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PROSPECTS OF USING INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES TO BUILD A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Перспективы использования информационно-коммуникационных технологий для построения демократического общества

The aim of the work is to study the process of formation of the electronic democracy system, to identify the importance and necessity of introducing information technologies into the political system. The issue of the effective operation of the e-democracy system has not yet been fully resolved. Such a system must meet a variety of requirements, including: ensuring the secrecy of the expression of will, one-time registration of votes, the reliability of transmitted messages.

Currently, the political sphere of society, along with the rest, is influenced by information and communication technologies. Governments of different countries are expanding their presence on the Internet, Internet platforms of state institutions are being created. Social networks contribute to the expression of public opinion and provide new opportunities for receiving feedback. Electronic platforms are being developed for citizens to discuss draft laws, where they can express their opinions and propose their own initiatives. These facts have led to the emergence of a new phenomenon — the concept of **e-democracy**. E-democracy is a form of democracy in which information and communication technologies become the leading means of interaction between society, the state and socio-political processes.

In everyday life, citizens are increasingly using the Internet, which increases their participation and awareness in the political life of society. Information technologies contribute to the involvement of new social groups in politics, the creation of an information space for communication, increased civic engagement and initiative, as well as public control over authorities. The environment of e-democracy is political networks, which include authorities, public and commercial organizations and citizens, whose interaction is aimed at mutual consideration of goals and interests, joint participation in political decision-making and the implementation of public functions and services.

The development of e-democracy in the Republic of Belarus is at an early stage, so it is important to take into account possible barriers preventing the establishment of this institution. One of the critical factors in the development of e-democracy is investment. Currently, the need for investments in the e-democracy system is considered as a critical factor. The second important element is training. For the successful implementation of e-

democracy, people need to know how to use the tools provided to them in order to participate in democratic processes. According to experts, there is a huge potential in the field of training for both commercial and non-commercial proposals, since training directly supports the development and sharing of resources by both governments and groups of citizens, thus contributing to the acceleration of the development of e-democracy.

To conclude, the information Society creates new opportunities and mechanisms for expanding the democratic participation of citizens, promotes dialogue between the government and society; provides guarantees of respect for rights and freedoms. E-democracy gives hope for the formation of a just society aimed at the comprehensive development of each person.

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CURRENT TRENDS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CHINESE ECONOMY

Современные тенденции развития экономики Китая

The aim of the article is to analyze the current trends in Chinese economy and show its problems and achievements during the period 2020–2021.

Today China is one of the largest powers in the world, in this aspect strategic development of the economy aimed at strengthening the international security is a top priority. China is rapidly following the implementation and using the latest technologies and innovations. A special model for the development of economic activity in the country over the past decade has demonstrated an unprecedented growth in the development of the country. The development model is based on attracting investments, export orientation and cheap labor.

Analyzing the dynamics of changes in GDP growth in 2020, it should be noted that it is the only country that has avoided the decline in GDP due to the pandemic. This is due to the growth of industrial production aimed at export. There is a decline in domestic consumption, which significantly affected the annual GDP growth at the same time. The services sector is experiencing the greatest difficulties. The rising surge in cases within the country has led to a tightening of movement within the country, which has had an impact on areas such as tourism and catering.