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National Self-consciousness of Lithuanians in Lithuania Minor and its Political Expression: the Traits of XIX Century and XX Century 1st Half

Summary

The National Revival and further development's peculiarities in political aspect of Lithuanians from the Prussian Lithuania (or Lithuania Minor) has been discussed in the article. Assumptions and circumstances of the phenomenon, political organizations, political consciousness and its expression have been analysed. The major focus has been put to compare the National Revival and further development of Lithuanians from both parts of Lithuania – Prussian Lithuania (or Lithuania Minor) and Lithuania proper – by discussing singularities and generalities. Intercourse of political life

of Lithuanians with their cultural dispersion, general political trends in the context of the ruling countries and nations has been discussed.

This article has been divided into seven chapters – “Assumptions and circumstances of the National Revival”, “Political parties of Prussian Lithuanians: the origin and development”, “Peculiarities of political consciousness”, “Issue of statehood and its resolutions”, “Rebus of Klaipėda region”, “Prussian Lithuanians in the State of Lithuania”, “Lands of Prussian Lithuanians and peoples' destinies”.

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