different measures to ensure environmental safety were introduced, such as the prohibition of import and (or) export of environmental unfriendly goods, quantitative restrictions on the import and (or) export and licensing procedure, implying a license to export and import, issued by the authorized state bodies of the Member States of the Customs Union.

In addition, the states have the right to introduce such measures unilaterally, concerned of foreign trade of goods and of non-economic nature (i.e. temporary measures), provided that they are aimed at the protecting of the citizens life and health, the environment, animals and plants life and health, the prevention of the exhaustion of non-renewable natural resources and other issues like above-mentioned.

The goal of this research work was to show the role of customs authorities in the ensuring of environmental safety and to evaluate their activities in this area. As a result, the main environmental problems of the Republic of Belarus and the measures, taken by the customs authorities to normalize and improve the current situation in the environmental sphere have been revealed, which only proves the necessity of the participation of customs authorities in the environmental policy of the country.

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INTELLIGENCE AS A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY

Today all countries of the world pay attention to national security as it ensures border security, law fullness and order, within the country, integrity of nations' interests and main development directions, significant aspects. But this powerful and organized system faces the problem of intelligence activities.

Military intelligence dates back to the emergency of a state in the slavery society. It was used as a tool for providing external and internal policies. The 'intelligence' is defined as a complex of measures performed by special state bodies in peace and wartime aimed at gathering intelligence of political and economic situation of the states and their military potential. The intelligence is one of the most principal means of troops support intended to collect intelligence data about hostile forces, terrain and other data required for successful warfare. Consequently, today all states are subjected to the threat of the internal activities. Information is the main tool of war.

The *goal of this research* is to show vital importance of intelligence activity. The main method was analysis of real life examples of the intelligence action, note basic directions and terms of this action. The results of the research embrace modern measures against intelligence activities. To achieve these aims the following operations may be conducted: counter-subversive operations; ideological work among population; protection of databases.

Unlike other activities connected with the protection of the national security, the intelligence is exercised both in peace and wartime in all fields of human life.

In peace time the intelligence is covert activity, collection, analyses of important data, secret information, scientific researches, developments, findings. This activity is aimed at the prevention of any possible national security threat.

In wartime intelligence differs. It comprises the actions of the Special Operations Forces in the hostile rear, the subversive actions, the provision of troops with data and the information about the potential opposing force and the possible progress of the situation.

Today European countries consider the issue of internal intelligence activities within their countries. And it is really vital nowadays, as the preparation for war must be undertaken in advance. The example is the combat internal work in Lebanon. The task was to shell an important strategic object. The decision was taken to use the real-time intelligence data for fire correction and direction. Only due to the intelligence data the artillery shelling was conducted with 87% accuracy.

As a result we can see one important thing - National Security of Lebanon didn't provide their own protection; moreover, they cannot prevent intelligence action so close to strategically important object and stop delivering security data in real time. This event shows it is necessary to develop and maintain the National Security, because if these state bodies cannot prevent hostile intelligence action on their state on time the result can be destroying. The intelligence activity can destroy political system, seize strategically important objects, control or subordinate some state bodies, neutralize the Air Defense means, National Security and Armed Force completely.

The intelligence can cause losses to the personnel, start wars among countries without their own participation.

In conclusion, I'd like to highlight the following main facts about intelligence activities. Firstly, the intelligence is a real threat to state security in all fields. The intelligence work in wartime is the principle support of military actions and the main source of information, which can influence the course and outcome of operations. I think we must pay more attention to our Special Operations Forces, improve their readiness because the intelligence activities influence the future of the nation.

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AMERICAN VIEW ON WORLD WAR II

The *goal* of the present research is to view critically the approach of American ideological establishment towards the events of World War II. The main method is the historical and factual analysis of some documentaries dealing with the events of World War II produced in the USA in the last decade. The main object of analysis was the voice-over and the visual components of documentary «America in World War II».

The results of the research allow us to shape the typically American view on the events of World War II, which is directly imposed on the audiences in all the English-speaking countries. Several distinguishing features characterize this view.

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