

ON THE NOTION OF "CIVICISM"

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The article states that the notions of political culture and civicism can be considered identical assuming that the interpretation of civicism includes knowledge, qualities, positions, values and actions. This approach is proved by the analysis of various definitions of political culture, comparison of "psychological" and "social" methods of defining the notion of political culture. On the other hand, the notion civicism has undergone a number of semantic changes and it can be considered as an integrative quality which enables people to consider themselves legally, socially, morally and politically capable. Therefore, the notion of civicism includes moral qualities as well.