POLITICAL ACTIVITIES OF TRADE UNIONS IN THE MODERN WORLD: THE INSTITUTIONAL AND SOCIOECONOMIC DETERMINANTS

Modern trade unions in a situation of political competition may make the subjects of political action because their claims during the social and political action (eg strikes) based on the real interests and needs, what are all shared a large part of society.

Thus, political action by trade unions with justification based on representing the interests of the public in a democracy. However, the most desirable option for optimization of political status of trade unions is their integration into a new qualitative state of Ukrainian politics, which will play a leading role public discussion.

Given the above, it is necessary to estimate the concerted action of the full integration of trade unions in the political process. The starting point of trade union involvement in political events has become the software and ideological redefinition of their political status. This status on in today’s Ukraine has transformed from the former Soviet Union on the one that is inherent in a democratic society.

The status of trade unions in the political system is determined by three main factors: first, a political impact. It is conditioned by the ability to influence the development of political events while providing obtain the desired result, despite the opposition of adverse factors. Data factors may be the opposition political parties and competing interest groups, the general political climate in society, unfavorable socio-economic situation, the destructive actions of government. In addition, the defining parameter of the optimal political status of trade unions should be considered the intensity of the political life of the trade unions, ie the number of political action in a certain period of time. Among these actions it should include, above all, support for political parties, the implementation of public statements on political reasons regarding not only the unions, but the political situation in general. The political activities of trade unions may do their deliberate propaganda work, which aims to
create an impression in the society of trade unions as political actors. This work may not match the current political agenda.

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