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## **THE ROLE OF THE UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE IN ENSURING NATIONAL SECURITY IN THE CONDITIONS OF INFORMATION WARFARE**

The study of the problems associated with the functioning of the Ukrainian language and its role in social, cultural and political life is of great importance for the development of effective strategies for ensuring linguistic security in Ukrainian society.

The relevance of the research topic is to **analyze** current global challenges of informational aggression, which poses a significant threat to national and state security. Meeting these challenges in professional environment we foster safeguarding national interests.

The purpose of the study is to determine the role of the Ukrainian language in ensuring national and state security in conditions of information aggression. The study aims to consider the importance of correct perception, analysis and effective response to information influences. The study examines the problems associated with the functioning of the Ukrainian language in social, cultural and political life, as well as ways to solve them to ensure the linguistic security of Ukrainian society.

In the context of contemporary global challenges, such as information aggression, professional language communication is becoming an important tool for ensuring national and state security. The ability to correctly perceive, analyze and respond effectively to information influences is critical to maintaining stability and protecting national interests.

Modern experts consider the concept of linguistic wars that focus on the information space. They recognize a new aspect of the protection of national-state security, called "linguistic security" [1, p. 11].

Studies of specialists in the direction of linguistic security have shown that the security of social relations regulated by the state language policy covers the issue of the influence of language on the situation in the state and on foreign policy; this also applies

to the role of language in maintaining national security, in particular ensuring internal stability and promoting national **integrity** through joint broadcasting and identification with the language community [2].

First of all, language is a tool for the formation of ideological influence and reflection of social psychology. As for ensuring the **comprehensive self awareness** and integrity of the state, language plays a key role in creating a national and cultural identity. In addition, it contributes to the consolidation of certain forms of social consciousness, which allows citizens to recognize themselves as members of a **civilian unity with collective identify recognised by its linguistic behavior and the national communicative space**.

Today, the national language in Ukraine does not fully fulfill its socio-cultural role in ensuring the unity of the Ukrainian people both in time and in space [3]. Researchers highlight problems that require immediate consideration:

- **vestiges** of negative stereotypes about the **inferiority** in status and role of the Ukrainian language in social and cultural life;
- politicization and emotional burden of issues related to the functioning of the Ukrainian language, which is often used as an instrument of political **oppression** and manipulation;
- discrimination against citizens living in certain territories of Ukraine, where they are limited in access to services and content in Ukrainian;
- loss of linguistic identity of the population and assimilation in the Russian-speaking environment;
- low level language proficiency among representatives of national minorities, which complicates their integration into Ukrainian society and proper exercise of their rights. There is also a problem of satisfying the national, cultural and linguistic needs of Ukrainians abroad;
- the lack of clear self-identification as a part of Ukrainian population and **low pace** development of Ukrainian linguistic and cultural **priority** in particular, insufficient **state** support in language policy, also complicate the situation [3].

Therefore, in order to ensure the linguistic security of Ukrainian society, it is

necessary to identify and **assess the destructive hazards** that society is experiencing in linguistics and cultural sphere. It is necessary to study the needs in **order to facilitate the transference of russian speakers to Ukrainian language** and stimulate native speakers to prevent the loss of their linguistic code, which allows a person to maintain a unique linguistic picture of the world.

In the context of information aggression, it is important to take care of compliance with the rules of speech activity, the formation of the linguistic personality in the Ukrainian-speaking space in general and in the languages of professional communication in particular.

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