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LEGAL TRADITIONS AND UNDERSTANDING LEGAL REALITY ANTHROPOCENTRIC

National character of the Ukrainian people is fertile ground for laying the foundations of a national legal anthropology. Natural environment, and geopolitical position of Ukraine, and the nature of family relationships with the specific features of life and the dramatic events of history, and the specificity of cultural processes. Anthropocentric understanding of the legal reality is a close and natural for the Ukrainian people.

The legal traditions of Ukrainian people rooted immemorial. Will hardly prove that the formation of the modern Ukrainian state and its prospects as the rule of law, the history of human rights and freedoms in Ukraine should be understood in its relationship with national traditions.

As a result, given specified above definition of the term "legal mentality," we will use such his understanding: the legal mentality – a defined natural, historical and social conditions being relatively stable picture of the legal reality and stereotypes legal behavior inherent in social communities of different levels and origin (ie you can talk about legal mentality of ethnic groups, professional and age groups, local communities, etc.).

Postulates anthropocentric perception of the world was near and natural for the Ukrainian people, and this explains their approval in public opinion over many centuries of history.

Consequently, the national character of the Ukrainian people is fertile ground for laying the foundations of the national legal anthropology. Development legal concepts promoted features worldview and spirituality of the Ukrainian people, which are caused by many factors, among which can be called and the environment, and geopolitical location of Ukraine, and the nature of the relationship with specific features of items, events and dramatic history, and specific cultural processes. Anthropocentric understanding of the legal reality is a close and natural for the Ukrainian people.