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## NEO-TERRORISM AS A RESOURCE FOR HYBRID WARS<sup>1</sup>

*Global transformations in the tripolar world are conditioned by the fact that in the period of extreme polarization of international relations, there is a confrontation between modern states (financial-economic, socio-political, cultural-ideological, information-network, military-strategic), which in a special way, actualizes public security. It is the countries of the Euro-Atlantic region that purposefully "sway" the economy, social institutions of modern states, practicing neo-terrorism in the era of hybrid wars.*

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## НЕО-ТЕРРОРИЗМ КАК РЕСУРС ГИБРИДНЫХ ВОЙН

*Глобальныя трансфармацыі в трыполярным свеце абумоўлены тым, што в перыяд крайняй полярызацыі міжнародных адношэнняў назіраецца процістаянне між сучаснымі дзяржавамі (фінансаво-эканамічнае, сацыяльна-політычнае, культурна-ідеалагічнае, інфор-*

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*мационно-сетевое, военно-стратегическое), что особым образом актуализирует общественную безопасность. Именно страны евроатлантического региона целенаправленно «раскачивают» экономику, социальные институты современных государств, практикуя нео-терроризм в эпоху гибридных войн.*

**Ключевые слова:** гибридные войны, нео-терроризм, информационное насилие.

**Introduction.** Turbulence of socio-political existence in the existing hybrid reality testifies today that "... with the emergence of artificial intelligence, fast global communications the world has stepped into the digital era and radically changed" [1, p. 89]. It is in the era of hybrid wars that not only the material version of human, state and society existences is transformed, but also the spiritual sphere of society is changed, which changes social relations and provokes axiological deactivation of personality [2, p. 131], aggravated by information violence in the media sphere, multi-vector confrontation of modern states, up to sanctions, characterized by multivariant war or the war of controlled chaos. Consequently, neo-terrorism is a maximum destructive resource of hybrid wars, allowing to use the information-digital eclecticism of the tripolar world as an aggressive lever of pressure on the existing social institutions, national economy and the spiritual sphere of society, as a result of which "... the individual begins to blur both moral values and abilities to distinguish the illusory and the real" [3, p. 182].

It should be noted that contemporary neo-terrorism against the background of the military-political Ukrainian crisis and the coronacrisis, as well as the constant increase in tensions in society and the global transformation of the existing hybrid reality, formats social institutions, monopolizing the media sphere, thereby negatively influencing the value and humanistic orientation of the development of information society.

**Main part.** Hybrid invasion or neo-terrorism, according to the authors of the article, is a multidimensional eclectic, multidimensional destructive aggression (cyberterrorism, bioterrorism, nanoterrorism, "gender plague", military and political Ukrainian crisis, "colored revolutions", "network revolutions") on the territory of different states, which involves subversive activities of intelligence services, financial and economic (sanctions) intervention, socio-political pressure, ideological confrontation using information and network technologies, and the epicenter of such a conflict of interest is always an

engaged social group (a marginal element). And it is difficult not to agree that neo-terrorism dominates today in the media sphere, as multi-dimensional information violence is practiced, the cult of aggressive consumption is promoted, bordering on media catastrophe, which determines the appearance of multi-format social mutations, the dominance of destructive existential and semantic surrogate, objectively reducing the priority of traditional values, initiating the axiological deactivation of a modern personality.

Neo-terrorism is a maximally destructive mechanism that activates the polarization of the information society, affecting the media sphere and the public consciousness in a panoramic and complex way, which inhibits the positive and constructive axiology of society. Thus, today the countries of the Euro-Atlantic region are actively practicing neo-terrorism in order to exercise total control over the political, economic, social and spiritual existence of the individual, while correlating the axiological orientation of society, transforming the moral and intellectual choice of man (historical truth, family values, educational standards, national culture, patriotism, human responsibility for the fate of his country). The key point in the information society characterizing the existing hybrid reality is the deliberate aggression of latent forces (dominant elites of the Euro-Atlantic region), purposefully changing the media sphere and public consciousness, fixed by social recapitulation and "dehumanization" of modern personality [4, p. 171].

Neo-terrorism, therefore, is a deliberate, specialized, multidirectional, and time-spanning latent aggression, which in the era of hybrid warfare is financed by the dominant elites of the Euro-Atlantic region, through a set of external and internal activities, including in the media sphere for the deployment of the most modern information-networking and digital technologies, carried out regularly and indirectly, which actualizes public security in the information society, especially during the global pandemic COVID-19 [5, p. 92].

Because of targeted neo-terrorist aggression during the global pandemic COVID-19, there are transformations of geopolitical space, determining cardinal changes of society in the era of hybrid warfare. Development of information-networking, digital and telecommunication technologies changes in global format the existing hybrid reality, mental environment and spiritual equipment of modern personality, which leads to transmutation of traditional values of Slavic civilization, initiating during COVID-19 pandemic maximum toxic social interaction between Euro-Atlantic alliance and countries of modern Europe (sanctions, selling lethal weapons, cyber-attacks, information war). Desynchronization of social relations during the pandemic, as well as multidirectional changes of a global nature in society affect many regions of our planet and human civilization as a whole.

Let us recall that in the information society it is language (sign systems) that becomes the means of intercultural communication for solving international problems (information-analytical, organizational-adaptive, intercultural-intermediary, interpersonal communication). Structural transformations of society during the global pandemic COVID-19 generate multidirectional negative interactions, namely, deindustrialization, social instability, dehumanization, diversification of society associated with geopolitical upheavals, military conflicts, axiological chaos, diversity of linguistic semantics, use of information manipulation technologies in Internet and media spheres. The result of the COVID-19 global pandemic was a change in the system of coordinates of public consciousness and a very intensive marginalization of society (refugees, cyber-attacks, cyber-bullying, fakes), as well as sociopolitical instability, financial and economic disaster, food crisis and military conflict, which leads to dehumanization of social relations.

In a society in which hybrid warfare is in full swing, some citizens have aggression, fear, consumer psychology prevails, and on the wave of information violence, the dominance of illegitimate information there is an active use of digital technologies to manipulate information (ideological pressure), which, in turn, provokes destructive reflection of the modern personality. Media communications, media production, information-networking, digital and telecommunication technologies are now becoming an ag-

gressive environment for the modern personality. In the process of destructive adjustment of stereotypes and dehumanization of the information society, there is a value vacuum that affects the verbal and logical patterns of thinking and human behavior (hatred, fear, stress, neurosis, depression, suicide). And most likely, the tragedy of everything that is happening is that in this axiological chaos, which is the result of neo-terrorist aggression, the traditional values of Slavic civilization give way to artificial stereotypes, a value-based European surrogate, which does not contribute to the peaceful resolution of international conflicts and the diplomatic settlement of issues that are directly related to geopolitical transformations in the era of hybrid wars. It is during the COVID-19 pandemic that the use of modern information-networking, digital technologies and information manipulation, the total mythologization of the existing social reality, results in the value de-activation of modern personality, including the engaged political elite, which changes the format of international relations.

In this regard, according to the authors of the article, to overcome the crisis state of the information society, to stabilize the situation in the world it is necessary to carry out the evolutionary movement of the leading countries in the following three directions.

I. The political elite should actualize the vital needs and interests of ordinary people, the public and by its regulating actions should inspire optimism, confidence in the security of its citizens both within their country and abroad in order to create optimal conditions for the peaceful coexistence of different states for successful integration and socio-cultural cooperation.

II. We need to further improve the new directions of scientific development in the sphere of collective security aimed at innovative thinking and the humanization of social relations. Maximum synchronization, transparency of the multidimensional transformation process, is a priority for state structures. During the COVID-19 pandemic, fundamental to the information society is the human resource, the development of which is promoted by medicine, education and science.

III. It should be recognized that it is impossible to ensure the progressive and progressive development of the polycivilizational world and to harmonize social relations in all spheres of

social life by administrative methods alone, so it is important to focus the attention of state structures on the regulatory principles of public participation, citizens and business representatives, which exclude the division of society into reformers and reformed. Modern geopolitical processes in the era of hybrid wars provoke various crises (migration, economic, food, energy, military-political, resource, anthropological, crown-crisis, etc.), more clearly marking the edges of the civilizational break. And apparently, it is no coincidence that during the COVID-19 pandemic and global transformations of the existing hybrid reality there is an imbalance of military and political forces, diplomatic discomfort, increasing information warfare and exacerbating destructive trends in the struggle for resources of our planet between modern states.

Consequently, the three directions of evolution of the information society in the era of hybrid wars proposed by the authors of the article are projected in two planes: first, in the essential characteristics and features of the media sphere, which is not yet ready to implement systemic positive and peacemaking solutions, and, second, in the readiness of the engaged political elite of the Euro-Atlantic alliance to integrate, minimizing brutally aggressive methods of interaction, as well as articulation and translation of information in transitioning to a new level of positive.

**Conclusion.** As a result, neo-terrorist aggression (neo-terrorism) is carried out in the information society by destructive forces, purposefully influencing the development of the media sphere and intentionally changing fundamental values, which intensifies during the COVID-19 pandemic, when economies are "rocked", political elites are discredited, and social relations are reformatted to replace the existing model of a socially oriented state [6, p. 90].

Neo-terrorism, as a resource of hybrid warfare in the information society, provokes the emergence of multi-format crises in various countries of the tripolar world (Afghanistan, Syria, Venezuela, Hungary, Turkey, Belarus, Russia, Ukraine), actively using political technologies and modern mechanisms of influence on public consciousness (media sphere). For maximum destructive interference in the internal affairs of various states, Euro-Atlantic countries practice informational violence and cyberattacks, destabilizing the situation in the tripolar

world and to the limit, aggravating the current international situation, which determines the spiritual sphere of information society and provokes axiological deactivation of the individual [7, p.98].

As a result, neo-terrorism in the information society as a resource of hybrid wars, purposefully destroys all social institutions, "nullifying" the creative and positive adaptation of modern personality, minimizing the dialogue of cultures, which can lead human civilization not only to a local military conflict, but also to a global thermonuclear disaster on our planet.

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