

REGIONAL ASPECTS OF UKRAINIANS' INTEGRATION PREFERENCES

The regional factor is really an important factor that influences the choice of foreign policy orientation of the citizens of Ukraine. This influence is felt most acute during the discussion on the prospects of Ukraine's European integration. Pro-European mood have Catholics and Greek Catholics because they were traditionally in the trend of support processes romanization of Ukraine. While parishioners of the UOC MP, who make up the majority of believers are set to develop friendly relations with their spiritual brethren from Russia and Belarus.

All this is to some extent confirms the theory of Samuel Huntington about the clash of civilizations, on which Ukraine is a "divided country", which is divided into Uniate nationalist Ukrainian-speaking West and Russian-Orthodox East.

The religious and economic factors in its quantitative indicators are relatively superior, and hence vector of integration that they determine is more powerful.

European integration to some extent may complicate political and economic relations between Ukraine and the neighboring post-Soviet states, including Russia, thus causing opposition on their part. In addition, any model of unilateral relations doomed to face with limited resources and asymmetry in foreign relations.

Therefore, the agreement with the EU should serve as a strategic guide for the socio-economic policy, its implementation requires a process of consolidation of all international resources and foreign aid, including assistance to the Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Back in 2013 the head of 10 churches and religious organizations of Ukraine made an appeal to the Ukrainian people, which they generally assessed positively the European aspirations of the country's leadership. After all, European integration UOC seen in a broad sense as communication between the Orthodox-Slavic and Western civilizations within Greater Europe, not as a secession one by one the parts of the Orthodox world and its absorption by the West.