

SUMMARY

Subject of the thesis: Foreign policy of Spain at the present stage.

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Relevance of the research issue: At the beginning of the XXI century, Spain had consolidated its international position, namely in economic, political, cultural, civilization, military strategy of globalization and a multipolar world order.

The position of Spain in the world attention of scientists and independent experts. It was revealed that the national security is the primary foreign policy priorities of the Spanish State. It is connected with membership in NATO, strengthening the defense capability, military-technical cooperation between the two countries and, of course, the fight against terrorism and organized crime. Madrid have made some progress, although the global situation is changing rapidly and, of course, confronts the Spanish diplomacy challenges (a difficult task). For example, the occurrence of tensions in North Africa and the Middle East. If the state has a highly developed and competitive economy, ensuring high living standards of the population, it is able to effectively defend its strategic interests and ensure the safety. Madrid became to join as a global player in the wave of economic recovery and growth of international influence in the pre-crisis period (1995-2007), namely, to expand external contacts, to push diplomatic initiatives to put forward an ambitious plan. This proves that the external interests of Spain began to acquire a clear multi-regional character, which led to simultaneous economic and political game on some playing fields".

The purpose of the work is to identify the key features of formation and to reveal the contents of the main directions of the foreign policy of Spain.

Research objectives:

- identify the conceptual bases of the Spanish foreign policy at the present stage;
- reveal (disclose) the specifics of the process of formation of the foreign policy of Spain;
- systematize the main directions and initiatives of the European vector of foreign policy of Spain;
- to reveal the peculiarities of the foreign policy of Spain in relation to Latin America, the United States of America, to identify the prospects of their development.

Scientific novelty:

- disclosed the specifics of developing the foreign policy of Spain and identified the special role of expert community in this process;
- systematized the main directions of the European vector of foreign policy of Spain, and proved that outside the EU, the Spanish policy is closely linked to

the guidelines of European foreign policy, even when they disagree with their own national interests of Spain.

Structure: the two chapters, containing two paragraphs each, the conclusion and a 105 - reference bibliography (68 of which are in foreign languages) and the 4 Appendixes. The total volume is 73 pages.

Summary: Currently, Spanish features today in addition to the minimum General "foreign policy" of the EU. Spain can contribute to collective success. Conversely, the issues on which Spain has no chance, EU membership helps to the Spanish government. A practical example is the creation of the European external action service. This is a proof of this thesis. Spain can offer intense diplomatic communication and to develop on-site assistance in Latin America, where it can be a mediator in the crisis. The same can be said about the middle East and North Africa, but in lesser amounts.

Thus, based on the work material, it is possible to draw conclusions about a rather active position of Spain in Europe and, in particular, in the foreign policy of the European Union and moderate pragmatic policy towards the US and Latin America.