

Subject matter: February revolution of 1917 in Russia: political and socio-economic pre-conditions

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Topicality of the research consists in the fact that February revolution of 1917 is an absolutely controversial and multidimensional phenomenon, that exercised great influence on the future of not only Russia, but of the whole world. February revolution of 1917 became the disaster for the then existing traditional national political system. Any disaster brings a radical break-up of the centuries-old traditions, and it was this very fact that aroused negative appraisals of this event. In 1917 the revolution affected not only the state institutes, but also the lives of the people.

Objective of the research: the study of the political and socio-economic pre-conditions of February revolution of 1917 in Russia.

Tasks of the research:

- to determine the impact of World War I on the socio-economic situation in Russia;
- to study the work of the Military-industrial committees for the overcoming of the economic crisis;
- to appreciate the role of Nicholas II and his entourage in the intensification of the political crisis;
- to give the role of the opposition in the preparation of the “February upheaval” a proper appreciation;
- to study the process of the formation of the new organs of power in February 1917;
- to study the political processes in Russia that caused the abdication of Nicholas II.

Theoretical and practical significance of the work is based on the fact that the paper interprets the issues related to the study of the political and socio-economic pre-conditions of February revolution of 1917 in Russia. The materials of this graduation qualification thesis may be used by the students specializing in history (direction of training 46.03.01. – “History” (profile: history of international relations), in the course of their preparation for seminars, in writing diploma works, course papers and mini-projects in such academic disciplines as “The history of Russia” (XX c.), “The military history of Russia – XX c., “The history of Russia’s foreign policy”, “Modern and contemporary history”.

This graduation thesis served as a basis for the scientific and innovative project “E-photo album “February revolution of 1917 in Russia: political and socio-economic pre-conditions” within the competition of the projects “Young science 2020”.

Results of the research showed that World War I had an extremely negative impact on the socio-economic situation in the Russian Empire. Our country was developing in the cultural and economic plane at the rapid pace, it even took the path of the industrial society. Besides, Russia already at that time started an evolutionary transition from the traditional autocratic monarchy to the constitutional monarchy with the basics of the legal state and civil society. However, such a steady development of the Russian state was interrupted by World War I. February revolution of 1917 in Russia is a well-planned by the Russian intelligentsia palace revolution, which was realized with the purpose of the implementation of the liberal ideas of the educated part of the country of man, society and state, of the world, public progress and democracy, and also of Russia itself, which was borrowed from European liberals.

Recommendations:

1. To reveal the work of the Military-industrial committees during World War I.
2. To clarify the role of the opposition in the preparation of the “February upheaval”.