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## LEGITIMACY OF TRANSITIVE POLITICAL REGIME

Dispersion of regime outcomes after an initial transition to competitive regimes has occurred in many parts of the world in the third and fourth waves of democratization. Many transitions to newly political regimes failed, resulting in a burgeoning number of competitive authoritarian regimes that sponsor controlled elections. Some regimes have status hybrid regimes. But many of them need legitimacy and legitimating. Freedom House's monitoring shows that Ukraine is hybrid regime. Political system of Ukraine is very instability and fragile under external factor. This article is devoted to analysis of some features of political institutions. Permanent political crisis during several years increases potential risks for Ukrainian independent and authoritarian tendencies **Key words**: legitimacy, transitive political regime, consolidation of regime.

For the some post-communist countries stable and effective political institutions remain as important challenge. The main parameters of effectiveness and good governing of the political system are the quality of the institutions of democracy (democratization, dedemokratyzation) and degree of strength of state institutions. Theories of political changes and transition to democracy underscore the complexity of determining patterns of change in this area. Attention is drawn to the fact that it can lead to a successful democratization of the political system, and that, and conversely, dedemocratization factors in this process. In the national political science literature, the problem of sustainability and legitimization of political institutions of newly political regime to some extent found its mark. Interesting in this regard there are the articles and monographs of scientists Babkina O. Horbatenko V. Matsiyevskiy J., Rudich, F., Yakushik V., M.I Sazonov, O. Romaniuk, O.Fisun, H.Zelenko and others. Modern theorists on transitions including, A.Melvil, V.Lamentovych, K.Makfol, democracy G.O'Donnell, S.Mainwaring, M.Plattner using S. Huntington's theory of democratization "wave" in the world, have carried modern post-communist countries to the so-called "fourth wave" of democratization. Democratic transit, which took place in the former Soviet Union has been still unique. The process of post-communist transition encouraged the proliferation of different institutional frameworks for exercising political power. Political regimes in these countries are hybrid, and hence their potential legitimization should be subject to

detailed analysis because the political process is not linear and constantly moving to authoritarian democracy.

Legitimation can be defined as a process of explanation and justification of an institutional order. Thus it consists of normative and cognitive parts that includes both the formation of knowledge institutions and the formation of values. Knowledge of institutions involves the formation and distribution of rolls that define right and wrong actions of some predefined institutional framework. Legitimization first explains why an individual should do so and not otherwise, and then makes it clear why the order of things is the way it is. States are legitimate when citizens accept their right to rule over them. But legitimacy is also a political process of bringing order to social relations, and political actors are often central to it. Legitimacy matters because without it there is likely to be conflict and disorder. All states need a degree of legitimacy to govern effectively.

Consolidating democracy is impossible without both legitimacy belief that the leadership of this country competently and citizens must obey its decisions. This classic approach to the definition of "legitimacy" and "legitimized" as a process of constant reproduction rights to political power was developed by Max Weber. From his point of view, the process of legitimizing power occurs constantly provided political faith main participants in these relationships and value-rational untie their mutual actions and motives. "The legitimacy of the order can be guaranteed only internally ..." [1,c.639]. In this definition, there are two key points - the subordination and the right to control. Willingness to obey the decisions made manifest in trust, faith, loyalty and support. In this regard, S. Lipset legitimacy gave the following definition: "the ability of the system argue that it is these political institutions are the most adequate (acceptable) given society" [2, p.77]. H. Linz suggested minimalist definition: legitimacy - is "the belief that, despite the mistakes and failures, these political institutions are better than any other that could be installed and need to obey" [3, p.65]. In modern literature, identify different types of legitimacy: traditional, charismatic, legalrational, eudemonic (conducive to happiness), officially nationalistic, traditional. For some types of legitimacy are important such external (primarily international) factors, such as the formal recognition or informal support from international organizations and the world community. In the history of any state there were situations when the leader was unpopular at home and enjoyed a very low support and confidence of the population, but have international credibility and appropriate support. Definitely need the support of democracy, and the country's leadership, declaring their commitment to democratic values, must continually legitimize itself. However, only the electoral mechanism demonstrates the credibility of the main political institutions (leaders, political parties, public authorities), and the degree of support for democratic values. Undemocratic regimes are less dependent on public support and may not have this, but they are also in need. Therefore, the definition of legitimacy can be used mostly only in relation to democratic states.

Typology of Weberian legitimacy in the modern world is of little use, because good examples of traditional legitimacy today is almost gone, charismatic legitimacy, in terms of M. Dogan, also virtually non-existent in the twentieth century, because most often it is the official policy of either the product or creativity biographers (eg, charismatic Nasser). Even Mussolini and Stalin can not be considered charismatic leaders. Rational- legal legitimacy is, in terms of M. Dogan , in the modern world is presented in several very different groups of countries.

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"Third World" (Asia, Africa and Latin America), with respect to which all the arguments about the legitimacy of a completely pointless, because these societies not be adequately structured and differentiated, power is perceived as divine or natural given, but the absence of violence does not says that there is legitimacy. Therefore, from the point of view of some scholars, typology Weber is actually an anachronism, since its inception[4, p.61].

English political philosopher D. Held offers the following typology of legitimacy [5, p.182]: no choice, due to the established order or the threat of violence; We can not choose the way due to the tradition; apathy; pragmatic submission (though we do not like the situation, but we can not imagine things

differently, and perceive the regime as fate); instrumental adoption (despite the dissatisfaction with the existing order, we believe that the regime will eventually enable us to obtain certain benefits and advantages); o regulatory consent, as this order is correct and adequate, then we must obey him; o-ideal normative agreement - all the knowledge that we might like, all the possibilities that we could uncover, we accept as relevant to our standards and expectations. they are normally political regime does not have a 100% support, so it is necessary to introduce indicators that would allow to judge the degree of support for the regime. D.Easton suggested as indicators to measure the extent of the political legitimacy of the use of violence and expressions of defiance, dimensions of the dissident movement, the funds allocated by the government for security, which can serve as an indicator of support [4, p.163].

But quite difficult to measure the degree of violation of the law, the scope of the dissident movement, etc. undertaken political regimes attempt to manipulate public opinion - to influence the sympathy / antipathy towards the leaders or the policies they rate - may not coincide with the actual attitude of policy-. There is an important degree of confidence to the different political institutions and personalities. But quite difficult to measure the degree of violation of the law, the scope of the dissident movement, etc. undertaken political regimes attempt to manipulate public opinion - to influence the sympathy / antipathy towards the leaders or the policies they rate - may not coincide with the actual attitude towards policies. There is an important degree of confidence to the different political institutions and personalities. As noted by S. Lipset, people with incredible ease lose confidence in the institutions representatives, but not by the institutions. Therefore it is necessary to distinguish the legitimacy of the political regime, the credibility of its institutions and the popularity or confidence in its leaders. Mismatches unpopularity leaders and the legitimacy of the political system. Democratic regime can not break up, because there is no better alternative to democracy than its democratically improve [6, P.69].

Therefore, we can say that there is a significant "gap" between confidence in the institutions as such and trust in their representatives. Widespread penetration (born ubiquity) of this "gap" between trust in institutions and individuals in all pluralistic democracies actualizes the problem of representation functions mediative institutions, etc. [6, p.416-423].

Legitimacy based on "ignorance" people unconscious acceptance of prevailing values and attitudes. Under "ignorance" means incomplete, distorted, mystified knowledge that enables legitimization of their own power. The very power is exercised through the structures (political parties, interest groups, decision-making centers - legislative, executive and judicial branches of

government ) and the aggregation process , articulating interests , collection and storage of information , evaluation of resources , decision-making and policy-making [7, p.79-83].

This, in turn, can not be achieved without socialization and recruitment of new actors of the political process. Constant criticism by opposition forces official policy contributes to the improvement and correction of the political system, integrates into the legitimate political system, any potential anti-systemic effect, contributing to the stability and soundness of individual political institutions and the political system as a whole.

Incomplete policy and group structuring Ukrainian society can turn green light for rapid establishment of authoritarian structures in the future without much stress dispose of the burden of democratic demands and restraining mechanisms. Even nowadays there are some hazards. These include, in particular, the merging of state bureaucracy into a single anti-democratic force. representing various branches of government. This political party frequently provides political decision to bypass the constitutionally enshrined procedures leads to the chaotic nature of the legislation, which manifests itself in adopting imperfect laws, a large number of regulations, hampering the emergence of an effective system of social control and regulation. As T.Kuzio stresses, that Ukraine has ten logical inconsistencies: low public trust, monopoly of power, threats to democracy (including low level of legitimacy mainly political institutions and high level of corruption during all period of independency of Ukraine), political parties and elections under oligarch 's control and state apparatus, absent of political will and missed opportunities, greed trumps national interest, virtual policies, imitating Euro-Atlantic integration, naivety about Russia, Russia factor. The ten factors have remained constant over two decades of Ukrainian independence regardless of the fact they are illogical inconsistencies [9, p. 5-10].

The absence of democracy is an important reason for declining legitimacy in a society where most citizens place a high value on adherence to democratic procedures and protection of individual freedoms in evaluating their respective governments' claims to legitimacy.

Thus, the legitimacy of political institutions in Ukraine is in its infancy. Given that Ukraine has often changed the basic rules of the struggle for power, respectively, and values formation process is far from over. This confirms the popular belief, a low level of civic political culture in Ukraine. But hardly alarmed, because the regular holding of elections helps to maintain such level of legitimacy of political institutions which will ensure the stability and effectiveness of minimum total institutional order.

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Практика останніх десятиліть свідчить, що найбільш вразливими та дуже важлими є механізми та чинники легітимації нових політичних інститутів в країнах, в яких почалися процеси демократизації внаслідок третьої та четвертої «хвиль» трансформації. Багато демократичних переходів проявили чіткі тенденції до зменшення впливу демократичних інститутів на політику та зростання привабливості авторитаризму в очах населення. За результатами моніторингу Діму свободи Україна посідає місце у групі країн під назвою «гібридний» режим.

**Ключевые слова:** легітимність, транзитивний політичний режим, консолідація режиму

Практика последних десятилетий свидетельствует о том, что многие переходные политические режимы не удалось трансформировать в либеральные демократии в результате чего выросла численность конкурентных авторитарных режимов, которые спонсируют и контролируют деятельность политических партий и непосредственно избирательный процесс. Некоторые режимы имеют статус гибридных режимов. Однако их все объединяет слабость политических институтов демократии и низкий уровень легитимности. Это увеличивает риски независимости Украины, стабильности политической системы.

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