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The Concept of National Character in Vytautas Kavolis' Early Lithuanian Studies

Summary

The article deals with the usage of the concept of national character in Lithuanian-American sociologist Vytautas Kavolis' early Lithuanian Studies. It is argued that the concept is used in a twofold way. On one hand, national character is understood as a set of psychological patterns of interpersonal interaction that are specific to a particular nation. On the other hand, national character is perceived as a personality structure characteristic of the members of a certain nation, forming the core of their personalities. The article also inquires into the theoretical context of both concepts of national character.

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