

REVIEW OF THE THESIS
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“PROCURACY SUPERVISION OVER IMPLEMENTATION
OF LAWS ON COUNTERING EXTREMIST ACTIVITY”
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There is no doubt about the relevance of problem studied in the work of Sergei Vyacheslavovich. Currently, the search for and application of additional mechanisms that restrict opportunities of extremist manifestations in the life of contemporary Russian society is urgently needed. The author of the thesis rightly relates the organization of supervising activity of procuratorial bodies in combating extremism as an important function of public administration to one of the most important tools that helps to minimize the negative consequences of extremism.

According to Sergei Vyacheslavovich, “at the beginning of the XXI century extremism has gained the most dangerous international (transnational) nature, which creates the threat of emergencies not only within a single state, but also within the entire international community; extremism poses a direct threat to the constitutional order, destroys integrity and security of any country, undermines the idea of equality of all persons, regardless of their social, ideological, political, racial, national and religious affiliation”. And, therefore, the author continues, “increases the relevance of effective counteraction to extremism; improvement the quality of the prosecutor’s office work to supervise the enforcement of legislation on federal security, international relations and countering extremist activities; improvement the tactics and methods of oversight activity of the prosecutor’s office in this area”.

That is why the applicant rightly sees the scientific problem of the thesis in the need to develop theoretical, organizational and legal issues related to the improvement of the prosecution agencies’ activity in this area, on the basis of a comprehensive vision and conceptuality of approaches to the issues of theory and practice of

organization of prosecutor's supervision, legal regulation and securing countering extremist activities.

Scientific statements, conclusions and recommendations contained in the thesis of S. V. Borisov are sufficiently substantiated. Methodological basis is formed by common scientific and independent scientific methods of cognition socio-legal phenomena and law enforcement activity (historical, comparative legal, technical, specifically sociological, systemic method, etc.). The totality of applied techniques has made it possible to avoid subjectivistic approach to the issues under consideration.

In the peer-reviewed dissertation clearly defined the purpose and objectives, object, subject and scientific novelty of the conducted study, justified main provisions that have been submitted upon defense. The methodological approaches to the conduction of study are described in there.

Provisions of the thesis, which have practical importance, have been used in the preparation of information and analytical report "The Condition of Legality and Rule of Law in the Russian Federation and the Work of Prosecutor's Office Bodies in 2008"; in the educational process by the International interdepartmental center for training and retraining of specialists on the combating against terrorism and extremism of the All-Russia Institute of Professional Development of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia, by Interregional Training Centre of the Russian Federal Service for the Execution of Sentences, by Academic International Institute, etc.

During preparation of the dissertation the author conducted a comparative legal research of domestic and foreign regulatory and legal framework to counter extremism, he widely used analytical materials of The General Prosecutor's Office of the Russian Federation and the prosecutor's offices of the subjects of the Russian Federation on the state of implementation of the legislation on countering extremist activity, particular criminal cases on crimes of an extremist nature. These materials allowed to give a comprehensive and objective assessment of extremism in current Russia and to determine the ways of improving the mechanism to combat against it.

Scientific novelty of the dissertation is determined by the resolving of a significant scientific task associated with the proposed by the respected author systemic structural complex of specialized state bodies in the sphere of combating extremism; development a mechanism for implementing the legislation and other normative legal acts on countering extremism by prosecution authorities of the Russian Federation; scientifically grounded suggestions for improvement of the legal regulation and legal support of the activity of procuratorial bodies in combating extremism.

The provisions developed by the applicant in their entirety represent a solution to the problem of optimal organization of the activity of procuratorial bodies in countering extremism at the current stage, are able to contribute to the practical implementation of the constitutional principle of priority of human rights and freedoms as the highest social and legal value in the system of national security

The comprehensive theoretical and legal analysis conducted by Sergei Vyacheslavovich allows to characterize extremism as international (transnational) phenomenon, which manifests itself in the actions, responsibility for which is established by national legislation, with the emphasizing of such its features as international nature, public and illegal form of expressing by an individual of its ideas and beliefs, commitment of a deed to the protection the rights and freedoms of one group to the detriment of the rights and freedoms of other citizens.

Author's justification of the position that the prosecutor's supervision over the implementation of laws on countering extremist activity in current conditions is one of the most important, relevant and priority directions of supervisory activities of procuratorial bodies to strengthen legality and rule of law is commendable on the following grounds:

- the fight against extremism is characterized by double prevention, namely, in addition to suppression of unlawful actions of extremist organizations and their emissaries, also prevent serious consequences (acts of terrorism), which may occur while wrongful actions of radical extremists;
- the number of extremist offenses, which grows from year to year, shows that it is important not only to establish the work of controlling bodies for countering extremist manifestations, but also to organize at the proper level prosecutorial oversight in this area, as well as it seems appropriate in each prosecutor's office to entrust to particular prosecutors the oversight over the implementation of laws on countering extremist activity.

Noteworthy the scientific understanding of the respected author regarding a wide range of issues related to the drafting of instructions of the Prosecutor General of the Russian Federation on the issue of strengthening prosecutorial supervision to combat extremist activities in prosecutors' offices of the subjects of the Federation.

It should be noted that Sergei Vyacheslavovich has largely managed to solve the tasks assigned at the initial stage of the dissertation. Scientific and practical conclusions, contained in the work, are trustworthy and evidentiary. They are based on comprehensive and systematic approaches, specific empirical researches conducted by the respected author.