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### HATRED DURING THE WAR: A SOCIOLOGICAL ASPECT

*The purpose of the study is to analyze the resentment in the theoretical and specific historical aspects of the modern Russian-Ukrainian war.*

*Research methodology.* The methods of the study are theoretical analysis and synthesis, sociological conceptualization of the phenomenon of hatred during the war.

*Results.* The result of the study is a generalization from the standpoint of sociology of hatred during the war. The article analyzes hatred towards the enemy during the war.

*In sociological discourse, hatred is considered a component of resentment in the context of Max Scheler's interpretation of this phenomenon. It is commonly believed that hatred towards the invading enemy, who is trying to destroy the country, is a manifestation of high morality and an additional motive for resistance. Hatred from the invader and aggressor is a manifestation of immorality and a low spiritual level. Resentment is self-poisoning of the soul. The press spreads resentment to strengthen the psychological component of war. Hatred irradiates all sides of the relationship. Everything that represents the hatred subject (clothes, speech, and anything else that is associated with this subject) also causes hatred.*

*The resentment type looks for reasons for aggression in everything. Revenge and hatred lead to the devaluation of existence and the world. What is more, hatred is not caused by the object's properties but by the very negation and devaluation of existence and the essence of the relationship's object.*

*Under the influence of resentment, a destructive position is formed. That is, reconciliation is impossible when there is resentment. The very fact of the enemy's existence causes a desire to destroy them.*

*Russians have a radically erroneous picture of the world, which they do not want to change but are maniacally eager to follow. Their actions are influenced by an erroneous definition of the situation, which is realistic in its disastrous consequences.*

*Novelty.* The article analyzes the resentment in the theoretical and specific historical aspects of the modern Russian-Ukrainian war.

*The practical significance of the study is in the use of the formulated provisions to develop a concept of the ideological and political component of Russia's war against Ukraine.*

**Key words:** war, Ukraine, Russia, hatred, resentment, Max Scheler, social madness.

#### I. Introduction

Hatred can be moral or immoral. Hatred towards an invading enemy who is trying to destroy the country is a manifestation of high morality and an additional motive for resistance. Hatred from the invader and aggressor is a manifestation of immorality and a low spiritual level.

In general terms, without a specific historical context, hatred in sociological discourse is considered a component of resentment in the works of the German sociologist M. Scheler [9]. Hatred between peoples looks like social madness.

This article refers to the sociology of war, which has been developing especially actively in recent years due to the war. The collective monograph of the Institute of Sociology of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, «Ukrainian Society in the Context of War» [5], is the most substantial contribution to sociological science. This area of research in Ukrainian sociology is represented by a number of authors, and the most active among them are M. Trebin, H. Kysla, S. Khobta and others. In particular, S. Khobta considers that the methodological perspective of the world-system approach, taking into account geopolitical aspects, is the most fruitful for understanding the war and military conflict in Ukraine [6]. At the same time, M. Trebin is convinced that the actualization of war sociology in Ukraine is due to the need for scientific analysis of qualitatively new trends in armed struggle, causes and consequences of military activities [4]. H. Kysla considers methodological approaches to the study of the war phenomenon in Ukraine [2]. An extensive analysis of sociology of war was carried out by I. Rushchenko [3]. There are a number of sources that provide an overview of problems in the sociology of war in the international field [8; 10].

## **II. Research objective and methods**

The objective of the study is to analyze the resentment in the theoretical and specific historical aspects of the current Russian-Ukrainian war.

The study uses theoretical analysis and synthesis, sociological conceptualization of the hatred phenomenon during the war.

## **III. Results**

Resentment is a feeling of hatred towards someone whom the subject considers an enemy, the cause of their failures. It is powerless envy, a feeling of weakness or inferiority. This leads to the formation of a value system that negates the «enemy» value system. The subject creates the image of the «enemy» to get rid of the feeling of guilt for their own failures.

The resentment concept was first introduced by F. Nietzsche in his «On the Genealogy of Morals» [7] work. According to the philosopher, resentment is a defining characteristic of the slaves' morality, which is opposed to the masters' morality. Resentment is a more complex concept than envy or hostility. The resentment phenomenon is the sublimation of the inferiority feeling into a special system of morality.

According to M. Scheler, resentment is primarily driven by impulses of revenge, hatred, anger, envy, hostility, and treachery. Let us consider in more detail the resentment concept according to M. Scheler [9].

The desire for revenge by itself is only material for resentment. Revenge is included in the process of resentment only if the subject to whom it is directed remains unavenged. In this case, revenge is accompanied by a feeling of dissatisfaction with the impossibility of committing an act of revenge for one reason or another, and this is accompanied by an understanding of one's own powerlessness. Max Scheler notes that conditions for the emergence of resentment exist only where the special power of these affects goes hand in hand with the feeling of powerlessness from the inability to transform them into actions due to physical or spiritual weakness, due to fear and trepidation towards the person at whom the affects are directed. Along with the realization of one's own powerlessness, one of the main conditions for resentment formation is an attitude of value-based comparing oneself with other people. Such a value-based comparison usually turns out to be not in favor of the comparator, and as a result, it is saturated with envy, hatred, jealousy, etc. In combination with the realization of powerlessness, this comparison gives rise to specific «value-based illusions of resentment,» which consist in the belittling of the valuable qualities of the comparison object or the falsification of the values themselves. The result is the devaluation of the other person. The feeling of revenge is formed on the basis of pridefulness that does not correspond to the external status. Overcompensation is implemented for insufficient social recognition. The gap between the claim to dignity and the actual low status is important. Politics, of course, provides a particularly wide field for the release of resentment emotions. A politician takes out their emotions through public swearing. Resentment irritation increases with offers to resolve the situation. Under the influence of resentment, a destructive position is formed. That is, reconciliation is impossible when there is resentment. The very fact of the enemy's existence causes a desire to destroy them.

Resentment is self-poisoning of the soul. The press spreads resentment to strengthen the psychological component of war. Hatred irradiates all sides of a relationship. Everything that represents the hatred subject (clothes, speech, and anything else that is associated with this subject) also causes hatred.

The resentment type looks for reasons for aggression in everything. Revenge and hatred lead to the devaluation of existence and the world. What is more, hatred is not caused by the properties of the object but by the very negation and devaluation of existence and the essence of the relationship object.

Ressentiment can be seen as a manifestation of social madness. However, in the case of Russians, it is the madness of destroying everything human; in the case of Ukraine, it is quite another matter, it is the madness of heroes who have challenged an enemy that is much stronger.

The phenomenon of social madness is discussed in detail by Ukrainian sociologists N. Panina and Ye. Holovakha in their «Social Madness» book [1].

One of the manifestations of social madness is war. War is the cumulative effect of other manifestations of social madness. Now we understand that war is a natural consequence and the main manifestation of social madness.

When describing a particular society, psychiatric terms act as metaphors or allegories that reflect and explain attitudes towards that society.

In military propaganda, there are considerable mutual or mirror accusations. It is a very common opinion that people are brainwashed. Where is the criterion for who is right? The criterion is international public opinion, which acts as a kind of arbitrator whose picture of the world is adequate. There is a competition between two pictures of the world, two competing definitions of the situation. What are the origins, the reasons for the social madness of Russians?

Russians have a radically erroneous picture of the world, which they do not want to change but are maniacally eager to follow. Their actions are influenced by an erroneous definition of the situation, which is realistic in its disastrous consequences. Russia is infected to the core with a false consciousness. Therefore, only force can change the situation. Russians have nothing, in their opinion, to repent of. This is a fundamental difference from the situation with false consciousness that existed after the Second World War, after the fall of the Stalin dictatorship.

Mass situational disorientation in Russia is also caused by specific social conditions. It is enough to create conditions of impunity, and a crowd of maniacs and sadists will rush to smash up houses, kill, and rape.

The pathology of the Russian mentality lies in the delusional idea of the superiority of the Russian world. This creates a number of social madness determinants. The erroneous ideology of the greatness of the Russian world – an erroneous picture of the world – then an erroneous social consciousness – it, in turn, causes an erroneous definition of the situation. This, in turn, leads to a moral of resentment towards Ukraine, i.e., aggression, hatred, and revenge. Revenge for betrayal, for the rejection of the Russian world. There is an attempt to destroy a renegade who has moved to someone else's camp. Russians have the misconception that Ukrainians are fraternal people who have betrayed Russians.

The total violation of international relations by Russia is madness. For the modern world, such a violation is impossible and must be punished.

Russia is waging the war according to the logic of the Middle Ages, but with the means of a modern and digital society. Tanks and other weapons from the Second World War are of the modern era, and drones and missiles are weapons of the digital age. But the mentality of Russians is archaic, medieval. For a modern person, this mentality looks like complete madness.

In the «Social Madness» book, this phenomenon is considered for internal social life; war transfers psychopathology to external relations regarding the enemy.

The madness of war is manifested in the extreme degree of dehumanization and cruelty towards civilians. This pathology is a consequence of the decline and regression of social consciousness. There is a primitivization of it, a transition to the level of tribal consciousness. This is certainly a pathology for a civilized person. War in traditional and early modern societies is aimed at capturing territory and destroying the enemy.

The war of the digital society is a struggle to defend humanistic values, human rights, and a decent existence.

For Russia, the technological, digital component of society is not immanent, but artificially borrowed. Therefore, the public consciousness does not correspond to the digital society. Russia has shown itself to be a primitive society armed with modern weapons.

Russians' fight against «the Banderites» (*members of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists; the term derives from the name of Stepan Bandera, head of this faction*) became ugly and irrational. After all, Russian soldiers were looking for «the Banderites» in Bucha, where they could not have been anywhere near. While ordinary, uneducated soldiers were unaware of this, the command knew what and where was happening in Ukraine. The factor of fighting «the Banderites» in this war has become cynical, frankly erroneous, and manipulative nature. The Russian media created an image of Ukrainians in the eyes of Russians as absolute evil that must be destroyed. If you do bad things to a bad person, it is good. Propaganda did everything to form the image of a Ukrainian as a bad person in order to break the bonds of morality among Russians towards Ukrainians. And they succeeded: the outrages in the occupied suburbs of Kyiv are proof of that. A tragic, fatal mistake caused by prejudice, deception, and rejection of the unfamiliar. The government cynically motivates soldiers by exploiting the negative aspects of historical memory.

The moral justification for killing and destruction is based on an erroneous belief about the cultural nature of the enemy. A common component of the warring parties' motivation is hatred towards fascism, shaped by historical memory. The enemy is convinced that they are fighting fascism.

This is a civilizational war. Russians are trying to present it as a war between Russia and the West. In a certain way, it is. It is not just about Western countries helping Ukraine with weapons, diplomacy, and economic sanctions. There is a conflict of values here. Russians are fighting the West, viewing it as an aggressive absorber of everything Russian and primordial. Ukraine, on the other hand, wants to become a full part of the Western world.

By inciting hatred towards Ukrainians, Russian propagandists seek to make the entire Russian people complicit in the crimes committed by the Putin regime. Therefore, on the battlefield, a soldier cannot renounce their subjectivity and claim that it is not they who kill, but the weapon; by renouncing their subjectivity, a soldier preserves their moral integrity on the battlefield. But hatred permeates the Russian army, so it has no moral justification and is the source of the crime against Ukraine.

#### IV. Conclusions

In sociological discourse, hatred is considered a component of resentment in the context of Max Scheler's interpretation of this phenomenon.

Hatred towards the invading enemy who is trying to destroy the country is a manifestation of high morality and an additional motive for resistance. Hatred from the invader and aggressor is a manifestation of immorality and a low spiritual level. Hatred irradiates all sides of a relationship. Everything that represents the hatred subject (clothes, speech, and anything else that is associated with this subject) also causes hatred. Under the influence of resentment, a destructive position is formed. That is, reconciliation is impossible when there is resentment. The very fact of the enemy's existence causes a desire to destroy them.

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**Катаєв С. Л., Зоська Я. В. Почуття ненависті під час війни: соціологічний аспект**

**Метою дослідження** є аналіз ресентименту в теоретичному та конкретно-історичному аспектах сучасної російсько-української війни.

**Методологія дослідження.** Методами дослідження є теоретичний аналіз та синтез, соціологічна концептуалізація феномену ненависті під час війни.

**Результати.** Результатом дослідження є узагальнення з позицій соціології почуття ненависті під час війни. У статті проаналізовано почуття ненависті до ворога під час війни.

Ненависть у соціологічному дискурсі розглядають як складову ресентименту в межах трактування цього явища в творчості Макса Шелера. Стверджують, що ненависть до ворога-загарбника, який намагається знищити країну, є виявом високої моральності й додатковим мотивом до опору. Ненависть загарбника та агресора – це вияв аморальності, низького духовного рівня. Ресентимент – це самоотруєння душі. Преса поширює ресентимент для посилення психологічної складової війни. Ненависть іррадіює на всі сторони відносин. Усе, що репрезентує ненависного суб'єкта: одяг, мова, і що завгодно, якщо воно співвідноситься із цим суб'єктом, викликає також ненависть.

Ресентиментний тип шукає у всьому причини для агресії. Помста й ненависть призводять до того, що знецінюються буття та світ. І ненависть викликається не властивостями об'єкта, а самим запереченням і знеціненням буття й сутності об'єкта відносин.

Під впливом ресентименту формується деструктивна позиція. Тобто при ресентименті примирення неможливе. Сам факт існування супротивника викликає бажання знищити його.

У росіян радикально помилкова картина світу, яку вони не бажають змінювати, а маніакально прагнуть слідувати їй. Їх дії перебувають під впливом помилкового визначення ситуації, яке реально за своїми згубними наслідками.

**Новизна.** Здійснено аналіз ресентименту в теоретичному та конкретно-історичному аспектах сучасної російсько-української війни.

**Практичне значення** дослідження полягає у використанні сформульованих положень для розробки концепції ідеолого-політичної складової війни Росії проти України.

**Ключові слова:** війна, Україна, Росія, ненависть, ресентимент, Макс Шелер, соціальне безумство.

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**Kataiev S., Zoska J. Poczucie nienawiści podczas wojny – aspekt socjologiczny**

**Celem badania** jest analiza resentymentu w teoretycznym oraz w konkretnym historycznym aspektach współczesnej rosyjsko-ukraińskiej wojny.

**Metodologia badania.** Metodami badania są: analiza teoretyczna oraz synteza, socjologiczna konceptualizacja fenomenu nienawiści podczas wojny.

**Wyniki.** Wynikiem badania jest uogólnienie pod kątem socjologii poczucia nienawiści podczas wojny. W niniejszym artykule zostało przeanalizowane poczucie nienawiści do wroga podczas wojny.

Nienawiść w dyskursie socjologicznym jest rozpatrywana jako część resentymentu w ramach interpretacji tego zjawiska w twórczości Maxa Schelera. Twierdzą, że nienawiść do wroga-najeźdźcy, który próbuje zniszczyć kraj, jest przejawem wysokiej moralności oraz dodatkowym motywem do oporu. Nienawiść najeźdźcy i agresora jest przejawem niemoralności, niskiego poziomu duchowego. Resentyment jest samozatruciem duszy. Prasa szerzy resentyment w celu powiększenia psychologicznego elementu wojny. Nienawiść rozpowszechnia się na wszystkie strony relacji. Wszystko, co jest reprezentowane przez nienawistny podmiot, jak na przykład: odzież, język lub cokolwiek, co jest związane z tym podmiotem, również powoduje nienawiść.

*Resentymentalny typ we wszystkim szuka powodu do agresji. Zemsta i nienawiść prowadzą do dewaluacji egzystencji i świata. Nienawiść nie wynika z właściwości przedmiotu, tylko wynika z samego zaprzeczenia i dewaluacji bytu oraz istotą przedmiotu relacji.*

*Pod wpływem resentymentu kształtuje się pozycja destrukcyjna. Czyli w stanie resentymentu zawarcie pokoju nie jest możliwe. Sam fakt istnienia wroga powoduje chęć do jego zniszczenia.*

*Rosjanie mają radykalnie błędny obraz świata, którego nie chcą zmienić, wręcz przeciwnie maniakalnie pragną go naśladować. Ich działania znajdują się pod wpływem fałszywego zdefiniowania sytuacji, które jest realnym w swoich szkodliwych konsekwencjach.*

**Nowość.** *Przeprowadzono analizę resentymentu w teoretycznym oraz w konkretnym historycznym aspektach współczesnej rosyjsko-ukraińskiej wojny.*

**Praktyczne znaczenie** *badania polega na wykorzystaniu sformułowanych postanowień do opracowania koncepcji ideologicznego i politycznego komponentu wojny Rosji z Ukrainą.*

**Słowa kluczowe:** *wojna, Ukraina, Rosja, nienawiść, resentyment, Max Scheler, szaleństwo społeczne.*