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THE PUBLIC STANCE NEXUS BETWEEN RIGHT-WING SERBIAN POLITICAL PARTIES AND SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: ANALYSIS OF POLITICAL AND SOCIETAL DISCOURSE

In the paper, the authors provide an analysis of the relationship between the public stances between right-wing political parties and the Serbian Orthodox Church in the Serbian public discourse. The role of political parties in the political and social arena is *per se* fundamentally significant. Besides their importance, the role of religious institutions should be taken into consideration. The Serbian Orthodox Church is one of the most influential public actors and an institution that enjoys large support among the population within the Serbian borders, and its activities cannot be disregarded. The nexus between political and social beliefs, values and norms of these actors are enhancing the internalization of beliefs among general population and specifically those who are regarding themselves as Orthodox Christians. The basic research question to which the authors will try to offer an answer is: How right-wing political parties and the Serbian Orthodox Church are trying to affect the re-formation of Serbian political culture through their political and societal public activities? In their research of this phenomenon, the authors use discourse analysis method.

Key words: religion, political parties in Serbia, right-wing politics, discourse analysis, Serbian Orthodox Church