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CREATION AND FUNCTIONING OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN USSR: CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS

This article covers the fundamental works of Soviet scientists of the second half of the XX century considering the constitutional and legal problems of the establishment and functioning of civil society organizations. During the Soviet times civil society organizations were considered to be voluntary (but actually they were not), free of state influence (but actually they were not as well) and had other minor features that contemporary Ukrainian civil society organizations do not have.

Regardless of that thesis, it is concluded that the most efficient now is to use the books of the main Soviet civil society organizations' researchers – the books of Z.A. Yampolskaya, A.I. Schihlyk, V.V. Kravchenko, H.A. Kudryavtseva, O.V. Orlova, D.V. Shutko, N.I. Danchenko. These books highlight

the problems of civil society organizations which have not lost their relevance now. Author notes that many works are devoted to the interaction between civil society organizations and public authorities.

Author suggests dividing these books into 2 groups. The publications of the first group are too ideological, and do not present a significant interest in solving modern problems of civil society organizations in Ukraine. The publications of the second group are about the transfer of certain powers of public authorities to civil society organizations. They are of considerable interest for further development of Ukrainian civil society (books of M.T. Baymahanov, D.V. Shutko, V.M. Horshenyov etc.).

Also author recommends relevant and useful books naming their titles and chapters of these books.

