes show the effectiveness of public administration and local self-government in terms of their institutionalization. For more than two decades, the processes of democratization of social and political life have been going on in Armenia, which still largely determines the stability of the political system and the quality of administrative reforms. In practical terms, attention to the formation, functioning and development of civil society in Armenia is due to the constitutional recognition of the rule of the people and the law, the periodic election of the main bodies of power, equality of citizens' rights to participate in governance, subordination to decisions of the political majority, but taking into account the interests of the political minority. A common characteristic of civil society activity manifested in civil movements and initiatives is the deliberate choice of opportunities for participation in public life. The object of this study is the phenomenon of civil society in terms of its structure and institutionalization in the modern Armenian society. The subjects of the study are the features and mechanisms of the institutionalization and functioning of the basic elements of civil society in today's Armenia. The purpose of the study is to analyze the features of the emergence, development and implementation of the main institutions of civil society in the context of the specifics of today's Armenian society. In this context, it is important to set and solve the following tasks: 1) Conceptual analysis of civil society as a civilization phenomenon; 2) Analysis of civic activity as the main factor and the conditions for the institutionalization of civil society organizations (NGOs, trade unions, social media, religious organizations); 3) Study of the specifics of institutionalization of civil culture, civil journalism, as well as civil movement and their elements of civil society. Civil society exercises social determination of the freedom of the individual and property as an inalienable human right. The degree of civic activity in society determines the degree of development of civil society proper and its basic institutions. Forms of autonomous civic activity that are observed in modern Armenia often reflect the inability of different groups of society to compromise reconciliation and unwillingness to be guided by the goals of public dialogue and partnership. A comparative analysis of civil society allows us to conclude that the democratic transformation of Armenia's social and political life has not yet occurred. Along with obvious democratic changes (separation of powers, the proclamation of political rights and freedoms), there are weaknesses in balancing the legislative, executive and judicial powers in the work of their bodies. This is the state's non-guaranteed constitutional rights and freedoms, the lack of opportunities for the population to participate in public politics and influence state power, corruption and bureaucratic arbitrariness, weak judicial system, which significantly undermine the citizens' confidence in the democratic values of society.

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