

## Historical and legal aspects of social violence of early XX century

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**Research methodology.** Using a systematic approach the problem of social violence in the early XX century in Ukraine was investigated and the following was found out. In post-revolutionary (1917) period the waves of cruel “white”, “red”, “black” (anarchist) and other terror ride in Ukraine. In political practice of different regimes, after October 1917 (Hetmanate of P. Skoropadskyi, the Directorate, the White Guard, Makhno movement, “dictatorship of the proletariat”) the tyranny, terror were spread. The value of life was falling down, intellectual strata of society suffered severely, because the taking of power remained the general vector of violence against the person the same as former. The last statement was key for the authors during the subsequent disclosure of the material. However, they were far from determining the emphasis given to social evils introduced into public consciousness of each political party of that period. It is obvious that such a “contribution”, for example, of Hetman Pavlo Skoropadskyi and his intelligence agencies is incompatible with the “merits” of the military regime of General Denikin or the practice of revolutionary expediency of Commander Antonov-Ovsiyenko.

**Results.** The article deals with the historical and legal components of social violence of XX century: the causes of this phenomenon, the motives of the organizers and direct perpetrators of terrorist and other illegal coercive actions. The role and scope of participation of the Soviet intelligence agencies in these events, as well as a measure of their blame for the grave consequences that occurred were shown.

**Novelty.** The article shows the prerequisites for the emergence of social violence in Ukraine at the beginning of the XX century. The forms, methods and mechanisms of its implementation were highlighted, as well as the principles, which the organizers and perpetrators of terrorist and other extremist actions followed.

**Practical significance.** According to the results of the analysis of the above mentioned historical facts, as well as their reasons, the authors indicate the ways of their eradication and prevention in the future, because the facts of social violence, as it is known, are quite often these days in many countries, including our country, which is in its’ way of democratic development. Thus, there is a need for further, deeper study of causality phenomenon of mentioned evil and its prevention.