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Degradation – the algorithm¹ of the post-Soviet transformations and its impact on the global system of international relations

The global world is developing very rapidly. Humanity doesn't have a chance to stop, look around and check whether the evolution is going in the right direction, all the more chance to go back. There is no doubt that such a reversion to savagery will be fatal. But the man – a child of nature – a unique creature that feels nostalgia for the past, he is being pulled into the cradle, and there is no way back, time is ruthless. Relevance of the topic raises no doubts. At the beginning of the XXI century civilization is faced with a unique phenomenon – reverse evolution. All views on the global convergence and the proximity of civilization bloom collapse, as described by Francis Fukuyama. Again, as never before, Foreign Affairs are in demand. And at the same time, humanity is once again at the crossroads – the path of the law or the path of violence – the natural way of animals, or liberal democracy, as the crown of civilization.

The novelty of the article is in examination of the nature of the formed shape of governance - kleptocracy, through the prism of post-Soviet transformations - as coercive strategy, that is, compulsory requirements of the state towards citizens based on the use of political, economic or social power to cause social change. Political analysis is based on the use of a broad base of facts from the political practice with the use of materials of sociological studies of leading international and national research centers. Traditional scientific methods of political science and methods of political analysis are being used in this research. The author relies on the works of the classics of political science, who received worldwide recognition, extensively uses works of contemporary political scientists, as well as factual material of mass-media. Analytical findings allow us to forecast the development of international relations, to determine the place and role of post-Soviet states in the geopolitical coordinates of the modern world.

“The political transformations on post-Soviet territories are caused by historical circumstances, in the base of which lies the natural process of disintegration of the Soviet empire. Derluguian George, deputy director of the Center for International and Comparative Studies at Northwestern University, Chicago, U.S., justifies this process in the following way: "The choice of state

¹ АЛГОРИТМ (АЛГОРИФМ) [**algorithm**] – precise prescription for the sequence of actions (steps) that transform raw data into the desired result.

strategies is far from arbitrary and certainly not ideologically defined. The builders of modern times' European countries acted in a highly competitive environment. Losers or non-successful ones during the past five centuries disappeared off the map by being absorbed by more successful states"².

Fierce competition is the main sign of the modern world, which is now closer to a global confrontation. In my opinion the world has entered into a deeper confrontation between civilizations and these civilizations are not eight, nine, or twenty, there are two of them and both have humanitarian roots, which are based on the nature of power organization. As Hegel wrote on genetic understanding of power as homage or as wealth. "With respect to wealth, to which it always turns per its notion"³. What is sacrificed so that – in a personal sacrifice timos socius, or society in the lust for prey recognition in the form of wealth and of bodily pleasures. Who rules – "the people of the body" or "people of the spirit"⁴ – the violence, or law. Where will the civilization go: the path of liberal-democratic values, or fall back on the path of debauchery back to the animal savagery?

Degradation: reverse path of evolution

Are the post-Soviet transformations of natural or planned sequential transformations, which were figured out in advance by the ruling elite of the Soviet Union.

Analyzing the contemporary development of post-Soviet states suggests the conclusion that the main feature of the post-Soviet transformation is nothing but degradation in all areas: from humanitarian and social to the degradation of science and elementary education for the population. Even domestic politicians and scientists, albeit indirectly, unconsciously, arrive at this conclusion.

Russian scientist, Doctor of Political Sciences, V.B. Pastukhov, already in October 2010, also arrived at conclusion that the process of degradation and fragmentation of the state continues in Ukraine and Russia: "Independent from the Ukrainian events of 2003–2004 a profound breakdown of internal policy of Russia manifested itself"⁵.

Former Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma, whose personal contribution to the collapse of the system of government has not been yet fully assessed by the political science, commenting on the situation in Ukraine, said: "I think in recent years, there was a degradation of the state. There is no power as such. There is a risk of country's collapse, and we shall not conceal it. Lenin or Stalin's slogan returned, more likely Lenin's, saying that even the cook can govern. Here we have, unfortunately, "cooks" on many levels of the government. They just cannot see the

² Tilly, Charles. Coercion, Capital and European States. 990-1992 years. / Per. from English. Tyumen T. BM Publishing House "The territory of the Future", 2009. (Series "by Alexander Pogorelsky University Library").– 328 p.

³ Hegel G.V.F. Femenology of the spirit. St. Petersburg. "Nauka." 1999. P. 275

⁴ Michel Foucault. The will to truth: the other side of knowledge, power and sexuality. Work over the years. Per. Translated from French. - M., Castalia, 1996. P. 244.

⁵ Pastukhov VB Ukrainian revolution and Russian counter-revolution / VB Pastukhov // Russia in Global Affairs. – 2010. – № 5. – P. 7–16.

country's development strategy. They are not able to outline priorities in any situation, including in such a crisis”⁶. The Chairman of the Parliament Vladimir Litvin agrees with Kuchma: “It is a pity that the Verkhovna Rada transformed not even into the field of clearing out relationships, which indicates complete degradation, significant degradation of the parliamentary system in general”⁷.

The degree of degradation was most fully described in an interview with "Nezavisimaya Gazeta" by the Director of the new sociology and the study of practical politics, "Phoenix", Soviet and Russian sociologist, political and cultural scientist of left-wing, journalist, writer and philosopher Alexander Tarasov: “It's hard to live in an atmosphere of general hatred, and general cynicism. But our ruling class, and all that serving trash – journalists, pop stars, television audience, all the showmen and the creators of the series, all are corrupt intellectuals – they impose on young people (especially in the provinces, and even in the first place in the province, where there is often simply no choice but to live) view that this atmosphere of general hatred, the general competition, universal corruption and public cynicism – it is supposedly “normal”. If even Mr. Gundyayev (*Auth. – Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, the Head of the Russian Orthodox Church.*) has agreed to the fact that rich people are “closer to God” (and what about the words of the Christ about the camel and an eye of a needle?), and the virtue of the poor – is patience, then everything - the cynicism has reached an extreme degree, and immorality and anti-humanism of those in power tend to a **fascist models** ... 14-year-old – they are neither Spinoza, nor Hegel, nor Marx, nor Einsteins. Even if they have natural inclinations, they are deprived of knowledge, true education – they were deprived by our organizers of neoliberal counter-reforms of education from HSE and other such institutions, headed by Mr. Fursenko (*Auth. - Minister of Education and Science of Russia*) and Kuzminov (*author . – Rector of the Higher School of Economics*) (who themselves then, as children of important people of the nomenclature, academician and influential member of the Central Committee Academy of Social Sciences, received – and that for **free** – fine enough Soviet education). And a 14-year-old missing life experience, but, like all teenagers, have an increased trustfulness and suggestibility, increased emotionality, and a typical teen desire for justice. And if the government is frankly rude, demonstrably unfair - they, of course, are against such a government. And they realize that they look like a winning side. Not technically winning but morally. If we have convicted National Bolshevik Nikolai Avdyushenkov for allegedly putting up flyers with the slogan “Kill a slave in you!” and it is written in the verdict as “a call for the murder”, then any normal human sympathy can only be on his, Avdyushenkov’s side. Because no sane person would take the side of such blatant cynicism or idiocy, or both.

⁶ Kuchma: "I understand why they do not want to show the budget" Ukrainian Pravda. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://www.pravda.com.ua/rus/news/2009/05/17/4485369/>

⁷ Litvin was outraged that the parliament is degrading. Ukrainian Pravda. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://www.pravda.com.ua/rus/news/2012/02/24/6959374/>

Differentiation among youth is increasing. The desire to “slip away” to the West has already greatly increased (*Auth. - go for permanent residence*). The belief that Russia will never have anything good has spread. And just as an increasing number of drug addicts, adherents of exotic and religious cults have increased. And it is also a reaction to what is happening, this perverse form of interest. And disinterested – are those who simply live, adrift”⁸.

The young generation does not want to live in a degrading country. Ukraine of the XXI century – is a classic corrupted (*by Niccolo Machiavelli: “the inability to free life comes from civil inequality... Futility of former agencies after the corruption of society is found mainly in two respects: in the appointment of officers and in the law.”*)⁹, The universal state (*by Arnold Toynbee: “...the state is in a state of agony.”*)¹⁰, where the pseudo-(*nomenclature*) is fighting for its survival. The state itself is turned into a tool for extraction of private profit by oligarchs controlling the country by criminal methods through intelligence and law enforcement agencies.

The state of degradation underlines the modern political process in Ukraine which fully complies with the Middle Ages, described by Machiavelli: “The Great Migration proceeded from the Scythian country, cold and poor country, where, multiplied, people were unable to feed themselves and had to retire, having a variety of reasons to go, and not a single one to stay”¹¹. According to studies conducted in 2010 by the International Institute of Education, Culture and Relations with the Diaspora of the Lviv National Polytechnic University, 49 percent of young people aged under 30 said they wanted to leave Ukraine for permanent residence ... and there is a tendency to leave with families¹². And in January 2012 56% of young people aged 16 to 26 years wanted to leave Ukraine. This data was obtained in a survey of students in Ukraine Institute of Demography and Social Studies. M.V. Ptukha (with support from the UNDP Equal Opportunities). Students from six cities – Kiev, Zaporozhye, Ivano-Frankivsk, Odessa, Uman and Khmelnytsky were interviewed¹³. (*Chart 1*).

⁸ They are tired of living in such country. The young men realized that they will not get anything. Nezavisimaya Gazeta 01.02.2011 [electronic resource]. - Mode of access: http://www.ng.ru/ng_politics/2011-02-01/10_tired.html

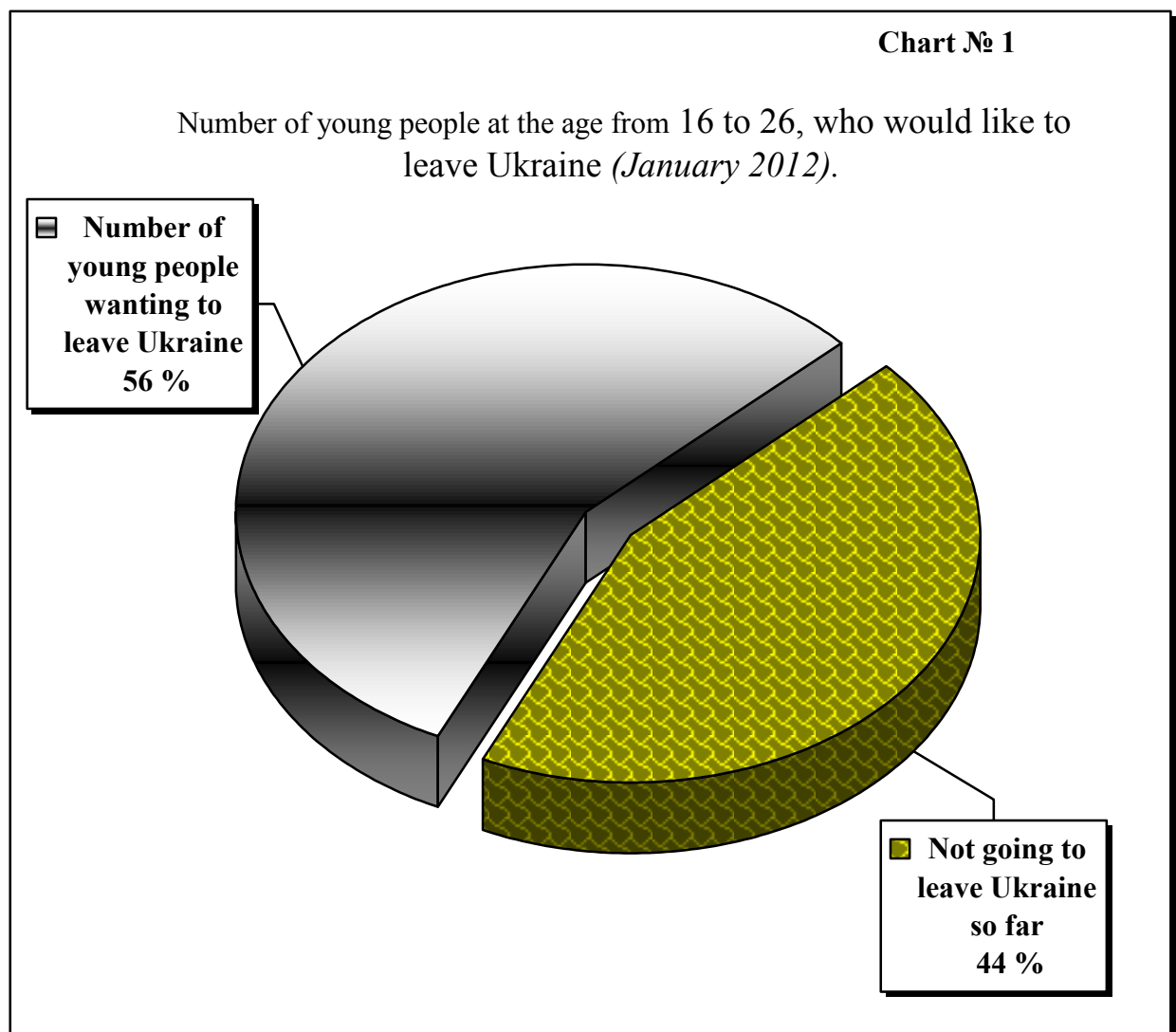
⁹N. Machiavelli, Discourses on the first decade of Titus Libya / Niccolo Machiavelli. - M.: Mysl, 1996. – P. 155–157.

¹⁰ Toynbee, AJ The comprehension of history / AJ Toynbee. - M.: Airis-Press, 2006. – P. 499.

¹¹ N. Machiavelli, Discourses on the first decade of Titus Libya / Niccolo Machiavelli. - M.: Mysl, 1996. - P. 243.

¹² 49% of young people in western Ukraine want to leave the country for permanent residence. Ternopil Internet newspaper "Look" [electronic resource]. March 11, 2011. - Mode of access: <http://poglyad.te.ua/2011/03/49-molodi-zahidnoji-ukrajiny-hochut-vyjihaty-z-krajiny-na-postijno/> Available March 22, 2011.

¹³ More than half of young people want to leave Ukraine - Research. 56% of young people aged 16 to 26 years, would like to leave Ukraine. 19.01.12. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: http://censor.net.ua/news/194581/bolee_poloviny_molodeji_hochet_vyehat_iz_ukrainy_issledovanie



Famous Russian elitologist Professor of Philosophy of MGIMO (University) MFA, Ph.D., Professor, Honored Scientist of the Russian Federation Gennady K. Ashin wrote: "Russia (*Auth. – USSR*) has undergone a lot of trouble because of the destruction in the XX century of a large part of the elite intelligentsia – the most valuable gene pool of the nation.

“That led to the degradation or one-sided development of culture in the country. Expulsion from the country and the destruction of part (*and the best part*) of the intelligentsia in the Soviet time, reduction in its status and standard of living in post-Soviet period leads to savagery and degradation of society as a whole.”¹⁴

Main directions of degradation of post-Soviet states.

Degradation of the state and society – is a comprehensive phenomenon. In order to understand its implications it is required to identify its main components:

¹⁴ Ashin GK *Elitology: Change and the recruitment of elites.* - M., Ed. RIO MGIMO, 1998. P. 85.

- Degradation of the pseudoelite. The collapse of the system of government and privatization of the state as a tool for personal gain of certain political criminal cliques.

- The refusal of the state from social functions and criminalization of entire sectors of the economy. Transition of the economy to self-suffocating patrimonial form of “feeding” for the pseudoelite and for the population to the level of biopolitics.

- Degradation of law enforcement and judicial systems to the level of the instrument of kleptocracy imposition. Shaping of a new middle class in a kleptocracy: a class of thieves and swindlers by perforce.

- Science and education – a tool of kleptocracy rooting. The incubator of corruption and imposition of forms of violence in the state and society.

- Extrapolation of kleptocracy – a real threat to the global community. The confrontation of civilizations.

The basis of all social and political processes in the former USSR is assimilated by communist pseudoelite formula of Marx: being determines consciousness. This conclusion he makes in his preface to the “Critique of Political Economy”: “Not the consciousness of men that determines their being, but on the contrary, their social being that determines their consciousness”¹⁵. This thesis has defined the content and essence of all post-Soviet nomenclature changes. The struggle for wealth has become the algorithm of all policies in the post-Soviet space. This historical period of the Soviet Union is a period of adaptation to the methods of violence and the transition from the “path of the law” to “the path of violence.” This is the period of shaping of a new system of criminal relationships in society and in the state. Gulag – this is not the Main Directorate of labor camps, but a form of dissemination of criminal relations in society and the state, the form of the transition to “the way the animals do” (violence).

This method of formation of new political pseudo élite of criminal-police state is evolving into the medieval terrorist state.

The peculiarity of such a state is a parasitizing by form and by nature pseudo élite, which is formed from the deviant categories of citizens – especially from the nomenclature, intelligence personnel (brought up on “red”, physical and psychological terror of citizens), and the criminals, cultivated by the state. This process is described by me in the article “The influence of post-Soviet kleptocracies on the development of modern international relations”¹⁶.

As a result, a political pseudo élite of criminal type during the Soviet era has formed with a pathological strive for power and perceiving the power only as “a treasure” (*according to Hegel*). With the collapse of the Soviet Union, these pseudo élites with criminal methods have usurped power in the new state formations.

¹⁵ K. Marx and F. Engels, Critique of Political Economy. Preface. Works. - 2nd ed. - M.: IPL, Vol. 13. – P. 5–9. – 417 p.

¹⁶ Problems of International Relations [Coll. sciences. works / science. yet. Kantselyaruk B. et al.]. - K.: KyMU, 2011. - Vol. 3. - 369 p.

The most stable business in the former Soviet Union is the business of authorities. This business concerns the sale of rights. Not only the rights to trade, manufacture, scientific and educational activities, or medical care. This is, above all, the business of civil servant, special services, the police to violate citizens' rights, including constitutional law. The officer, a politician sells the right to carry out illegal actions of the employer in relation to the employee or official (*nonobservance of labor laws, labor protection, sanitary and epidemiological norms, avoiding payment of taxes, direct or indirect pressures and inducement to unlawful acts, etc.*).

To understand the extent of greed of post-Soviet pseudo élites I would like to draw examples of enrichment of Russian and Ukrainian oligarchs. The most compelling example of the struggle for wealth at the highest political level is the dismissal of the Mayor of Moscow.

Removal of Yuri Luzhkov, repeatedly elected by the residents of Moscow is the best and indisputable proof of the clan, patrimonial nature of state power in Russia. Yuri Luzhkov, because of personal, selfish relationship ceased to satisfy “the Clan of Medvedev–Putin”, which led, for Luzhkov as a politician, to the fatal consequences. Of course, the actions of Luzhkov contain infringement of the law. But those are the rules of “political game” in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and other CIS countries.

State official of the highest rank, “the governor of St. Petersburg is in fact one of the biggest oligarchs of the country.” This was claimed in the air of “Echo of Petersburg”, by the scientific head of the “Research Center of modernization” of the European University Dmitri Travin. The expert said: “The question is not what kind of person will become the new governor, the question is, what financial group will come along with him”¹⁷. Valentina Matvienko simply ceded with honor her “piece”, stepping down as Chairman of the Federation Council of Russia.

Information about personal fortunes is being more frequently published by the world's media. “The clan of Putin” is number one in the list of the richest families in the world. The British newspaper “The Sunday Times” and the Czech “Lidové noviny” counted the money of the Russian prime minister and his family and say that this is more than 130 billion dollars.

This is 56 billion more than the fortune of the officially richest man in the world - Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim.

In the companies belonging to the “clan”, Putin's vote is decisive in administrative as well as in financial matters.

British journalists argue that the desire of the Russian prime minister to keep control of his financial empire became one of the reasons for his decision to run again for president.

This means that "the clan of Putin" in the last 12 years of his being in power in Russia receives every second (*day and night, without sleep and weekends, and holidays 343.5 U.S. dollars*).

¹⁷ Expert Governor of St. Petersburg - one of the biggest "oligarchs" of the country
Details: [electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://regnum.ru/news/polit/1419597.html> #ixzz1XQuW2KZc

Similar trends are observed in Ukraine. Their personal “European choice” domestic officials have already done.

Diplomatic passports allow them to go to Europe without a Schengen visa. Relatives of officials are not just resting abroad, or pass medical treatment there, they are already living there.

In recent years, Austria is popular among Ukrainian officials. She was chosen for the registration of the business of the First Deputy Prime Minister Andriy Klyuyev and oligarch Dmitry Firtash. In addition, in Austria family of the President Yanukovich hide traces of their involvement in the "Mizhhiria".

But the real surprise was the discovery of traces of Azarov’s family in Vienna (*Auth. – Prime Minister of the Government of Ukraine*), who loves urging Ukrainians “to economize and to transition to grass-eating”¹⁸.

For comparison, here is an example that the reason for the resignation of the President of Germany Christian Wulff was the scandal with a loan to build a house. In 2008, Wulff took a low interest loan of 500,000 Euros from the wife of the well-known businessman Egon Geerkens. The scandal erupted after the media released information that the annual interest rate was 4% instead of the proposed by the German banks 5%¹⁹. In the post-Soviet countries, such an accusation would have looked ridiculous.

For the representatives of the post-Soviet elite lies are passage to power. Therefore, the power in the post-Soviet states has no alternative other than kleptocracy.

In Ukraine, along with Russian examples, it is easy to give a large number of examples where instead of performing official functions for the office an official is engaged in open theft and fraud. As an example, the activities of the head of the State Employment Service, the Chief Executive of the Directorate of the Fund of compulsory state insurance against unemployment in Ukraine Vladimir Galitsky – the agency which is created to solve the most pressing social problems of modern Ukraine. Galitsky and two top officials of the Fund were eventually arrested. During raids in several bank cells, which belonged to the detainees, currency of a total value of US \$ 7.5 million, a large number of gold watches and precious stones had been found. Vladimir Galitsky led the State Employment Service from May 2003 to April 2005 and from August 2006 until the end of 2011. Fund budget in 2010 was 7.3 billion UAH. During a search of the house of Mr. Galitsky they found a stack of dollars, hryvnias, gold jewelry and diamonds in the safe box, and the same – in the bank cells, some of which were packed with bundles of U.S. currency. To arrange the diamonds and other jewelry, police officials barely had enough space on the floor. In the court, Vladimir Galitsky said that the money found during a search – his personal funds because he was “not a poor man”. Earlier, an official reported that his salary was three thousand UAH. Surprising is that the Ukrainian Security Service monitored the embezzlement of funds’ scheme,

¹⁸ While Azarov is urging Ukrainians to "tighten their belts," his son "shows off" in Vienna. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://atn.ua/newsread.php?id=70278>

¹⁹ German president resigned because of the credit of 500 thousand euros. Ukrainian Truth February 17, 2012. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://www.pravda.com.ua/rus/news/2012/02/17/6958935/>

and had been preparing an operation for six months. “It is established that the governing officials of the State center of employment provided public funds to businesses for job creation subject to the “bribe” at a rate of 15–20% from the allocated amount. For non-payment of “interest” funding stopped and all sorts of “safety checks” of these companies were initiated”²⁰.

The essence of the relationship of the power elite is in competition for the right of members of the clique to engage in corruption, that is, not all are admitted to the corruption trough, but only those to whom it should be opened. I.e. activities of secret services and law enforcement agencies and courts are selective. Director, Institute for Political Analysis and International Studies, Sergei Tolstov considers “domestic view is that the officials involved in corrupt practices, significantly more than those who fall into the “field of view, and against whom certain sanctions apply.” “On the other hand, in several cases there is speculation that the arrest warrant and the initiation of a criminal case are the result of certain combinations. They are easier to open if the officer prevented someone's corrupt activities”.

Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said: “The mess there is of course a unique one.” But Azarov himself is responsible for organizing the “mess”, which is in demand by the government, if the government fails to take timely actions. “Vladimir Galitsky led the State Employment Service from May 2003 to April 2005 and from August 2006 to the present day”²¹. That is, under the three Presidents of Ukraine.

Interesting is an assessment of the merits of Vladimir Galitsky by the state. It characterizes all the cynicism of post-Soviet government in the case of Ukraine. He was awarded the Order of St. Vladimir III degree (2001) and II degree (2003), the Order of Nestor the Chronicler (2003), Diploma of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine (2004), diploma of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (2004), Diploma of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (2004), Golden sign of the Ukrainian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs (2004), the Diploma of the Fund of compulsory state social insurance against unemployment in Ukraine (2007), The decoration of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of Ukraine “Honor Mark” (2007), the Order of Danilo Galitsky (2007). Winner of the municipal action “Odessa resident of the year” with the award of an honorary badge “Crystal Pearl” (2003)²².

This suggests that the rules are set by the state, but one can break them and others cannot. Galitsky has moved from the category of “those who can” to “those who cannot”.

²⁰ Lazorenko Ksenia. Galitsky's kickbacks remembered. Economic News, № 211, November 29, 2011 [electronic resource]. - Mode of access:

http://www.ukrrudprom.ua/digest/Galitskomu_vspomnili_otkati.html

²¹ Lazorenko Ksenia. Galitsky's kickbacks remembered. Economic News, № 211, November 29, 2011 [electronic resource]. - Mode of access:

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²² Vladimir Galitsky. Biography. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://job-sbu.org/vladimir-galitskiy-biografiya.html>

This is the form of kleptocracy existence. Herbert Spencer wrote: “The proposals of the Board of Directors approved usually implicitly or after the most superficial discussion, and if you would have any significant opposition, its resistance will certainly be broken by an overwhelming majority of those who are always behind the current regime”²³.

Belonging to a clique transforms human super-real position, mythical status – “witches' Sabbath”. Man feels himself above society, and above the law. He has no motivation to work; he shifts into the leisure class, which creates the foundation for kleptocracy. “The class of criminals recruited mostly from idle elements, idleness – a source of crime, it follows that the success is only the prison regime, which eradicates idleness.”²⁴ It is in this state the high-ranking officials and their relatives are. “On 25 July the daughter of Vladimir Galitsky – Margarita Smelyanskaya-Galitskaya, while in Monte Carlo, lost control over her “Bentley” and crashed into four cars: Aston Martin, Mercedes, Ferrari and Porsche”²⁵. Naturally, the financial problems have arisen.

Corruption and fraud in modern post-Soviet elites is a completely natural phenomenon. Examples are endless.

Especially dangerous is the criminalization of the judiciary and law enforcement agencies. Their condition and working methods are diametrically opposed to the formal requirements laid down in the legislation of the states. Table 1 describes the state of justice in Ukraine.

Table № 1²⁶

№ п/п.	Factors which negatively influence independence of judges in Ukraine	Judges' opinion in % from 579 asked.
.	Unsatisfactory material and technical support of judges	90,60%
.	Level of social guarantees of judges	88,70%
.	Humiliation by politicians of the authority of judicial power	87,00%

²³ Spencer G. Experiments scientific, political and philosophical / Trans. from English. Ed. N. Rubakin. - Mn.: Modern writer, 1998. - 1408 p. - (The classic philosophical thought). P. 1378.

²⁴ Spencer G. Experiments scientific, political and philosophical / Trans. from English. Ed. N. Rubakin. - Mn.: Modern writer, 1998. - 1408 p. - (The classic philosophical thought). P. 1101.

²⁵ Detained Head of State Employment 27/11/2012. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://ubr.ua/ukraine-and-world/power/zaderjan-glava-gosslujby-zaniatosti-113564>

²⁶ Source: "Monitoring the independence of the judiciary in Ukraine - 2011" The reverse side of independence. Judges complained about problems at work. The newspaper "Kommersant Ukraine", № 187 (1461), 14.11.2011, judge of every five in Ukraine was the victim of pressure November 14, 2011 [electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://podrobnosti.ua/power/2011/11/14/803523.html>

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.	Lack of funding and its implementation in the "manual" mode. Low salaries of judges	86,60%
.	Public evaluation of judicial decisions by officials.	78,60%
.	Attempts to influence the review of cases through the media	72,90%
.	The absence of established methods in law to prosecute those who attempt to improperly influence the judges	70,50%
.	Unlawful bringing of judges to disciplinary responsibility	67,20%
.	Involvement of the judges in the political struggle	58,30%
0.	Intervention (letters, addresses, telephone calls) of separate people's deputies in the activities of a judge	54,30%
1.	Attempts by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine and representatives of government agencies to improperly influence the judiciary and judges	43,00%
2.	Attempts by the Verkhovna Rada and the representatives of parliamentary committees to improperly influence the judiciary and judges	42,70%
3.	Attempts by the President and members of his administration to improperly influence the judiciary and judges	38,90 %
4.	Corruption in the judiciary	35,50%

First Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Justice Yuriy Karmazin said that such data certifies a degradation of both the judiciary and society at large²⁷.

Peculiarity of post-Soviet political system is that private government organizes crime. There is an unconscious, but intense process of self-devour of the society (*Arnold Toynbee*).

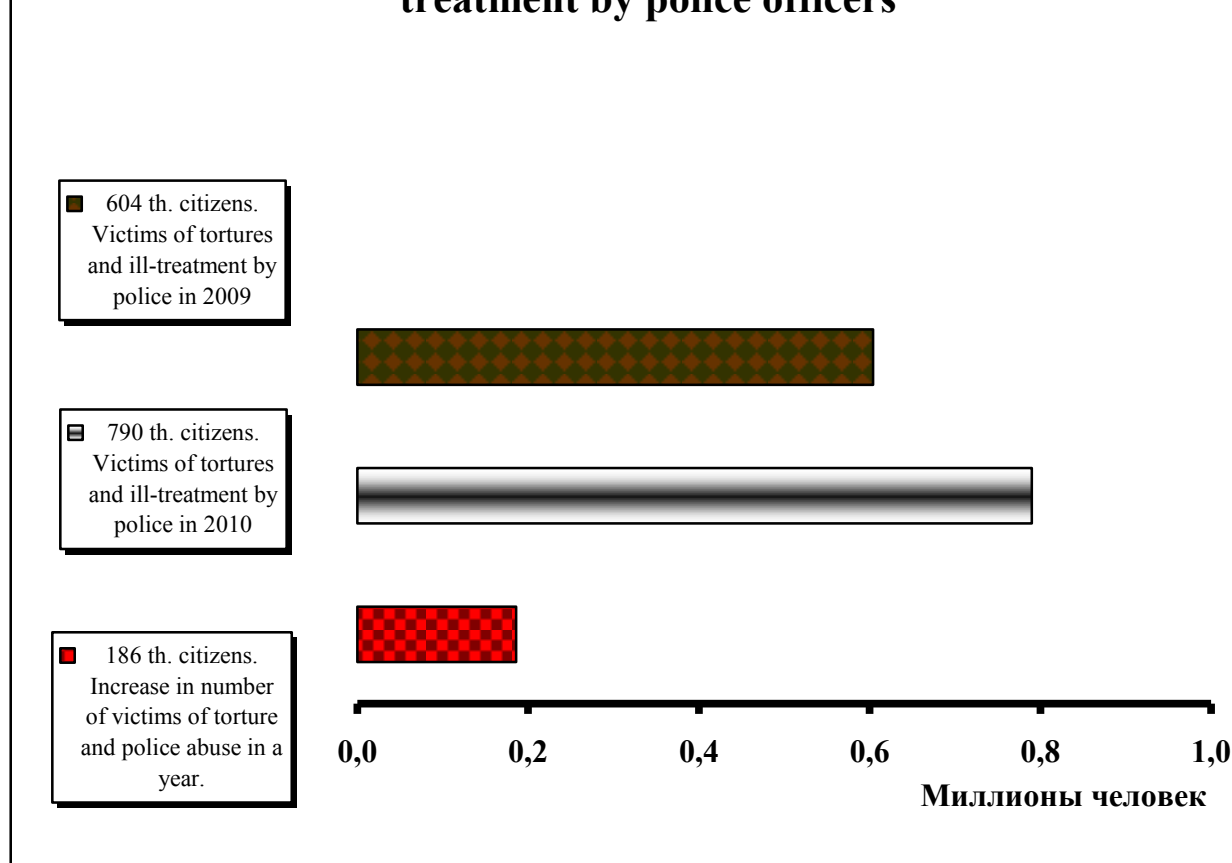
The post-Soviet countries have lost control over not only law enforcement agencies and courts, but also over the intelligence agencies. The statistics presented by chairman of the Russian Supreme Court Vyacheslav Lebedev at the meeting of presidents of courts of the Federation, showed that a list of those convicted of bribery in Russia is dominated by the police officers. "...of those convicted in 2008 for bribery 1,300, 31% were representatives of the Ministry of Interior"²⁸.

²⁷ The reverse side of independence. Judges complained about problems at work. The newspaper "Kommersant Ukraine", № 187 (1461), 14.11.2011. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: <http://kommersant.ua/doc/1815801>

²⁸ Lebedev V. Council of the chairmen of federation courts. [Electronic resource] / Lebedev, January 28, 2009 - Mode of access: <http://kommersant.ru>

Chart 2

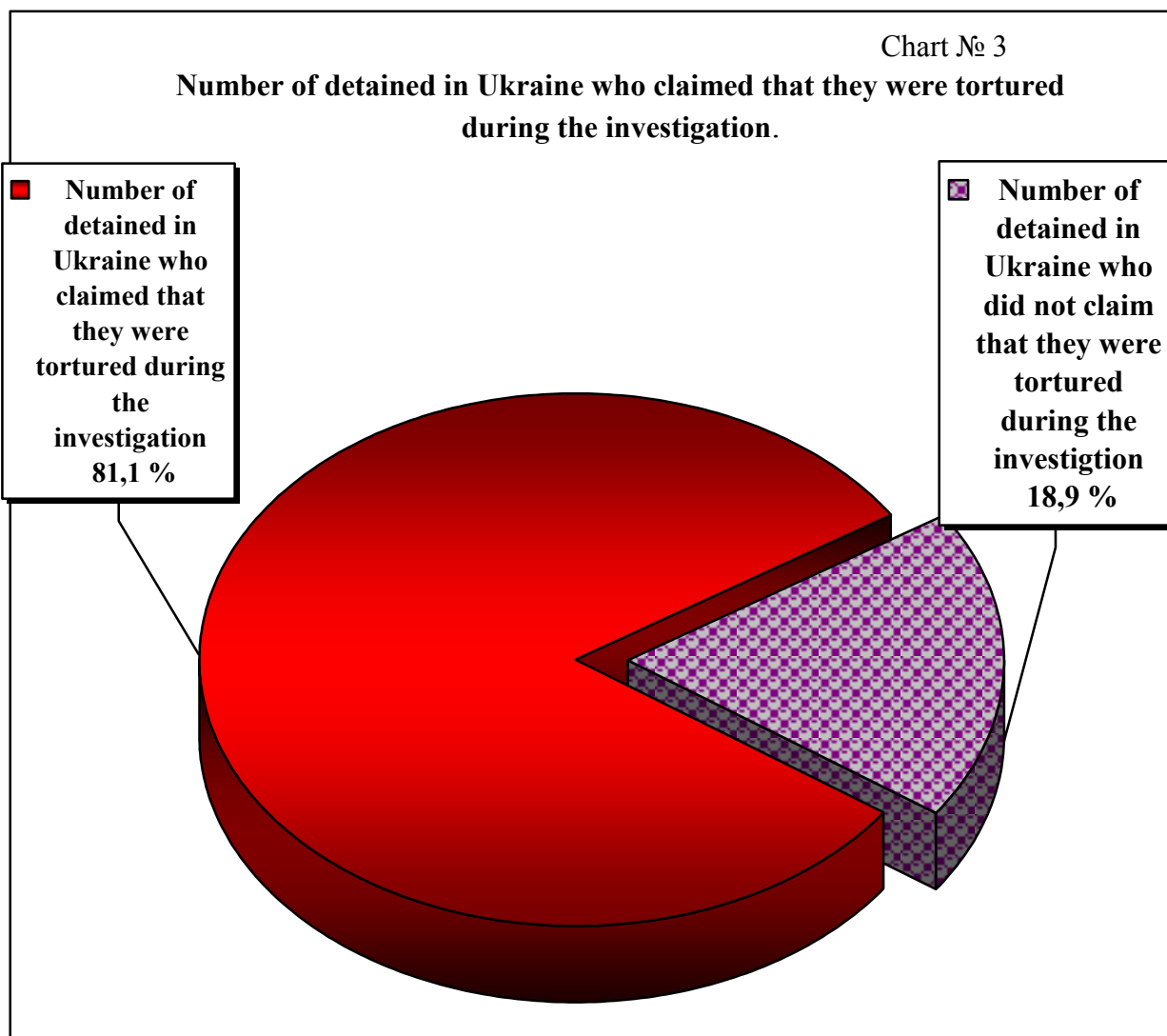
Citizens of Ukraine - victims of torture and ill-treatment by police officers



In 2010 23.5% more citizens than in 2009 have been abused by law enforcement officers in Ukraine. Alarming results of a poll conducted by the Kharkiv Human Rights Group, together with the Kharkov Institute of Interior sociological research. The survey revealed a terrible scene: the victims of torture and police abuse in 2010 were 790,000 Ukrainians – by 186 thousand more than it was last year. In other words, each employee of Interior Ministry accounted for 2.5 victims (*Chart 2*).

The police turned into a criminal structure. According to the survey of prisoners who were in the penitentiary system (Prison Service), 81.1% of these people argue that they were tortured in the facility (*Chart 3*). “They argued that they were tortured at the stage of the inquiry investigation. The situation has not changed today. They really learned how to beat so as not to leave any traces”²⁹.

²⁹ Oksana Protsenko. Voice of ua. News agency. More than 80% of prisoners claim that torture them - a human rights activist. [Electronic resource] 14.01.11. - Mode of access: http://www.golosua.com/main/article/podiyi/20120209_bolee-80-zaklyuchennyih-utverjdayut-cto-k-nim-primenyalis-pyitki-pravozaschitnik



According to the poll of the Kiev International Institute of Sociology (KIIS), at the end of 2010 45.7% of respondents among the violators of the rights of citizens put the police in the first place³⁰.

Violation of civil rights – is the main trend of the post-Soviet transformation. “Over the years of independence, in fact, the restriction of civil rights occurred, contrary to the Constitution of Ukraine”³¹, – said Shemshuchenko S. – Academician of NAS of Ukraine, Director of the Institute of State and Law named after V.M. Koretsky.

It is interesting to view an opinion of the former head of the Russian Interpol bureau, Vladimir Ovchinsky: “It's safe to say that in our country there are no “untainted” state agencies – whether it is government ministries, the governor's office or City Hall. A special place in this “hit parade” belongs to power structures.

³⁰ In 2010, the actions of police officers injured nearly 800 thousand Ukrainians. [Electronic resource] 14.01.11. - Mode of access: <http://korrespondent.net/ukraine/events/1165761-korrespondent-pochti-800-tysyach-ukraincev-postradali-ot-dejstvij-milicii-v-2010-godu>

³¹ Shemshuchenko S. - Academician of NAS of Ukraine, Director of the Institute of State and Law. VM Koretsky NAS. (First President of the Association of Political Science.). September 14, 2007

Even during the dashing 1990s there had not been such large-scale involvement of law enforcement officers in organized crime groups. “Illustrating his arguments, the expert cites examples of prosecutors, fronting an illegal gambling business, the region's rampaging gangs of all sorts of “spud” (*Auth. criminal organization name*) covered by local law enforcement officers, endless raids of businesses with the support of power structures, and the notorious crime bosses, sitting on high chairs. “I, being a former head of Interpol, dare to say that there are no analogues in the world – complained the retired major general of militia Ovchinsky. – It was not of a mass nature, that's the main difference. Now it is a kind of “nationalization of mafia” – in fact, criminal organizations are replacing real leadership”³².

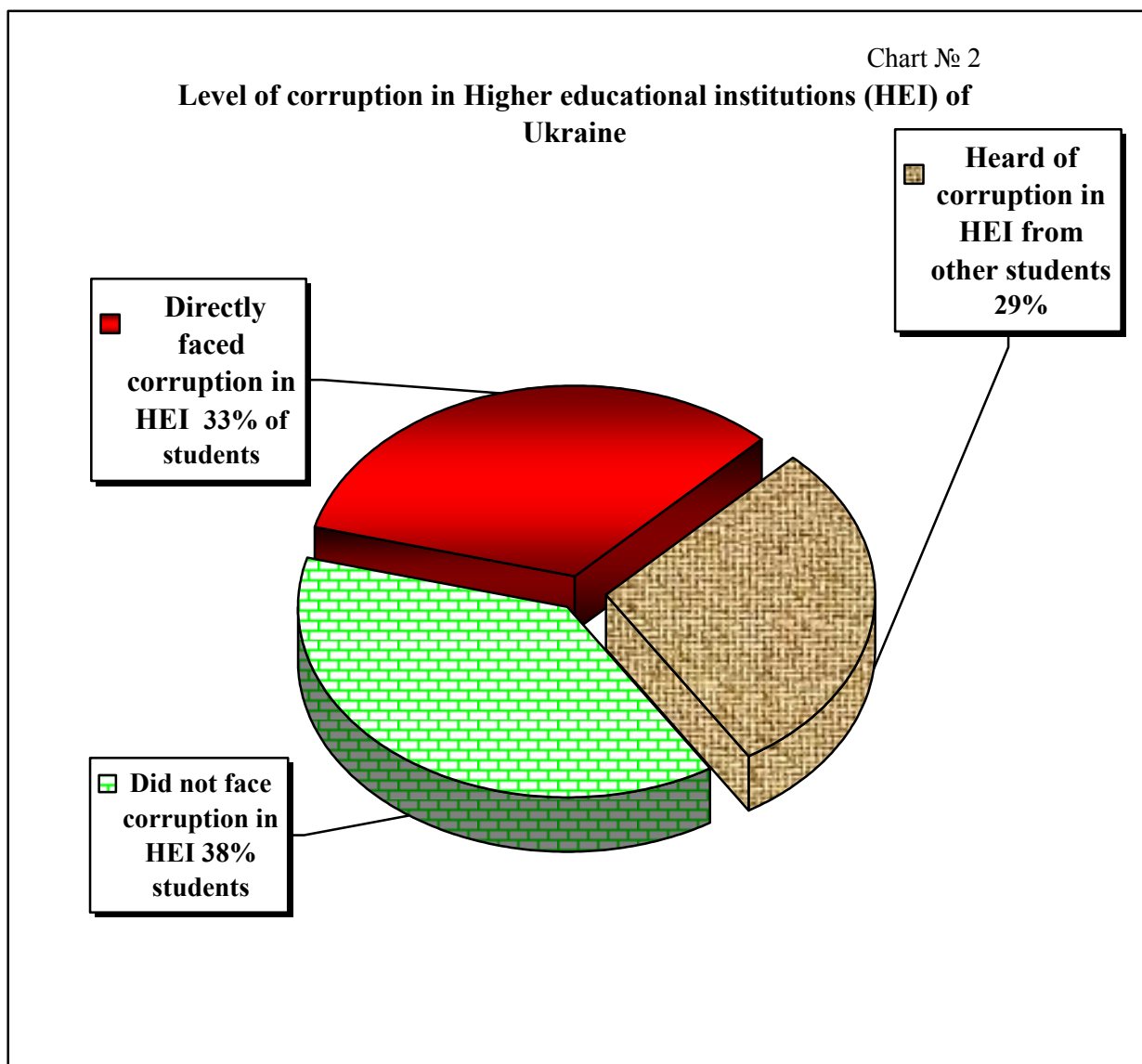
These groups of shady businessmen, corrupt officials and criminals build their concept of state of degradation, which is based on the immoral “concept” of the criminal world, “universal” (*Toynbee*) behavior of the degraded security services and police, which became the largest source of danger to the citizens of post-Soviet states.

History is replete with examples of social state, similar to the Slavic countries in the XXI century. Even the wise Aristotle wrote: “There was the law in Thebes: who in the past ten years has not refrained from market trade, he had no right to hold public office”³³.

Degradation has become a tool for implementing kleptocracy as a state government. The main point of the degradation application is education and science, and method – corruption in the education and science. In this context, a nationwide survey of students of Ukrainian universities is of interest, which was held by the Fund "Demokratichni Initsiativi" of Ilko Kucheriv and the company "Ukrainian Sociology Service" from March 23 to April 3, 2010. Corruption in higher education has become not only a reflection of the quality of the political elite, but also factor of shaping the life orientation of the Ukrainian elite. We can assume that at least one third of the country's administrative staff will be oriented towards corrupt behavior on the basis of their own life experiences.

³² Ovchinsky B. Russia is ruled by mafia. "Moskovsky Komsomolets" [electronic resource] / Ovchinsky B., June 29, 2011 - Mode of access: <http://www.utro.ru/articles/2011/06/29/983167.shtml>

³³ Aristotle. The classical philosophical thought. Ethics. Policy. Rhetoric. Poetics. Category. Minsk. Literature. In 1998. P. 510.



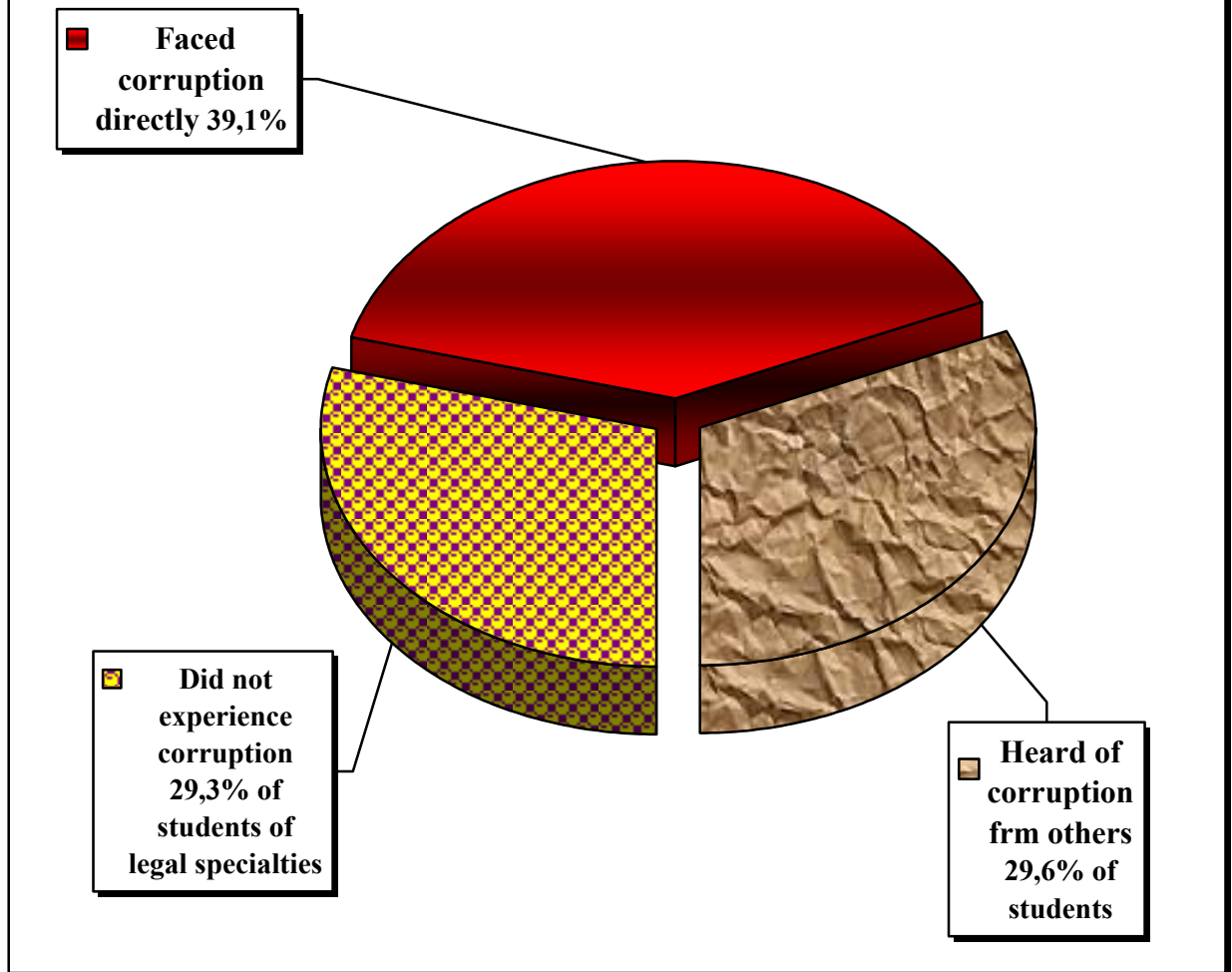
The study shows that the prevalence of corrupt practices does not affect ownership of educational institution: in the state (public) schools with this phenomenon experienced 33% of students, in private 35.5%. Also, it turned out almost equally widespread corruption in the full-time (33%) and part-time (34%). And whether a student studies are paid from the state budget or he's on contract does not affect the corruption level (faced corruption, 31.1% and 34.6% respectively)³⁴.

The level of corruption of the state (*by Niccolo Machiavelli*) confirmed the degree of corruption of teachers of law schools. Most often students are faced with corruption in law schools. During the study some forty percent of students of legal specialties face it, while the socio-specialties in the humanities experienced corruption personally 25.4% of the respondents (*Chart 4*).

³⁴ A nationwide survey of students conducted by the Foundation "Demokraticzni Initsiatiivi" of Ilko Kucheriv and the company "Ukrainian Sociology Service" from March 23 to April 3, 2010. [Electronic resource] - Mode of access: <http://biz.liga.net/news/E1102954.html>

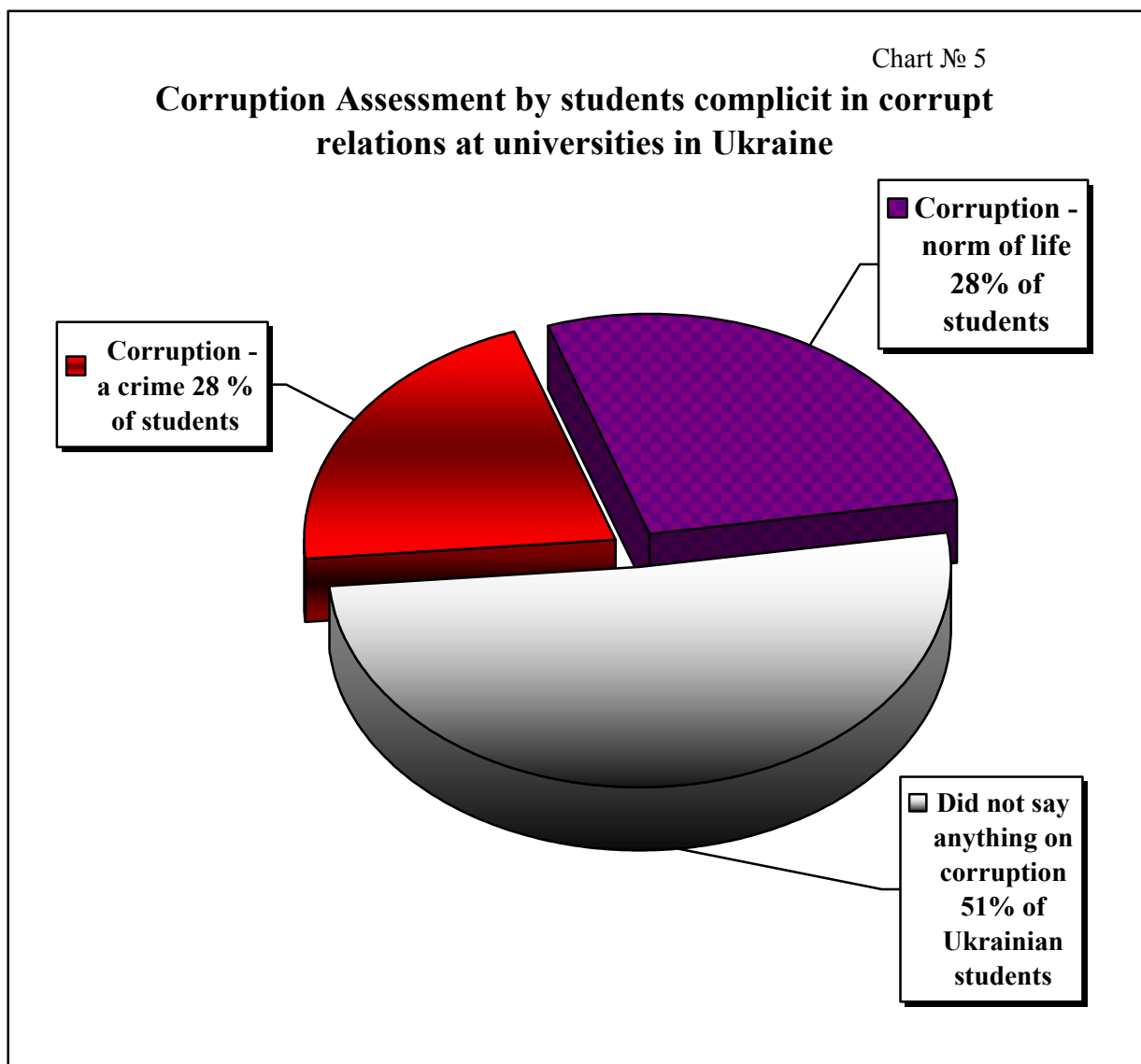
Chart № 3

Level of corruption at legal specialties in HEI of Ukraine



Ukrainian youth is initially focused on the existence in conditions of total corruption. As a result, corruption is corrupt form of existence, highly fragmented with prolongation of the state of corruption until a state where corruption is perceived differently than the norm of modern society. Regarding assessment of corruption prevalent among the students' point of view that is – “one of the possible ways to solve the existing problems”, 35%, only 31% believe that corruption is a crime, and the opinion of 21%, corruption - is the norm of modern life.

An interesting assessment of corruption in Ukrainian universities is made by the students who are directly complicit in corruption schemes.



Assessment of corruption by students who have no personal experience in corruption is more optimistic. Among those who have no personal experience of participation in corrupt practices, corruption as a crime 42% and the norm of modern social life 13%. The level of corruption is that bribes in high school are a common phenomenon comparable to the payment of personal services or the payment of public transport. On this basis, only 44% of respondents believe that corruption should be tackled. Only 5% are ready to oppose it personally. 36% of respondents did not consider it necessary to oppose: 24% believe that it is impossible, and 13% that in principle should not be done because it is a natural phenomenon.

These trends are prevalent in the country. The Bologna process in Ukraine is blocked by the government. The expert councils by the Ministry serve as a tool of “mercy”. HAC of Ukraine dismissed, but is replaced by an even more rigid and controlled structure of the Ministry of Education - State Certification Commission DAK. Ukraine is simply “fooling” the world’s scientific community.

Education in the former Soviet Union became the incubator of corruption, which supplies staff in all spheres of human activity. In support of this hypothesis

Doctor of Education, professor, corresponding member of the NAPN of Ukraine, Vice-President NAPN of Ukraine, Director of the Institute of Higher Education of Ukraine NAPN Lugovoi V.I. says: "A huge number of poorly selected students and relatively large number of similarly selected teachers in higher education in Ukraine make up most of its lack, rather than an advantage"³⁵.

The tragedy of the Ukrainian science is that scientific degrees are appropriated by deputy prime ministers, not to mention the prime minister and president, they are not always sufficiently educated themselves. (Most of the political elites of post-Soviet countries are bad at school...). According to scientists, as the case with Andrey Tikhonovich Slyusarchuk, in general, has little value. Assignment of the academic title "Doctor of Medicine" to Andrey Tikhonovich Slyusarchuk is the best evidence of decorative role of the science in Ukraine.³⁶ Modern plasterers, tilers, painters, Marxists, communists are part of National Certification Commissions, accreditation commissions and expert commissions, making a mockery of national science, and sometimes, especially the social sciences, in the sarcastic nonsense. Thus, shifting the role of science exclusively into an instrument of indoctrination of the society.

The level of degradation of science in Ukraine causes the irreversibility of the process. It is impossible to calculate how many "Pi doctors" are in Ukraine, they filled all the space of pseudo-scientific, crippling research in all branches of science and technology, and they constitute a majority in reducing the generation of expert advice to the level of the personal sphere of commerce. Thus, education has become an incubator of corruption in the country. In my opinion, there is no mechanism within the state to stop this process.

Science in the post-communist countries is not an intellectual phenomenon, but a physical value: the height, length, weight, number of links, pages, etc., as well as the political pseudoelite, access to benefits, additional to the salary and pensions, banal "label" social recognition – timos – self-gratification, and narcissism. "It is well known that in our country to have a degree is not only prestigious, but also profitable. It gives some, though not particularly impressive, tangible dividends. But if they did not even have to get a diploma, consecrated by the name of the state, is still considered important, and often – a necessary supplement to the weight of his public support, especially among officials of the state apparatus of the presidential administration of Ukraine or the People's Deputies. However, all are well aware that the vast majority of them have to do with real science is the same attitude, like a movie has a relation to the Canine ..."³⁷ – said a member of the Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine,

³⁵ Вища освіта України у контексті інтеграції до європейського освітнього простору (Теоретичний та науково-методичний часопис) Додаток 2 до № 3, том I (26) 2011. Інститут вищої освіти НАПН України. Видавництво «Гнозис», 2011. С. 700. С.304

³⁶ Сенсаційне викриття псевдопрофесора Пі, газета «Експрес», № 5980, 06.10.2011. [Електронний ресурс]. – Режим доступу: <http://www.expres.ua/main/2011/10/06/51409>

³⁷ Loktev, They forgot about science behind the bacchanalia, "Mirror of the week. Ukraine »№ 2, 21 January 2011. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: http://zn.ua/EDUCATION/za_vakhanaliey_zabyli_o_nauke-73712.html

National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, V.M. Loktev, – “...Ukraine will never be and will eventually completely disappear from the scientific world map ... science is finally degraded, and in our country it will be forgotten”³⁸.

Alexander Tarasov - Director of the new sociology and the study of practical politics, “Phoenix” wrote in “Nezavisimaya Gazeta”: I think the current highest officials of the state will put their children who receive more education and those living in other conditions than those who live in the country. But on the lower floors, which require at least small managers, a catastrophic shortage of good decisions will increase, causing unjustified expenses, man-made disasters, etc. The situation will be typical of some third world countries, where the cadres in developed industries come from abroad. However, in the “smart” countries like United Arab Emirates the populace began to send their students to learn at the best foreign universities. I do not see the desire in us to do the same³⁹.

“In the post-Soviet ruins of the communist empire a process of disintegration of states is going on, described by Paul Henri Holbach: “The nation is in the state of strife, when the principles that guide its government are flawed, and the laws are bad and powerless, and when the power is treated with contempt, when anarchy covers all classes of the state, when citizens isolate their interests against the interests of the motherland and dissociate themselves from it ... finally, when the spring weakens the state machinery and the luxury makes all minds indifferent to everything that is beneficial, suggesting indifference to public welfare and contempt for virtue. Then the state has no more of its citizens: it is filled with evil, torn from their homeland creatures, which only encourages unbridled passion for wealth, pleasure and frivolous way of life”⁴⁰.

There is a clear interrelation between the degradation of the society and degradation of the judiciary in the results of a poll: “Do you consider lynching acceptable?” Poll shows not only the level of forced (imposed on society by pseudo élite) degradation, but also the degree of fragmentation of the state for about 4/5 or 76% (*Table № 6*). I would like to note that the survey data on the Internet in the table No 6 can be considered representative. (The survey involved 20,349 people. As of 12.15 PM, 21.03.2012).

³⁸ Loktev VM. Ukrainian science can be forgotten. Mirror of the week. Mirror of the Week, № 6, February 17, 2012. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: http://zn.ua/SCIENCE/i_o_nauke_v_ukraine_mozhno_zabyt__-97443.html

³⁹ Tarasov They're tired of living in this country. The young men realized that they did not get it. Nezavisimaya Gazeta 01.02.2011 [electronic resource]. - Mode of access: http://www.ng.ru/ng_politics/2011-02-01/10_tired.html

⁴⁰ Holbach, Paul Henri. A natural politics, or a conversation about the true principles of government. Anthology of world political thought: a 5-m - M.: Thought, 1997. - Volume 1 - P. 473-474.

Chart № 6

Do you consider lynching acceptable in Ukraine?

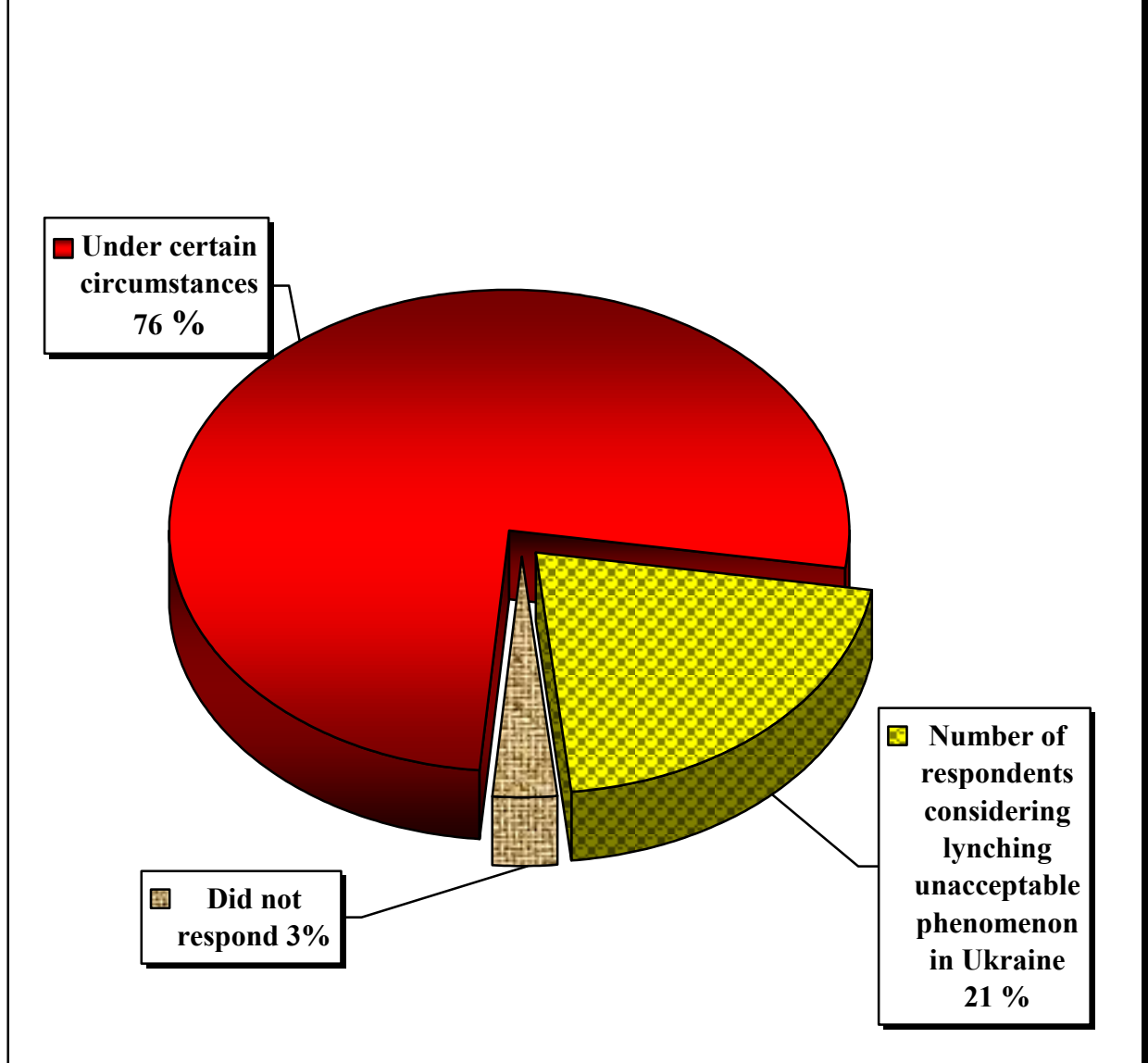


Table № 6

Do you consider lynching acceptable? ⁴¹		
№ п/п.	Questions.	No of respondents in %.
1.	I consider it valid, as the Ukrainian courts do not provide	30 %

⁴¹ Interactive online poll lb.ua. [Electronic resource]. - Mode of access: http://lb.ua/news/2012/03/20/141976_eksspikeru_krima_gritsenko_dali_dva.html. Available 21/03/2012.

	justice in the country.	
2.	I consider it acceptable in some cases, when the fault of man is evident, but he managed to evade responsibility.	23 %
3.	In exceptional cases, people have the right to cruelty towards criminals - like those who raped and put on fire the girl in Nikolaev.	22 %
4.	I'm for, but I would not participate in it.	1 %
5.	I am opposed to lynching, since it is no more effective than the ordinary courts.	4 %
6.	I would not want to assume such a responsibility - to judge another person and deal with them on the street.	6 %
7.	Lynching is not more moral than killing for other reasons.	11 %
8.	Did not respond.	3 %

In total 20,054 votes. As of 10:00, 21.03.2012.

In this connection an opinion of the head of the Ukrainian Security Service Valery Khoroshkovsky is interesting, who in 2008 concluded: "In Ukraine, the courts have created parallel legislation".⁴²

Extrapolation of kleptocracy - real threat to the global community. The confrontation of civilizations

Existing political systems in post-Soviet states are a serious danger to the world community. Described by Arnold Toynbee ways out of the collapse of civilization are not possible with globalization, which is even more exacerbating international danger from the side of former Soviet states.

This danger lies in extrapolating of the corrupted state beyond its borders. History knows a lot of cases when "entering into direct relations with the inhabitants of them, may become infected by corrupting them, such fate befell Rome at first, and then the conquest of Capua by Hannibal. Livy testifies to this, saying: "Lam tunc minime salubris militari disciplinae Capua, instrumentum omnium voluptatum, clelinitos militum animos avertit a mcmonia patriae".⁴³

Indeed such cities and provinces revenge its winners without fighting or bloodshed, but by infecting them with their wickedness, betray them and sacrifice them to the first enemy, who attacks them.⁴⁴

⁴² Khoroshkovsky V.I. Chairman of the customs committee of Ukraine. TV-channel ICTV Weekly report 03.02.08.

⁴³ Capua due to its weak military discipline "even then was a city the least favorable to the order in the army: it relaxed souls of soldiers all sorts of pleasures, and made them forget the fatherland "(Livy, VII, 38).

⁴⁴ N. Machiavelli, Discourses on the first decade of Titus Libya / Niccolo Machiavelli. - M.: Mysl, 1996. - P. 268-269.

In today's world of globalization, such a danger is very real. The world entered an era of global civilization conflict. The clash of civilizations is inevitable, it is already underway. This collision, based on the organization of life, based on forms of government, the “open society” with “good” forms of government and universal kleptocracies controlled by “fools in all respects”⁴⁵ forms of government. This is a clash of global political and economic (*energy*) interests of the two antagonistic civilizations.

The post-Soviet political system – this is the last bastion of totalitarianism (*Arnold Toynbee classifies this phenomenon as an elite phenomenon: "irrepressible desire of creators and owners of universal state to hold at all costs"*)⁴⁶ to contain the advance of the West and the liberal-democratic values. For the U.S., EU and NATO it's a springboard for the promotion of democracy, the only means of preserving the values of an “open society” in the East. It's a way to take control of vital global hydrocarbon reserves of the Caspian Sea, Central, Middle, and the Russian part of Asia.

There is no doubt that in terms of total degradation of the political systems in the foreseeable future, the ultimate point of the evolution of post-Soviet states will be: the collapse of the system of government, loss of independence and loss of territory.

*“Usually it happens that among these upheavals, the republic devoid of strength and leadership is prey to a neighboring state, which is controlled better than it”*⁴⁷.

⁴⁵ N. Machiavelli, Discourses on the first decade of Titus Libya / Niccolo Machiavelli. - M.: Thought, 1996. - P. 119.

⁴⁶ Toynbee, A.J. The comprehension of history / A.J. Toynbee. - M.: Iris Press, 2006. - C. 513.

⁴⁷ N. Machiavelli, Discourses on the first decade of Titus Libya / Niccolo Machiavelli. - M.: Mysl, 1996. - P. 120.