

Political opposition as part of the political system of the Russian Federation in 2000-2016

Summary

The main purpose of the dissertation is to analyze the mutual relations between the political opposition entities and the structure of the political system of the Russian Federation, so as to determine whether both categories are mutually conditional and possibly have effects on the functioning of both entities. It will also be important to formulate forecasts regarding possible changes in the political system of the Russian Federation as a result of actions taken by opposition entities and the future of the Russian opposition. In principle, the dissertation covers the period of power in the Russian Federation by Vladimir Putin and Dmitry Medvedev, i.e. the period 2000-2016: from the beginning of the first term of Vladimir Putin to the last spectacular victory of the party in the parliamentary elections. The broadest definition of political opposition adopted in the work allowed for the coverage of all forms of opposition activities in Russia and even beyond its borders. Therefore, not only were the activities of opposition political parties and their coalitions analyzed, but also the opposition candidates for the office of president, opposition activity on the Internet, supporting initiatives taken outside the Federation against the Russian opposition, and protests and other forms of opposition activities against the government society.